ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Minutes #2018-04 April 25, 2018

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of West Seneca was called to order by Chairman Timothy Elling at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Richard Marzullo and 30 seconds of silent prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Present - Timothy J. Elling, Chairman

Evelyn Hicks

Michael P. Hughes Richard P. Marzullo Raymond Kapuscinski

Jeffrey Baksa, Code Enforcement Officer Tina Hawthorne, Deputy Town Attorney

Absent -None

Chairman Elling read the Fire Prevention Code instructing the public where to exit in case of a fire or an emergency.

OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Hicks, to open the public hearing.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF PROOFS OF PUBLICATION

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

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Hicks, to approve Minutes #2018-03 of March 28, 2018.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

2013-03

Request of Brian & Lisa Hirsch for renewal of a variance for property located at 122 Tampa Drive to raise chickens

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2013-03 (continued)

Brian & Lisa Hirsch stated their request to renew the variance to allow them to raise six chickens and asked that a two year variance be granted.

Chairman Elling stated no complaints were registered with the town for this address over the past year. He further advised that their policy is to review these variances annually.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Marzullo, to close the public hearing and grant a one year variance for property located at 122 Tampa Drive to raise a maximum of six chickens, no roosters.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

2016-01

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)

Steve Haney stated his request to continue using the temporary structure at 611 Indian Church Road.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Baksa noted that site plan issues were taken care of, but the materials stored outside were supposed to be put inside the temporary structure and they are still in the yard. Outside storage of materials is not in compliance with the Town Code and they need to be put inside or shielded.

Mr. Haney explained the material is extras from jobs and he scraps a percentage of it each year. The material serves no purpose, so he can get rid of it if it is a problem. Mr. Baksa stated he will meet with Mr. Haney at the site to discuss the materials.

Mr. Marzullo questioned the five year plan for the temporary structure and Mrs. Hicks suggested making it a permanent structure.

Mr. Haney stated the structure has a 15 year life, but he only asked for five years to see if there were any concerns. He plans to retire in the next 7 to 8 years and the neighbor has offered to buy the property.

No comments were received from the public.

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2016-01 (continued)

Motion by Elling, seconded by Hughes, to table this item until the May meeting pending a meeting with Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Baksa to review materials stored on the property.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2018-03

Request of Micah Milewski for a variance for property located at 4620 Clinton Street to construct an 8' high fence projecting 80' from front of house (maximum 6' rear fence, 4' front/side fence & 10' projection from house)

Micah Milewski presented a drawing indicating the way he would like to taper the fence and the distance it will extend from the front of the house.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Baksa commented on his concern that the fence not block the view of vehicles exiting the property next door and stated the proposed fence will end 33' from the edge of the road.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Hicks, seconded by Hughes, to close the public hearing and grant a variance for property located at 4620 Clinton Street to construct an 8' high fence on the east property line from the rear corner of the property to the front corner of the house, then tapering to 6' high over a six foot section, then a 6' high fence proceeding forward 48', then tapering to 4' high over the next six feet followed by one six foot section of 4' high fence, for a 66' total projection from the front of the house.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

2018-09

Request of John Gullo for a variance for property located at 1124 Center Road to construct a house on a flag lot.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Marzullo, to receive and file this item.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

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2018-10

Request of Mark Subjeck for a variance for property located at 4800 Seneca Street to construct a 20' x 20' turnaround in front setback (40' front setback required)

Mark Subjeck stated his proposal to install a 20' x 20' turnaround at his property at 4800 Seneca Street so his tenant can exit the driveway without backing out.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Baksa noted no parking is allowed on the turnaround.

