ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Minutes #2021-05 May 26, 2021

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of West Seneca was called to order by Chairman Timothy Elling at 6:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Timothy J. Elling, Chairman

Amelia Greenan Raymond Kapuscinski

Douglas Busse, Code Enforcement Officer Kimberly Conidi, Deputy Town Attorney

Absent -

Michael Hughes **Evelyn Hicks**

OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Elling, seconded by Greenan, to open the public hearing.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF PROOFS OF PUBLICATION

Motion by Elling, seconded by Kapuscinski, that proofs of publication and posting of legal notice be received and filed.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kapuscinski, seconded by Greenan, to approve Minutes #2021-04 of April 28, 2021.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

2017-022

Request of Julie Dembski for renewal of a variance for property located at 171 Wetherstone Drive to allow raising of chickens (raising of poultry/farm animals not permitted)

Chairman Elling stated no complaints were registered with the West Seneca Police Department over the past vear relative to the chickens.

Mr. Kapuscinski questioned if any roosters were on the property. Mr. Dembski replied there are no roosters.

No comments were received from the public.

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2017-022 (continued)

Motion by Elling, seconded by Kapuscinski, to close the public hearing and grant a 9-month variance for property located at 171 Wetherstone Drive to allow raising of chickens, noting the petitioner will reappear January 2022.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2021-015

Request of Deborah L Miller and James R Hill for a variance for property located at 3916 Clinton Street to install a second driveway (one driveway permitted on residential lot)

Mr. Hill stated the request is to have a driveway off the garage and onto Sharon Drive.

Chairman Elling stated he was in receipt of correspondance from the NYSDOT with no objection to the variance request and questioned if neighbor signatures were received. Mr. Hill replied the signatures were turned in last month. Chairman Elling noted the signature sheet only mentioned the fence and does not refer to the additional driveway and requested the petitioner return next month with the appopriate neighbor approval letter and signatures.

Deputy Town Attorney Kim Conidi noted there was an email sent last month in opposition to the variance request.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Greenan, to close the public hearing and table the variance request for property located at 3916 Clinton Street to install a second driveway until the June meeting pending receipt of letters of approval from property owners.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2021-016

Request of Jeffrey M Zubler for a variance for property located at 28 Rebecca Way to install a concrete driveway extension with 6" setback from the property line (3' setback required)

Motion by Elling, seconded by Kapuscinski, to receive and file the application at the request of the petitioner.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2016-018

Request of Deborah Arzaga for renewal of a variance for property located at 227/229 Pellman Place to allow raising of chickens (raising of poultry/farm animals not permitted)

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2016-018 (continued)

Chairman Elling stated no complaints were registered with the West Seneca Police Department over the past year relative to the chickens.

Mr. Kapuscinski questioned if any roosters were on the property. Ms. Arzaga stated she has seven chickens and no roosters.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Kapuscinski, to close the public hearing and grant a 9-month variance for property located at 227/229 Pellman Place to allow raising of chickens, noting the petitioner will reappear January 2022.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2016-001

Request of Steven Haney of Seneca Steel Erectors for renewal of the variance for property located at 611 Indian Church Road to allow a temporary structure for five years (one year permitted)

Mr. Haney stated the building has been up for approximately five years with no problems other than general maintenance; the structure has a 15 year warranty on the tarp.

Chairman Elling stated in previous years it was stated that this would be a temporary structure for 5 years; now that 5 years has passed what is the plan? Mr. Haney requested 5 additional years. Chairman Elling stated it was clear from the beginning this was temporary and there was to be a plan in place.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Kapuscinski, to close the public hearing and deny the variance renewal for property located at 611 Indian Church Road allowing a temporary structure.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2017-006

Request of Charles Zglinicki for renewal of a variance for property located at 5414 Seneca Street to allow raising of chickens (raising of poultry/farm animals not permitted)

Motion by Elling, seconded by Greenan, to receive and file the variance renewal, noting the applicant is no longer at the address.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

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2019-010

Request of Tim and Robin Stolinski for renewal of a variance for property located at 227 Seneca Creek Road to allow raising of chickens (raising of poultry/farm animals not permitted)

Chairman Elling stated no complaints were registered with the Police Department over the past year relative to the chickens.

Ms. Stolinski stated there are four chickens and no roosters.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Greenan, seconded by Elling, to close the public hearing and grant a 9-month variance for property located at 227 Seneca Creek Road to allow raising of chickens, noting the petitioner will reappear January 2022.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2020-019

Request of Cynthia Gaasch for a variance for property located at 68 School Street to allow raising of chickens (raising of poultry/farm animals not permitted)

Chairman Elling stated no complaints were registered with the Police Department over the past year relative to the chickens.

