

## Versa's development gets the go-ahead from Northville Township

After meeting a few requests and doing a redesign, Versa Development got the green light from the [Northville](#) Township Planning Commission for its planned retail location on the southwest corner of Haggerty Road and Eight Mile Road.

At their last meeting, the planning commission had tabled a decision on the Southfield-based company's design and plan to construct an 8,400 square foot building that would house at least two restaurants and another business, which [township](#) trustee Chris Roosen said might be Verizon Wireless. However, last week the commission gave their approval upon seeing their concerns addressed.

Versa was sent back to the drawing board for some aesthetic and circulation details and to clarify the agreement it has with the Haggerty Road Meijer store, which it purchased the property from.

“After some work and administrative reviews, they (Versa) have met the ordinance requirements for setbacks, circulation, architecture and parking,” said [Jennifer](#) Frey, Northville Township community development director.

Roosen, township board liaison for the planning commission, said Versa did a good job of addressing their concerns, as evidenced in the commission's unanimous decision. He said it should be a nice development and, since the location is already zoned for this type of use, it should fit right in with the surroundings.

Versa's president Steve Robinson said the requests were not unreasonable. And, with three tenants in the works, it gave them the confidence to move forward in Northville Township.

“This should be a nice development for the Northville community,” Robinson said. “We expect to begin work after the start of the year and are aiming for an opening next summer.”

Robinson said Versa has purchased an acre and a half from Meijer. One thing the commission requested is the upgrading of the landscaping out in front of Meijer.

The planners also reworked the design by

making all of the awnings the same color, black. At the previous meeting, Commissioner Robert Nix said the township was looking for some consistency in the architectural plan.

Concerns about parking and pedestrian safety were also addressed. Robinson said Meijer has available parking, which will help with any needs. Setbacks and landscaping items have been added to the plan so the parking lot area is more pedestrian friendly, which Roosen said was a prime concern.

Frey said there are still some “housekeeping” details to work out, like Versa and Meijer establishing a shared parking agreement, before the work will officially start. But she added the plan meets the ordinance and expects to see things get going next year.