

5/31/07

## Saline Township Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

### Attendance:

Chair: Eugene Heisel

Judy Gordon

Richard Zahn

James Laramie

Sec.: Carrie DeJonghe

Pledge of Allegiance led by Eugene Heusel

Agenda: Hearing on variance requested by Mr. & Mrs. Patterini for addition to their home on the west side. Addition as proposed would encroach on required 20 ft set back. Patterinis requesting 5 ft. setback from property line to the west. Letter read by neighbor to west Mr. And Mrs. Stamper contesting request.

Discussion included Patterinis request to add footage to home in an architecturally appealing design that would add both footage and value to the home. Design generally agreed to be appropriate to home and of attractive design. Alternatives discussed included addition to back of home. Nearby ravine, easement, and floor plan of home rendered this unacceptable to Patterinis. Also discussed addition to garage or between attached garage and detached garage. Several options discussed but none were satisfactory or felt to be appropriate by Patterinis. Patterinis stated that they had explored other options and the one presented was most suitable for them. Discussed Stampers selling portion of their lot to Patterini to bring planned addition into compliance, neither party interested in this option.

It is generally agreed that the large lot sizes and open space contributed to character of Oak Park. The zoning variance would affect the adjacent residences in what was described by those residents to the west, the Stampers, in an unsatisfactory manner.

The members of the ZBA reviewed Pgs. 17-6 and 17-7 of Saline Township Zoning ordinance. Request for 5 ft variance did not satisfy the criteria listed, ie: practical difficulties, substantial justice, unique circumstance, preservation of property rights, public safety or more than mere inconvenience. Request to build addition so close to property line felt to be self-created. The members of the ZBA after much discussion and request for public comment did not find adequate reason to extend variance. Other neighbors present were neutral on the request.

Motion to deny variance made by J. Laramie. Supported unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Heusel. Supported by Laramie and J. Gordon. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie DeJonghe, secretary