

Zoning Board of Appeals
January 30, 2020

Present: Mike Bouwkamp, Chair; Janet Lesley, Mark Starr and Sam Scholten

Absent: Tom Stuart

This meeting was called to order by Chair, Mike Bouwkamp at 7:00 pm.

M Cabrera:

Kim provided an overview of the non-use variance request. She had originally sent a letter to the property owner in November when she was notified that a garage had been demolished and new one constructed without permits. Upon investigation, it was found that the new construction did not meet current township set back requirements for side and rear yards.

Neighbors in attendance, have concerns more with personal conflict than with the setbacks not being met and are requesting a fence with no gaps or gates to be constructed on both the north and east property lines if variance is approved.

Using the board check list, the questions were answered as follows:

#1 – No

#2 – No

#3 – Yes

#4 – 3 – No and 1 Yes

#5 – Yes

#6 - No

According to the checklist worksheet; with the above answers the board must deny the request and have done so with the following finding fact:

- *The prior structure (garage) was non-compliant when the property was purchased.*

A roll call vote resulted in all Nays. Applicant was advised that the new garage will need to be moved within one year to become compliant with set back rules and that all required zoning and building permits be purchased prior to work taking place.

The board reviewed the minutes from the last meeting held October 24, 2019. Mark made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Sam. All were in favor and the minutes are approved.

Sam made a motion to adjourn at 7:45, seconded by Janet. No additional meetings have been scheduled at this time.

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk