



Berkshire township Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

April 20, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Chairman Bruce Denton.

Determination of a Quorum/Roll Call: Members attending were Alicia Robson, Bruce Denton, Dorothy Kerr, Jim Spurrier, and Ellen Ebe. A court reporter was in attendance.

Motion to Approve the Minutes: A motion was made by Jim Spurrier and seconded by Ellen Ebe to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2022, meeting. Motion passed 5-0

New Business:

- Chairman Denton opened the legal hearing with application # 22-078 presented by Carol Nye. He asked that those who wanted to speak on the application be sworn in by the court reporter.
 - The staff report was given by Zoning Inspector David Weade. He pointed out that the only question to be answered was the request for a reduction of the side yard setback from twenty feet to eight feet for the purpose of building a garage/barn at the property location 8959 Dustin Road, Galena, Ohio.
 - Representing the application was Shawn Schatz and Carol Nye. They explained their reason for wanting to build. They shared a letter from an adjoining neighbor (Brian and Nicole Lacey) stating they were fine with the request and did not need to attend the meeting.
 - Questions from the board included if they knew the restrictions when they bought the property, what were the distances from the house to the rear of the property, and if the size requested was needed. The board also questioned if the applicant could move the building to the rear area if a variance request was needed.
 - With no more discussion Chairman Denton moved to approve application #22-078 as presented. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.
 - More general discussion was about the application. Again, Chairman Denton asked for a motion on the application. No motion was offered.
 - With no further action taken by the board the hearing was concluded.
- General discussion was had concerning meeting procedures and proper time to allow for public participation. A motion was made by Ellen to limit each individual to three minutes. Second by Jim. Motion passed 5-0. A policy defining limitations will be presented at the next meeting.

Adjournment: With no further business Ellen moved to adjourn, seconded by Alicia. Motion passed 5-0.

David Weade

Berkshire Township Zoning Inspector.