Ms. Gaasch stated she owns eight chickens and no roosters.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Kapuscinski, to close the public hearing and grant a 9-month variance for property located at 68 School Street to allow raising of chickens, noting the petitioner will reappear January 2022.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2020-024

Request of Elisa and Jason Kirby for a variance for property located at 102 Tobey Hill Drive to allow raising of chickens (raising of poultry/farm animals not permitted)

Chairman Elling stated no complaints were registered with the Police Department over the past year relative to the chickens.

Ms. Kirby stated she has five chickens and no roosters.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Greenan, to close the public hearing and grant a 9-month variance for property located at 102 Tobey Hill to allow raising of chickens, noting the petitioner will reappear January 2022.

Aves: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

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NEW BUSINESS

2021-028

Request of Rileigh Herman for a variance for property located at 270 Emporium Avenue to construct an accessory structure with 15' 2" midspan (12' midspan allowed)

Ms. Herman stated she purchased a 52' long trampoline and would like to build a structure to provide a soft surround for safety.

Chairman Elling stated he was in receipt of letters of approval from property owners at 273, 258, and 272 Emporium Avenue.

Code Enforcement Officer Doug Busse stated the variance is strictly for the height. The size of the structure is allowed with the amount of greenspace.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Greenan, to close the public hearing and grant a variance for property located at 270 Emporium Avenue to construct an accessory structure with 15' 2" midspan.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2021-029

Request of Jennifer Hutzol for a variance for property located at 38 Nash Street to erect a 6' fence in front and side yard on corner lot with 4' projection (4' maximum height allowed; no projection permitted)

Ms. Hutzol stated she would like to replace the existing chain link fence with a 6' wooden fence. The 4' extension is to accommodate a gate.

Chairman Elling stated he was in receipt of letters of approval from property owners at 19, 37, 44, and 32 Nash Street and 57, 61, and 125 South Pierce Street.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Kapuscinski, to close the public hearing and grant a variance for property located at 38 Nash Street to erect a 6' fence in front and side yard on corner lot with 4' projection, noting the fence is to be 3' off the sidewalk.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2021-030

Request of Brandon Gajewski and Angelina Cswaykus for a variance for property located at 826 Mineral Springs Road to erect a 6' fence in front and side yard on corner lot of paper street with 15' projection (4' maximum height allowed; no projection permitted)

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2021-030 (continued)

Motion by Elling, seconded by Greenan, to close the public hearing and table the variance request for property located at 826 Mineral Springs Road to erect a 6' fence in front and side yard on corner lot of paper street with 15' projection until the June meeting pending receipt of comments from Erie County.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2021-031

Request of Melissa Aprile for a variance for property located at 299 Barnsdale Avenue to construct a front porch with 15' setback from front property line (25% into setback permitted if required yard exists)

Ms. Aprile stated she would like a porch in the front of the house where there is currently landscaping.

Chairman Elling stated he was in receipt of letters of approval from property owners at 295, 305, 300, 311, 306, 291 and 296 Barnsdale Avenue.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Kapuscinski, to close the public hearing and grant a variance for property located at 299 Barnsdale Avenue to construct a front porch with 15' setback from front property line.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2021-032

Request of Robert Haun for a variance for property located at 27 Trier Avenue to erect a 6' fence in side yard on corner lot with 18' projection (4' maximum height allowed; no projection permitted)

Mr. Haun stated the yard is fenced in on two sides. One side is chain link with a gate and the opposite side is stockade with a gate. There is a unsightly brushline in the rear and the fence would block this.

Chairman Elling stated he was in receipt of letters of approval from property owners at 281 North Avenue and 15 Trier Avenue.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Greenan, to close the public hearing and grant a variance for property located at 27 Trier Avenue to erect a 6' fence in side yard on corner lot with 18' projection.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

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2021-033

Request of Daniel Nelson for a variance for property located at 418 Lein Road to construct an accessory structure with 14' 6" midspan (12' midspan allowed)

Motion by Elling, seconded by Kapuscinski, to close the public hearing and table the variance request for property located at 418 Lein Road to construct an accessory structure with 14' 6" midspan until the June meeting pending receipt of comments from Erie County.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2021-034

Request of Paul Straela c/o NAS Sign Company for a variance for property located at 1900 Ridge Road to erect a 10' wall sign (maximum 5' height allowed)

Motion by Elling, seconded by Greenan, to close the public hearing and table the variance request for property located at 1900 Ridge Road to erect a 10' wall sign until the June meeting pending receipt of comments from Erie County.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2021-035

Request of Alexander Suffoletto for a variance for property located at 220 Center Road to construct a new building on parcel with 20' front yard setback (40' front yard setback required)

Motion by Elling, seconded by Greenan, to close the public hearing and table the variance for property located at 220 Center Road to construct a new building on parcel with 20' front yard setback until the June meeting pending receipt of comments from Erie County.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kapuscinski, seconded by Greenan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Amy M. Kobler Town Clerk/Zoning Board Secretary