

Sept 27,2007

Saline Township Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

Attendance:

Chair: Eugene Huesel

Sec.: Carrie DeJonghe

Judy Gordon (Abstained)

James Laramie

Richard Zahn

Pledge of allegiance led by Mr.Heusel

Eugene Heusel Called to Order at 7:30 pm

Agenda: Hearing request for Zoning variance proposed Andrew Wojtysiak 5760 Willow Rd. Request to allow for building a garage addition to his home which will encroach on allowance to property line.

Note: addition to initial request would increase proposed cement pad in front of garage, and add cyclone fence for dog run that will be at property line.

Lot as was originally purchased by Mr.Wojtysiak is 0.57 of an acre. The property has a previous history of a problem with the drain field that will require drain field to be redone. There are limited sites on the lot that will permit this. The drain field will have to be placed essentially in the center of the lot. This severely limits placement choices of garage addition.

Judy Gordon, abstaining from board due to being owner of adjacent property, suggested consideration and discussion of purchase of more land adjacent to current lot.

It is understood that the lot size would not meet current requirements but the lot division was made before current standards were adopted, so lot size is not a problem created by Mr. Wojtysiak.

James Laramie pointed out that until drain field issue is resolved it would be difficult to discuss choices based on what might happen. There being no guarantees re end result. Mr. Laramie pointed out that we did recently turn down similar requests for additions. General open discussion included contributions from board and audience, topics considered included options re lot size, garage size, clarification of drain field plans and requirements. Decreasing the size of the garage and cost considerations of so doing was also discussed, as were alternative placements. It was generally agreed that another site on the lot would be difficult to use, and Mr. Wojtysiak was opposed to altering site.

Comments from two of Mr Wojtysiak's neighbors were also heard. Mr D. Hayne owns 10 vacant acres across the road, he stated that his only issue is any garage addition be appropriate to the size of the house. It was generally agreed that Mr. Wojtysiaks proposed garage was quite large for the site.

Ms. Judy Racketts was also heard from. She is a neighbor in a brick house across the road. She stated no objection to the garage.

Richard Zahn Made a motion to table discussion to allow time for Mr. Wojtysiak to pursue the purchase of property to the north as well as pursuing revising site plan to bring into compliance as well as obtaining info from the health dept re: drain field requirements. Seconded by James Laramie. Unanimous motion carried.

Issue tabled until Oct. 25th @ 7:30 p.m.

Discussion of cyclone fence as 9/27/07 addendum to proposal will be discussed, does not appear to require a variance. Eugene Heusel will clarify with Robert Marion and will follow up at Oct 25th Meeting.

Notification will include a sign on Township hall door 18 hrs before Oct. 25th mtg.

Motion to adjourn made by Richard Zahn. Seconded by James Laramie. Unanimous.
Meeting adjourned
at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie DeJonghe
Secretary