

Monroe Township Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing Minutes
Wednesday October 16, 2024
6:30pm
Case #BZA-01-2024

Hearing called to order at 6:30 pm by Mr. Dempsey.

Roll Call: Mr. Dempsey - present, Ms. Morgan - present, Mr. Oberklaus - present, Ms. Bennett - present
Steve Downey and Mike Boots present.

Guests Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Dempsey is requesting a motion to approve the Monroe Township Board of Zoning Appeals meeting minutes dated October 26, 2023 as presented.

Motion #01-2024 was made by Ms. Bennett to approve the October 26, 2023 Monroe Township Board of Zoning Appeals meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Morgan 2nd the motion.

Vote: Mr. Dempsey - yes, Ms. Morgan - yes, Mr. Oberklaus - yes, Ms. Bennett - yes

Board of Zoning Appeals Business:

Zoning Inspector Mike Boots

Mr. Becker had resigned from the BZA due to health issues and just recently passed away. A new Chairperson will need to be appointed. Anyone currently on the Board willing to assume this position?

Mr. Dempsey will be the new Chair.

The Trustees will be requested to provide names for a new Board member as well. Any thoughts from the Board on who may be interested?

Chad Heiden was proposed. Mr. Boots will pass this on to the Trustees at the October 22nd meeting. If approved, he will contact Mr. Heiden to see if he is interested.

Mr. Boots presented Case #BZA-01-2024 to the Board.

- The guest house that Ms. Benzing requested to build is 454 sq. ft. short of the requirements of the site development standards as per Article 7 (3), table 7-3-1 for the A-1 district. The building will also have a garage. Due to the guest house only having 454 sq. ft., the request was denied.

Ms. Benzing presented the case to the Board for the appeal/**variance**.

- The proposed building will be a Barndominium guest house.
- It will only be used occasionally when she has guests/visitors.

Questions/concerns by the Board:

- Why not 1,350 sq. ft?
 - Did not want something too big to take care of.

- Asked about the inside layout
 - It will be a 1 bedroom, 1 bath with access to the garage
- Why not a breezeway to connect this with the existing house?
 - Would add to the cost and be about 30 ft. long

Anyone present in opposition of the request?

N/A

MOTION #02-2024 was made by Mr. Oberklaus to approve/deny the request for a variance.

Ms. Morgan 2nd the motion.

VOTE: Mr. Dempsey - yes, Ms. Morgan- yes, Mr. Oberklaus - yes, Ms. Bennett – yes

MOTION #03-2024 was made by Mr. Oberklaus to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Morgan 2nd the motion.

VOTE: Mr. Dempsey - yes, Ms. Morgan - yes, Mr. Oberklaus - yes, Ms. Bennett -yes

Hearing adjourned at 6:42 pm

Minutes taken by: M. Boots