Conewago Township Zoning Hearing Board

Minutes of Meeting, 06 January 2016, #1-2016

At 7:00 p.m. Dennis Kacmarczyk, Chairman, Conewago Township Zoning Hearing Board, after determining that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order. It was also determined that the notices of hearing for the case, #1-2016, were properly advertised and posted. The first order of business was to review minutes from the Zoning Hearing board Meeting, Previous Case #7 -2015, Mrs. Ernst motioned that they be approved as written, Mr. Tavares second the motion. Prior to the Zoning Case Hearing, a special reorganization was held to welcome it's new board members and elect and vote on board positions.

Mr. Dennis Kacmarczyk opened the floor for nominations.

The nomination for Chairperson, George Tavares nominated Dennis Kacmarczyk, seconded by Richard Fogle, position accepted.

The nomination for Vice-Chairperson, Gerald Lippy nominated Richard Fogle, seconded by Deb Ernst, position accepted.

The nomination for Secretary, Dennis Kacmarczyk nominated, George Tavares, seconded by Richard Fogle, position accepted.

Present were Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer, David Arndt, Solicitor Harold Eastman, Chairperson, Dennis Kacmarczyk, Vice-Chairperson, Richard Fogle, Secretary, George E. Tavares, Board member Mrs. Deb Ernst, and Board member Gerald Lippy.

CASE #1-2016

Mr. Christopher L. Wagner, pursuant to Application of November 17, 2015 presented for Case # 1-2016, requesting the following:

The Applicant is requesting a variance from the required minimum rear yard setback of thirty-five (35) feet as set forth in the area and design requirements within the Suburban Residential Zone (R-1) pursuant to section 155-15.I of the Zoning Ordinance of Conewago Township. The applicant proposes to construct and use a detached accessory 1,800 square foot pole building on his property which would be located ten feet (10) from the rear property line of the property.

Mr. Wagner after being sworn in, submitted a set of engineering drawings to be marked as an official exhibit for record. Also sworn in were Mrs. Wagner, two neighbors, Mr. Richard Neiderer, and Mr. Ron Noel.

The property is currently owned and used by Mr. Wagner and his family. The Applicant has contracted to purchase the pole building and would like to utilize the building as storage/garage, accessory to home.

At approximately 7:38 p.m. following testimony by Mr. Wagner and his neighbors, questioning by Zoning Hearing Board Members, the Conewago Township Zoning /Code Enforcement Officer and the Conewago Township Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor, the Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the case.

The Board reconvened at 8:05 p.m. with a motion to approve the request for the Variance to be a twenty (20)ft. set back instead of a ten(10) ft. set back. Mr. Tavares submitted a motion to instruct the solicitor to prepare a written decision consistent with foregoing grant of a variance imposed by the Zoning Hearing Board of Conewago Township. Mr. Lippy provided a second to the motion. Subject to the condition that the pole building not be used for business.

The motion, which was then approved by a vote of five to zero, as follows:

Mr. Dennis Kacmarczyk - For Mr. Richard Fogle - For Mr. George Tavares - For Mrs. Deb Ernst - For Mr. Gerald Lippy -For

None - Against

Chairperson Dennis Kacmarczyk, upon determining that there was no Old Business and no New Business, entertained a motion for adjournment, and the session was terminated at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Tavares

George Tavares, Secretary, Conewago Township Zoning Hearing Board