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BZA MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Chairwoman Sandy Chrisant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and read the directions for the procedures for the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals.

Roll Call:

Sandy Chrisant, Chair
James Pekarek, Vice Chair
Andrew Mullins (Excused)
Tom Neilson
Joshua Smith
John Sidoti (Excused)

Also Present:

Kristen Brett, Secretary
Bill Braman, Zoning Inspector

1. BZA A3-2023, Appeal filed by Adam Deem, 2889 S. Hametown Rd. (PPN 4601633-Chapter 1262.04)

The applicant explained his lot and that he is looking to build closer to the property line. He wants the garage to be in line with his driveway. He will remove an existing barn as part of the project. Ms. Chrisant clarified that it will be 3 feet as opposed to 10 feet off the property line. Mr. Neilson asked about Mr. Bill Ritter, the neighbor, and if he is off the property line. The applicant answered yes and that he has discussed it with him. Ms. Chrisant asked about the existing barn and the applicant explained the barn. Mr. Pekarek asked if his neighbor was present or opposing this. The applicant answered no and that the neighbor endorsed the project with a letter that he provided. Mr. Braman further explained the project.

Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the application. Mr. Neilson seconded.

Roll Call: Yes: Smith, Neilson, Chrisant, Smith

No: None

The motion passed.

2. BZA A4-2023, Appeal filed by Michael Ripplinger, 1932 Caroline Ave. (PPN 4700107-Chapter 1296.03)

His project deals with the property line and the size. He wants to build a garage. Ms. Chrisant asked about the existing barn dimensions and the dimensions of the garage he wishes to build.

He is building a 30x40 garage. He will be getting rid of an existing barn. Mr. Neilson asked about the square foot coverage. Mr. Braman answered a little less than 200. Mr. Braman and the applicant explained the property further for the Board. Mr. Smith asked if any part of the building will be in Barberton. The applicant answered no. Mr. Neilson asked about the other side of the property line and what is on it. The applicant answered that there is a house, but they don't care. Mr. Smith asked if the neighbor sent a letter. The applicant answered no. Mr. Pekarek referenced the diagram and asked where the other house is located. The applicant showed him. Mr. Smith asked about electric. The applicant said that is the plan, but with prices he was unsure. Ms. Chrisant asked if he was on septic and if would be over it. The applicant answered he has septic, but the garage won't be over it. Ms. Chrisant clarified that the barn will be coming down and that he will still be a bit over the square feet. The applicant said the barn will be coming down.

Mr. Neilson made a motion to accept the application as long as the barn is removed. Ms. Chrisant seconded.

Roll Call: Yes: Neilson, Chrisant, Pekarek, Smith

No: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Braman said in situations like this that the City gives them one year to remove the barn or other structure.

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Mr. Neilson moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Pekarek seconded.

Roll Call: Yes: Neilson, Pekarek, Chrisant, Smith

No: None

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Brett, Secretary

Approved:

Sandy Chrisant, Chair Date

Note: These minutes are not verbatim. A full recording is available on the city website.