

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
March 16, 2016

Call to Order: Chairperson Wendt called the March 16, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350.

In attendance: Dean Baker
 Virginia Fischbach
 Denny Vallad
 Skip Wendt
 Bill Whitley

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AGENDA:

Board members proceeded with agenda as presented.

CONSENT: Minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting

Board member Whitley moved to APPROVE the minutes of November 18, 2015 meeting as presented. Supported by Board member Vallad. Voted yes: Baker, Fischbach, Vallad, Whitley. Voted no: None. Abstain: Wendt. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request from Greg Szemyak, 7225 Ormond, Davisburg 48350 for a variance to construct an accessory structure resulting in a sixty (60) foot front setback rather than the seventy five (75) feet required and a side yard setback of eleven (11) feet rather than the twenty five (25) feet required per Springfield Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Section 40-572 and resulting in a total accessory area of 1296 square feet instead of the 1192 square feet allowed per Springfield Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Section 40-649.

The property that is the subject of the request is located at 7225 Ormond Road at the in Springfield Township and is zoned R-1A One Family Residential. P.I.#07-19-201-003

Chairperson Wendt stated that Mr. Szemyak had contacted the Township requesting postponement and explained that he had a family emergency and would not be able to

attend this meeting. Chairperson Wendt suggested that the Board hold their questions and comments until such time that the applicant can address them.

Board member Vallad suggested that the Board members provide a list of any questions for the applicant to address and these questions be sent to the applicant prior to the next meeting.

Board member Fischbach moved to allow the Board members to compile a list of questions for the applicant prior to the next meeting. Supported by Board member Vallad. Voted yes: Baker, Fischbach, Vallad, Wendt, Whitley. Voted no: None. Absent: None. Motion approved.

Board member Vallad asked for the size of the existing garage.

Board member Fischbach asked for an explanation why the applicant doesn't utilize the asphalted area for the new structure.

Board member Baker stated that the applicant was asking for a variance beyond the square footage allowance and the only statement that he sees relevant to that is a building sized to that portion of the ordinance will not accommodate his needs. He asked if there was information beyond that, like he had a lot of items that he needs to store that would spark this request for a variance.

Board member Whitley moved to TABLE the request for a maximum of 90 days to allow the applicant to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals at a later date. Supported by Board member Vallad. Voted yes: Baker, Fischbach, Vallad, Wendt, Whitley. Voted no: None. Absent: None. Motion approved.

2. Election of Officers for 2016

Board member Fischbach moved to nominate Skip Wendt as Chairperson and Bill Whitley as Vice-Chairperson for 2016. Supported by Board member Vallad. Voted yes: Baker, Fischbach, Vallad, Wendt, Whitley. Voted no: None. Absent: None. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Board member Whitley moved to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:43 pm. Seconded by Board member Vallad. Voted yes: Baker, Fischbach, Vallad, Wendt, Whitley. Voted no: None. Absent: None. Motion approved.

Erin Mattice, Recording Secretary