

# Grant Township Zoning Board

Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2017

## Opening

The meeting was called to order by acting chairman, Mark Starr at 7:06 pm in the absence of Mike Bouwkamp

## Present

Janet Lesley, Carl Wynkoop, Sam Scholtens and Mark Starr

## Absent

Mike Bouwkamp

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 13, 2017 meeting were read individually and a motion to approve was made by Carl Wynkoop, seconded by Janet Lesley, unanimously approved as written by the board, with no additions or corrections.

## Purpose

To review the Non-use variance request submitted by Frank Acosta for the purpose of constructing a new garage on his property with a 6' setback vs. the required 20' setback. At the current time the footing has been dug and applicant would prefer not to re-dig which would require him to bring in fill at an additional cost as the ground is not level. Adjoining property owner does not have any objections to this request. There were many questions voiced by applicant and audience as well as questions for Mr. Acosta by the board. As there is room on his property to place the building and abide by the 20' requirement the board moved onto the ZBA checklist.

#1 – No by all \*

#2 – No by all \*

#3 – No by all

#4 – Yes by all

#5 – Yes by all \*

#6 – No by all

\*\*\*\* If the answer to questions 1,2 or 4 is NO or if the answer to questions 3 or 5 is YES, the variance request must be denied.

With the above considered, Sam made a motion to approve the non-use variance, seconded by Mark which moved to the need for a roll call vote.

Yeas – 2

Nays – 2

Absent – 1

As this resulted in a tie vote, the ZBA regulations call for a denial of the request, with the following finding facts:

- Placement of the building does not meet the required setbacks and the property does allow for other options to be utilized.
- Property owner prefers not to follow as he has already dug the footing in an area that is more level and allows for less fill

NOTE: Neighbors in the audience were verbally upset and voiced their dislike of the final decision to the point of exhibiting aggressive and threatening behaviors.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm by: Mark Starr. The next meeting is undetermined at this time.

Recording Secretary: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk