



Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes February 28, 2023

Members Present: John Wells, Chair
Erik Dabrowski, Vice Chair
Andrew Karas
Tony Axsom
Jack Bellaire

Member Not Present:

Staff Members Present: Michael Berry, Zoning Administrator

I. Call to Order

Michael Berry called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM, and read the opening remarks.

II. FOIA and Roll Call by Planning & Zoning Administrator, Establishment of a Quorum

Mr. Berry read the FOIA statement, conducted roll call, and established a quorum for the record.

III. Minutes of the Planning Commission

Mr. Wells asked for a motion to approve minutes from December 13, 2022 and January 24th, 2023. Mr. Dabrowski made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Axsom seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carries.

IV. New Business

Mr. Wells opened the Business Meeting for the following item:

A. VA-2022-08

Public hearing opened by Mr. Wells, no public comments were presented.

Applicant Mrs. Melinda Franzese stated she thought that the fence contractor knew what they were doing when they hired the company. Mrs. Franzese stated a permit was not obtained. She also stated when the fence was built in 2021, and she looked on the website and could not find information about the rules and regulations for fencing.

She also stated, they will place additional fence panels on the opposite side, to adhere to the finished side outward. Only a few panels have been installed, but the balance of the finished side outward will be completed.

Mr. Dabrowski asked why she installed 8-foot fence? She stated they wanted some privacy from the neighbor and stated they began cutting the fence, to be in compliance of the 6.5 foot tall

height, but due to the finished cut-out fencing looking awful, they submitted a variance for the 8-foot height.

Mrs. Franzese stated they will continue the 8-foot-tall panels on the opposing side to adhere to finished side outward and repair the cut-away section if approved by the committee.

Mr. Berry presented staff analysis.

Mr. Axsom stated while driving down the road, one is able to view into the backyard and windows due to slope of roadway where the cut-out is installed.

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Mr. Dabrowski made a motion to approve the variance for height of the fence to provide privacy from neighboring property. Mr. Axsom seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carries.

VI. Adjourn

There being no other business to discuss, Mr. Dabrowski made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bellaire seconded the motion. All in Favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.