

ATHENS TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

April 27, 2021

Zoning Hearing Board members in attendance were: Solicitor, Taunya Rosenbloom, Esq., Chairman Bill Bresser, Rick Felt, and Cheryl Wood-Walter, Ed Reid, Zoning Officer, and Secretary, Cindy Parrish. Stenographer was Christine Reynolds of Verbatim Reporting. Kevin Solli from Solli Engineering was in attendance via GoMeeting. A GoMeeting link was provided on the Township website for those wishing to attend the Lowe's hearing virtually. Sign-in sheet was available for all others in attendance and is hereby attached.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Bill Bresser called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Motion by Wood-Walter to approve the minutes from January 26, 2021, second by Felt, and motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Board members reviewed the correspondence file

Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.

Parcel #09-020.24-116-000-000

Application for Variance

Ed Reid read a statement from the Zoning Office.

Kevin Solli from Solli Engineering presented the request for a variance from the parking requirements as they are planning a small addition to the current Lowe's on Elmira Street to allow for tool rental services.

The subject property is owned by Lowe's Home Centers, Inc. and is located at 2151 Elmira Street, Sayre, PA (Tax Parcel No. 09-020.24-116). A request for a Variance to the "Ordinance", Section 800, Table 2 to allow for 404 parking spaces rather than the 430 allowed from a previous variance.

Questions and answers occurred between Solli and the Board. Chairman Bresser took the Board into executive session at 6:40PM. The hearing resumed at 6:49PM.

Motion to approve the variance by Felt, second by Wood-Walter. The motion carried unanimously. Atty. Rosenbloom asked the applicant to waive the 24hr requirement for a written decision, and Solli agreed.

Hazelton, Carl/Donna

Parcel #09-032.00-064-000-000

Application for Variance

Carl and Donna Hazelton were present to request a variance to construct an accessory structure on a property with no existing principal structure.

Wood-Walter stated that she is an adjacent property owner and recused herself from the decision.

Reid read a statement from the Zoning Office. Questions and answers between the Board, applicants, and Zoning Officer occurred.

Chairman Bresser took the Board into executive session at 7:00PM. The hearing resumed at 7:08PM.

Motion by Bresser, second by Felt to approve the variance request. Motion carried. Atty. Rosenbloom requested an extension to provide the written decision, and the applicant agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM, as there was no further business to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia R. Parrish, Secretary