Chairman Elling stated he was in receipt of letters of approval from property owners at 4777, 4782, 4790, 4797, 4808 & 4820 Seneca Street. Erie County has no issue with the proposed turnaround provided it is not constructed within the Seneca Street right-of-way.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Marzullo, to close the public hearing and grant a variance for property located at 4800 Seneca Street to construct a $20' \times 20'$ turnaround in the front setback 30' back from the front property line, noting there is no parking allowed on the turnaround.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

2018-11

Request of Jason Illg for a variance for property located at 49 John Alex Drive to construct a 6' high fence projecting 21' past front of house (maximum 4' high fence and maximum 10' projection allowed)

Jason Illg stated his proposal to construct a 6' high fence to contain his two dogs and provide safety for his two children.

Chairman Elling stated he was in receipt of letters of approval from property owners at 45, 48, 52 & 56 John Alex Drive and 114, 115 & 119 Camelot Drive.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Marzullo, to close the public hearing and grant a variance for property located at 49 John Alex Drive to construct a 6' high fence projecting 21' past the front of the house and five feet off the sidewalk.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

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2018-12

Request of Katherine Kester for a variance for property located at 89 Knox Avenue to construct a 4' high fence projecting more than 10' into front yard

Katherine Kester stated her proposal to construct a 4' high chain link fence as indicated on the plan from the edge of the shrubs and going straight back.

Raymond Kapuscinski commented on the possibility of a sidewalk being installed leading from Knox Park, noting they would like the fence setback 3' from the sidewalk.

Chairman Elling stated he was in receipt of letters of approval from property owners at 73, 86, 90, 96, 99 and 110 Knox Avenue.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Hughes, to close the public hearing and grant a variance for property located at 89 Knox Avenue to construct a 4' high chain link fence projecting to no more than 3' off the front sidewalk.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

2018-13

Request of Bryan Girdlestone for a variance for property located at 119 Camelot Drive to construct a 6' high fence in front and side yard of corner lot (maximum 4' high fence permitted in side yard only)

Bryan Girdlestone stated his proposal to construct a 6' high vinyl fence in his front and side yard.

Chairman Elling stated he was in receipt of letters of approval from property owners at 115 Camelot Drive and 49, 56, 57, 60 & 64 John Alex Drive

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Hughes, to close the public hearing and grant a variance for property located at 119 Camelot Drive to construct a 6' high fence in the front and side yard of the corner lot, 4' off the sidewalk.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

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2018-14

Request of Matthew Wilson for a variance for property located at 1517 Center Road to construct an addition on front of house reducing setback to 25' (40' front setback required)

Matthew Wilson stated his proposal to construct an $8' \times 8'$ addition on the front of his house.

Chairman Elling stated he was in receipt of letters of approval from property owners at 1518 & 1523 Center Road. Erie County had no objection to the proposed addition.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Hicks, to close the public hearing and grant a variance for property located at 1517 Center Road to construct an addition on the front of the house reducing the setback to 25'.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

2018-15

Request of Jeremiah Belknap for a variance for property located at 45 John Alex Drive to construct a 6' high fence in front yard (maximum 4' high fence permitted)

Jeremiah Belknap stated his proposal to construct a 6' high fence in his front yard.

Chairman Elling stated he was in receipt of letters of approval from property owners at 41, 44, 48, 49 & 56 John Alex Drive.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Elling, seconded by Marzullo, to close the public hearing and grant a variance for property located at 45 John Alex Drive to construct a 6' high fence in the front yard.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

2018-16

Request of Marc & Lorrie Wojtkowiak for a variance for property located at 13 Liberty Lane to install a new above ground pool and use existing deck connected to house (accessory structures required to be 10' away from house)

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2018-16 (continued)

Marc Wojtkowiak stated his proposal to install a new pool and use the existing deck that connects to his house, noting the gate closes on its own and there is an alarm.

Chairman Elling stated he was in receipt of letters of approval from property owners at 7 & 19 Liberty Lane and 5494 Seneca Street.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Marzullo, to close the public hearing and grant a variance for property located at 13 Liberty Lane to install a new above ground pool and use the existing deck connected to the house.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion by Elling, seconded by Hicks, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A Felser

Town Clerk/Zoning Board Secretary

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