

March 16, 2015

Mr. Jim Eichmann – Chairman
Mr. Ted Leugers – Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tom Scheve – Member
Mr. Jim LaBarbara – Secretary
Mr. Jeff Heidel – Member
Mr. Steve Scholtz - Alternate

Item 1. – Meeting called to Order

Chairman Eichmann called the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, March 16, 2015.

Item 2. – Roll Call of the Board

Mr. LaBarbara called the roll.

Members Present: Mr. Heidel, Mr. Scheve, Mr. Eichmann, Mr. LaBarbara and Mr. Scholtz

Members Absent: Mr. Leugers

Also Present: Harry Holbert

Item 3. – Opening Ceremony

Mr. Eichmann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 4. Swearing in of Those Providing Testimony

Mr. Eichmann explained that this was a public hearing and anyone who wished to speak would have to be sworn in prior to providing testimony.

Mr. Eichmann swore in those present who would be providing testimony.

Item 5. – Approval of Minutes

Mr. Eichmann stated the next order of business was to approve the February 17, 2015 meeting minutes.

Mr. Eichmann asked for any corrections to the February 17, 2015 meeting minutes. No response.

Mr. Scheve moved to approve the February 17, 2015 minutes as written.

Mr. Scholtz seconded.

Mr. LaBarbara called roll.

Mr. Heidel – AYE
Mr. Scheve – AYE
Mr. Eichmann – AYE
Mr. LaBarbara – AYE
Mr. Scholtz – AYE

Item 6. – Old Business

SYCB150003
Carolyn Hinkle
7671 Glenover Drive
Variance

Mr. Holbert presented the resolution denying the variance request for Case SYCB150003.

Mr. Eichmann asked for any comments. No response.

Mr. LaBarbara called roll.

Mr. Heidel – AYE
Mr. Scheve – AYE
Mr. Eichmann – AYE
Mr. LaBarbara – AYE
Mr. Scholtz - AYE

SYCB150004
Scott McAfee
8010 Hosbrook Road
Variance

Mr. Holbert presented the resolution approving the variance request for Case SYCB150004.

Mr. Eichmann asked for any comments. No response.

Mr. LaBarbara called roll.

Mr. Heidel – AYE
Mr. Scheve – AYE
Mr. Eichmann – AYE
Mr. LaBarbara – AYE
Mr. Scholtz - AYE

Mr. Eichmann explained what a variance is and the process by which the Board makes decisions regarding whether or not to grant a variance request.

Item 7. – New Business

SYCB150005
Scott Payne
8400 Wicklow Avenue
Variance

Mr. Holbert presented the case and case history in a power point presentation. Mr. Holbert reported the applicant had installed a six feet tall privacy fence without a permit in the defined front yard of a corner lot.

The Board members asked questions of Mr. Holbert.

Mr. Eichmann asked if the applicant was present and wished to speak.

Mr. Scott Payne, the applicant, of 8400 Wicklow Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45236, addressed the Board. Mr. Payne said that he needed the fence to contain his dog and his intent was to match the fence across the street. He indicated he removed the

bushes near his home because the growth was extending over the sidewalk and the roots from the bushes nearer to his home were undermining the foundation of his wall and garage foundation. And, he wanted privacy from the noise and fumes of the public bus route on his corner.

Mr. Eichmann thanked the applicant and asked if there was anyone present from the public who wished to comment on the case.

Mr. John Beresford, of 8401 Wicklow Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45236, addressed the Board in favor of the variance request.

Mr. Eichmann closed the floor to comments from the public and the Board discussed the issues brought before them.

Mr. Eichmann entertained a motion.

Mr. LaBarbara made a motion to approve case SYCB150005 with the following conditions:

1. The fence must be cut down to a maximum of four feet in height.
2. The unstained portion of the fence must be stained to match the five feet section of fencing nearer to the house.
3. A landscape plan must be submitted and approved by staff.

Mr. Scheve seconded.

Mr. LaBarbara called roll.

Mr. Heidel – NEA
Mr. Scheve – AYE
Mr. Eichmann – AYE
Mr. LaBarbara – AYE
Mr. Scholtz - AYE

Mr. Holbert said staff would prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

Item 8. – Date of Next Meeting

Mr. Eichmann noted the date of the next meeting – Monday, April 20, 2015.

Item 9. – Communications and Miscellaneous Business

No report.

Item 10. – Adjournment

Mr. Eichmann entertained a motion to adjourn.

Mr. LaBarbara moved to adjourn.

Mr. Scheve seconded.

Vote: All Aye

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Minutes Recorded by: Beth Gunderson, Planning & Zoning Assistant