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Memorandum

To: Planning, Building and Zoning Committee

From: Roberto Rodriguez-Torres, AICP
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Subject: Willow Lawn Memorial Park – CUP Amendment for Memorial Garden

Willow Lawn is a Memorial Park located at 24100 US Hwy 45, in unincorporated Vernon Township. Pursuant to Article 1, Section 1.11.2.1, Pineview Memorial Park, Inc. was issued a Conditional Use Permit in 2001 to allow and operate a Cemetery at Willow Lawn Memorial Park on this property in the Open Space (OS) zoning district.

Recently, the Department has received a request from StoneMor Partners, L.P., the current owners of the cemetery, to add an unobtrusive memorial garden including a paved area for pedestrian circulation, a columbarium consisting of 3 closely-aligned walls with recesses for urns, and a sign, increasing the impervious surface area by 0.06 acres (2,613.6 square feet). Article 3.6.10 of the Lake County Unified Development Ordinance states that, "The Planning, Building, and Zoning Committee shall be authorized to allow establishment of accessory uses and structures." *Staff recommends approval of this request* given that the proposal is accessory to the cemetery and modest in scale.

Upon approval from the Planning, Building, and Zoning Committee, StoneMor Partners will be required to apply for the appropriate site development and building permits.