

CITY OF GREEN  
**Planning Department Review**  
**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

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*June 3, 2026*

**Item 26-19**

**Akron's Finest Mulch ID Sign**

(M. Halasa, Owner)

Location: 4590 Massillon Road

Signage Review

Zoning: B-3

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Applicant is presenting plans for a 3'-6" x 5' (17.5 SF) identification sign for the Akron's Finest Mulch facility that is currently under construction at 4590 Massillon Road. This site is located within the Greensburg Area Sign District that was established in 2012. Regulations specific to this sign district are attached to reference. The project also includes landscape and entryway improvements along the frontage of the site.

The proposed double-sided sign would consist of a single rectangular foam HDU panel and 1'-9" diameter logo that would extend slightly above the center portion of the panel. The sign face would have red and black routed/painted copy on a white background with red trim. The support structure for the sign would consist of 3'-6" high culture stone pillars/planter with stone caps and 8" x 8" cedar posts with a 12' long cedar crossbeam above, as shown. The cedar posts/crossbeam would have similar color metal strapping for enhancement. Overall height would be 8'. The proposed sign face area and height would comply within the sign district (40 SF/8' maximums). The site address number would consist of a 1' x 8" carved stone plate on both sides of the front pillar.

The sign would be illuminated by low voltage solid brass landscape spotlights mounted to the ground on both sides. Glare shields are available for the fixtures, as shown. External illumination is required within the sign district.

The sign would be situated on the south side of the site access drive and set back 10' from the right-of-way, which complies (10' minimum).

A landscape plan is provided and consists of a mulch bed of dwarf arborvitae, hydrangeas, spirea, small ornamental grasses, and boulders. The planter area directly under the sign would feature annual flowers.

The additional landscape improvements would involve the removal of the existing row of evergreens along the frontage of the site and replacing them with new enhancements. The plan includes four linear planting beds along the frontage, each with new evergreen trees, shrubs, and decorative boulders. A two-rail wooden split-rail fence would be installed in two 48' long sections between the planting beds south of the access drive. The fence would be 42" in height and an image is attached.

The entryway improvements would include two curved stone walls with pillars (one on each side of the driveway) and an extension of the wall on the north side with three additional pillars and two 12' long split-rail fence sections. An elevation drawing of the stone wall/pillars is also attached. Pillars would have decorative low voltage LED light fixtures on top (see attached image). Stone veneer and fencing would match the other proposed elements described above. A black sliding security gate would also be installed across the access drive between the pillars (like in the attached photo).

Although the proposed fencing and walls would be installed within a front yard (which involves height limitations – 3’ maximum or 2’ if within 20’ of the right-of-way), these features would be decorative in nature and are not being installed to enclose, screen, or separate areas.

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#### **ENGINEERING**

No comments requested.

#### **FIRE**

A Knox Box is required at the proposed security gate.

#### **ZONING**

Zoning permits are required for proposed signage and fencing.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

*Staff would recommend the following:*

- 1. Clarify how the sign would be secured to the support structure. The sign detail shows it attached to the stone pillars and landscape plan shows vertical cedar boards attached to the crossbeam.*
- 2. Confirm the setback of the proposed security gate from the edge of the roadway. This is to ensure that a vehicle pulling a trailer can be safely off the road while waiting for the gate to open. Clarify how access through the gate will work.*