

CLARK BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MINUTES FROM THE REORGANIZATION MEETING AS AMENDED

AND PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022

A public meeting of the Clark Board of Adjustment was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Janet Gentry who was acting as Coordinator until a Chairman was elected. She asked all present to participate in a flag salute and moment of silence in remembering our colleague, Steve Kaminsky. She stated that this meeting was being held under and pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Sunshine Law of the State of New Jersey.

This meeting is in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" as adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing the Annual Schedule of meetings to the Union County Local Source, and Star Ledger, by posting such Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in Town Hall reserved for such announcements and the filing of said Notice with the Township Clerk of Clark. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Edward Ruth, Douglas Krok, Thomas Meade, John Tierney, John Caligiure, Chris Tierney, Marc Hayden

Members Absent: William Helm

Also, Present: Kelly M. Carey; Board Attorney and Janet Gentry Board Secretary

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Meade took his Oath of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS
AMENDED

Doug Krok brought a motion to nominate Ed Ruth for Chairman which was seconded by John Tierney and carried unanimously.

Ed Ruth brought a motion to nominate Doug Krok for Vice Chairman. Motion was seconded by Thomas Meade and carried unanimously.

Ed Ruth brought a motion to nominate Kelly M. Carey as Attorney to the Board which was seconded by John Caligiure and carried unanimously.

John Tierney brought a motion to nominate Janet Gentry as Secretary to the Board which was seconded by Ed Ruth and carried unanimously.

Reappointed Chairman, Ed Ruth took over the meeting at this time.

PUBLIC SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

Thomas Meade brought a motion to approve the Re-organization minutes of January 24, 2022. Motion was seconded by John Caliguire and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Marc Hayden brought a motion to approve the minutes of the public meeting on January 24, 2022. Motion was seconded by John Tierney and carried unanimously by voice vote.

DISCUSSIONS

Discussion took place regarding changing the July 25th meeting to July 19th. All Board Members agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Calendar #3-22, Jessica Rodrigues. 561 Valley Road. Ms. Rodrigues was sworn in by Board Attorney Kelly Carey. Proof of notice and mailings were in order. Ms. Rodrigues: we moved into this home ten years ago. It was just the two of us; my husband and myself. Since then, we had two children and would like a third. With working from home this space has made us a little more squeezed in. We are looking to put a bedroom addition and office space over our existing garage and put on an extension to our existing front porch and extend it to the end of the house. It will be covered and will not extend any further out than the existing steps. We spend a lot of time in the front yard. This way we could keep watch on the children. We have an undersized lot, supposed to be 7,500 sq. ft. The FAR is 53% with the addition. If the lot was 7,500 as required the FAR would only be 36% and we wouldn't require a variance for that. Ms. Rodrigues submitted pictures with her application. Referring to the pictures she discussed the prevailing front setback for the porch and also had pictures of other homes in the neighborhood with front porches.

Questions from Board Members: John Tierney questioned the pitch of the roof for the addition. Ms. Rodrigues stated that they were looking to get a little style to the front of their house. The architect we are working with suggested to put up a gable roof but we haven't gotten that far yet.

Questions or comments from the public:

Marie Wodkiewicz-Wheat, 565 Valley Road. I live right next door and I absolutely have no objection with this. Their always outside working and maintaining their property and their children are wonderful. We want to keep them in the neighborhood. Hopefully, you'll approve this and keep Clark happy.

Thomas Meade brought a motion to approve Calendar 3-22. Motion was seconded by Marc Hayden. *Vote: All Ayes.*

John Tierney brought a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by John Caliguire and carried unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Taken and transcribed by:

Janet Gentry-Secretary

Dated