

Saline Township Zoning Board of Appeals

June 30, 2022

Attendance:

Eugene Huesel Carrie DeJonghe

James Laramie Jennifer Zink

Tim Malenzak

7:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of allegiance

Requested Variance by Mark Wegner

 Addition of a Garage to House within 83 ft of center of Abel Rd.

House over 100 yrs old, placement of buildings and distance from road in place before purchase by current owner, and before zoning guidelines in place. Request by Mr. Wegner, who reports that safety is of concern of fall risk with advancing age, covered access to a garage will increase ease of movement from house to auto.

Requested variance would place garage within 83 feet of center of the road.

Other possible placement options were discussed and were generally found less suitable due to the layout of the house, deck, Septic and well.

Zoning Ordinance Section 16.03-

Garage would not extend closer to the road than the existing house. Existing house is non-conforming, addition of garage with further setback would not increase nonconformity.

Zoning ordinance Article 17.07 considered.

The preservation of property rights was noted, the variance will allow for preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right possessed by the neighboring properties, several homes on Abel Rd having attached garages.

No infringement on rights and enjoyment of neighboring properties.

Also noted that this variance will not unreasonably diminish the value of surrounding properties.

Increasing the ease of use and enjoyment for inhabitants, with particular note of ease of access for older adults. Interior access to garage increases safety.

Board determined Section 17.07 A, numbers 1, 4, 6 and 7 were applicable.

Discussion of the age of the original structure, septic field, trees, and layout of the home.

Motion to grant variance by James Laramie. Seconded by Tim Malinzak.

Variance request passed unanimously.

7:29 Tim Malinzak made motion to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Zink, supported unanimously.