

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN**

A public meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, in the State of New Jersey was held on the above date at the Pennsauken Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, New Jersey.

Chairwoman Butler called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the flag salute. Roll call disclosed the following members present: Paul Hoyle, Lysa Longo, Lou Morales, Shirley Butler, Darlene Hannah, Diane Piccari, Colette Jones, Patrick Olivo and Duke Martz. Acting Solicitor Steve Boraske, Esq., Planning and Zoning Coordinator John Adams and Secretary Nancy Ellis were also present.

Chairwoman Butler announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice has been sent to two local newspapers, and also posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building.

**HEARINGS:**

**ELLIOT HOLTZ** - Seeking approval to exceed the total amount and square feet of allowable signage permitted in the commercial and industrial zones (see ordinance #141-86). Premises located at 7150-90 North Park Drive, Block 6402, Lots 9 & 10, and 7905 Browning Road, Block 6303, Lot 4 in Zoning Districts C-2 and LI.

The application was postponed to the May 1<sup>st</sup> zoning board hearing. The applicant is not required to re-notice or re-publish the hearing.

**AIDA DEJESUS** - Seeking 59 feet of relief from the front yard fence setback requirement of 20 feet for a 3 foot chain fence. Premises located at 2806 Raritan Street, Block 6705, Lot 10 in Zoning District R-3. Aida DeJesus, 2806 Raritan Street came forward to testify and was duly sworn by the Solicitor.

Upon query, Mrs. Butler was informed by Ms. DeJesus that she would like to install a 3 foot fence around her property for privacy and to secure her property. The applicant further testified that all her neighbors have fences similar to what she proposes. Ms. DeJesus further informed Mrs. Butler that strangers have stolen decorations and alike from her yard and she wants to attempt to deter that from happening in the future by installing a fence around her property.

The applicant presented pictures of fences on her neighbors' properties and they were marked into evidence as A-1.

Mr. Hoyle commented he doesn't have a problem with her installing a fence. All of her other neighbors' have a similar fence and he believes the applicant needs a fence as well.

Upon query, Mr. Morales was informed by the applicant that she has been shopping around for an either a chain link or vinyl fence.

Upon query, the applicant informed Mrs. Longo that the driveway entrance will have a gate.

Upon query, Miss Hannah was informed by the applicant that she will have a contractor install the fence.

Upon query, Ms. DeJesus informed Mr. Olivo that the gate will swing in on to her property.

Mr. Martz commented that he would prefer and hopefully see the applicant install a decorative fence. The applicant informed Mr. Martz the she would agree to a condition to the board's approval to install a 3 foot, white, vinyl fence.

The meeting was open to the public. There being no one wished to speak, the meeting was closed to the public.

The Solicitor made the following factual findings: This is an application for bulk variance relief. The applicant is Aida DeJesus. The subject property is 2806 Raritan Street, Block 6705, Lot 10 in the R-3 zoning district. The applicant is seeking a variance for 59 feet of relief from the R-3 zones front yard setback requirement of 20 feet to construct a 3 foot fence. The applicant testified that she requires the fence for

safety and security reasons particularly for herself and her husband. She has had security issues in the past with people coming into her yard and stealing decorations and alike. The applicant testified it would be a hardship not to grant the requested variance. The applicant also testified and agreed to a condition to the approval that the fence will be a white, vinyl fence and it will also serve the purpose of beautifying the property and allowing the applicant to do gardening and decorate and do some things she has been unable to do in the past because those efforts were halted by other people who came into the applicant's front yard.

Mrs. Longo motioned to accept the fact finding. Miss Hannah seconded.

Mr. Martz motioned to grant the application with the condition the fence will only be 3 feet high and it will be made of white vinyl and not chain link. Miss Hannah seconded. Roll call: Paul Hoyle, Lysa Longo, Lou Morales, Shirley Butler, Darlene Hannah, Diane Piccari and Duke Martz-Aye. None opposed.

**MINUTES:**

It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve the meeting minutes from March 20, 2019.

**CORROSPONDENCE:**

None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**BILLS:**

It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve payment for the following bills:

**4/3/2019-T&M Associates-Engineering Services for Stonegate II @ St. Stephen's-*\$186.63.***

**4/3/2019-T&M Associates-Engineering Services for Stonegate II @ St. Stephen's-*\$95.00.***

**4/3/2019-T&M Associates-Engineering Services for Clutch Axe Throwing-*665.00.***

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

None

There being no further business; it was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Nancy L. Ellis, Board Secretary