

Germantown ZBA Minutes

February 20, 2020

Members in attendance: Chairwoman Teresa Repko, Amy Davison, Joe Guida and Randy Phelan.

On a motion by Joe, seconded by Amy, with all in favor and none opposed the meeting was opened at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of January 16, 2020 were reviewed, on a motion by Amy, seconded by Joe, with all in favor and none opposed are accepted as written.

Public Hearing:

Greim: Area Variance: Jennifer Greim returned to the Board for an Area Variance to erect an 8 foot fence on her side property located at 106 Main Street, Germantown. Motion is made by Joe to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Randy with all in favor and none opposed. Comments were received as by the following:

Steve Savoris: in favor of, stated that he previously sat on the Zoning Board, and tried to have lights brought to compliance.

Leo Wurtzberger: in favor of, sated that the granting of an 8 foot fence, is the only remedy to the impact of the lights and no impact to the residence.

Eve Thoreau: in favor of, stated that the nursery that suggested a fence may have done so as the existing trees do not block the light.

Steve Savoris: reminded the board they are granting a variance for the front and side yard.

Jim Lawlor: in favor of, stated that the fence may even help him as he lives next door to the applicant, to block light and noise.

Written comment is received b Stewarts Shop: in favor of, and is submitted for the record with these minutes.

Motion is made by Randy to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Amy, with all in favor and none opposed.

The board took a moment to discuss the application as to how it compared to a previously granted Area Variance for a fence that was situated next to a business, and proceeded to the Area Variance General Standards review. Based on the review the board determined that no undesirable change will be produced and that the action will not have an adverse effect or impact the physical or environmental conditions of the neighborhood. The vote of the board went as follows: motion by Joe Guida and seconded by Randy Phelan, The Variance was approved by a 4-0 vote with 1 absent.

New Business: Chairwoman Repko announced to the board the appointment of Garrett Montgomery to the ZBA.

There were no New Applications, Old or Other Business discussed.

On a motion by Joe, seconded by Amy, with all in favor and none opposed the meeting was adjourned a 7:35p.m.

Jami L. DelPozzo- Planning and Zoning Secretary