

BLAIR TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Regular Meeting - December 12, 2007

- A. The regular meeting of the Blair Township Zoning Board of Appeals was called to by Chairman Sanford at 6:00 pm at the Blair Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. Present at the meeting were Fitzpatrick, Lombard, Sanford, Schlueter, Philo-Rice, McGee and Zeits. Also present were the Zoning Administrator, Township Supervisor and 1 guest.
- D. Motion by Fitzpatrick supported by Schlueter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. There was no conflict of interest stated.
- F. A motion was made by Fitzpatrick supported by Schlueter to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- G. Each board member received a letter from Matthew and Rebecca Schram. This will be discussed under "Any Other Business".
- H. There was no limited public input.
- I. There was no unfinished business.
- J. 1.) **Case #07-11 REQUEST BY TIM AND NANCY COLLARD FOR SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE AT 903 VALLEY VIEW. PARCEL #28-02-160-013-00.** Nancy Collard presented the request stating that her neighbors are in favor. The neighbors to the south received a variance in 2002 which leaves their garage five feet from the property line. If the Collard's receive a variance it would leave twelve feet between the two garages. Fire code requires 10 feet. The Vice-Chairman stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals does not set precedence, each case stands on its own. A motion was made by Lombard supported by Philo-Rice to deny the variance. RCV: Zeits nay, McGee yea, because it is self-inflicted, Philo-Rice yea, Schlueter yea, because it is self-inflicted, Fitzpatrick yea, does not meet requirements in Section 24.03 #3, A through F, Lombard yea, Zoning Ordinance does not allow it, Sanford yea, does not meet the criteria in the Zoning Ordinance. 6 yeas – 1 nay motion passed.

2.) The Zoning Administrator presented the Board with an updated version of the By-Laws. A motion was made by Lombard supported by Fitzpatrick to adopt the Zoning Board of Appeals By-Laws with the following change: The Election of Officers will take place at the first regular meeting of the fiscal year. Motion passed unanimously.

3.) The Zoning Administrator presented a draft of the “Final Decision Form” There was discussion about the form. A motion was made by McGee supported by Fitzpatrick to refer the form back to the Zoning Administrator for modification. Motion passed unanimously.

K. The chairman stated that the issue in Matthew and Rebecca Schram’s letter was out of the board’s jurisdiction, and needs to go to the Planning Commission. Chairman requested that the Zoning Administrator send them a letter stating this.

L. There was no public input.

M. Adjournment at 6:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Ferman
Recording Secretary