

Franklin Township, Portage County
Board of Zoning Appeals
April 9, 2018

Present: Chair David Hansford, Marilyn Sessions, Glenn Russell, and alternate James Henry, Board Members; Sam Abell, Zoning Inspector; Jenny August, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Hansford called the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He introduced the Board Members and explained the procedures for the meeting.

7:00 Hearing:

At 7:00 p.m. an application by Anita Sorboro, 5869 Horning Rd. Kent for the property located at 5869 Horning Rd. Kent (parcel number 12-015-10-00-016-000) was heard for a variance to Section 410.00.E.1 which limits fences to six (6) feet in height. The applicant asked to erect an eight (8) feet high fence.

Mr. Hansford asked who is here to speak to this tonight. Ms. Anita Sorboro of 5869 Horning Road Kent was sworn in. Ms. Sorboro informed the Board that she has large dogs that have come very close to climbing over the 6 foot fence. Someone has purchased the property along and behind hers and she anticipates a lot of activity that will get the dogs riled up. Installing an eight foot fence will help her make sure they stay in the yard.

Mrs. Sessions asked what kind of activity she is anticipating to happen in the neighboring property. Ms. Sorboro said some tree removal and maybe some dog walking. Mr. Russell asked if the fence will be 8 feet on all three sides of the back yard. Ms. Sorboro said yes. Mr. Hansford asked if the fence will be 25% open to air and light. Ms. Sorboro said yes.

Mr. Hansford asked if anyone in the audience would like to comment. Nobody spoke.

Mr. Russell moved to allow a variance of 2 feet in height for a fence with a second from Mr. Henry. Mr. Hansford, Mr. Henry, and Mrs. Sessions voted yes. Mr. Russell voted no. The variance is approved.

Mr. Hansford noted that there was a 30-day appeal period that would begin after the minutes of this meeting were journalized. The journalizing will occur at the next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Hansford moved to approve the minutes as presented from the February 12, 2018 meeting. Mr. Henry seconded the motion. Mr. Russell abstained, and the remaining Board members voted yes. The meeting minutes were approved.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jenny August
Administrative Assistant
Board of Zoning Appeals

Approved as submitted:

Chairperson, David Hansford

Approved as amended:

Chairperson, David Hansford