

ATHENS TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

June 27, 2023

Zoning Hearing Board members in attendance were: Rick Felt, Robin Smith, and Matthew Wayman. Solicitor Taunya Knolles Rosenbloom, Secretary/Asst. Zoning Officer, Cindy Parrish, and stenographer Christine Reynolds from CSR were also in attendance. All others in attendance are noted on the attached sign-in sheet.

Rick Felt called the meeting to order at 6:29PM.

Reorganization:

Motion was made by Felt and seconded by Wayman for Smith to serve as Chairman of the board. Motion carried. Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Wayman for Felt to serve as vice chairman of the board. Motion carried.

Valley ASA Softball

Parcel #09-006.00-013-004-000

Application for Variance: 2nd principal use on a parcel

The stenographer swore in all attendees who would be speaking. Those sworn in were Cindy Parrish, Wes Kocsis, Aaron Roy, James Lackey, and Joe Hiley. Parrish read a statement from the Zoning Office and stated that the property was posted and adjacent property owners were notified. A letter from Ed Reid, Zoning Officer, was submitted without objection. Kocsis (representing Valley ASA) presented their intentions to use the softball field located at the former man camp on Lamoka Road. He stated that they had renovated the field without realizing that there would be an issue with compliance. A temporary event permit had been issued to cover this year's season to allow them to apply for a variance, and Kocsis noted that the season was successful and without incident. Discussion was held and the board asked questions about the facility, safety, and how the field will be used.

Chairwoman Smith took the board into executive session at 6:59PM for deliberation, and the hearing reconvened at 7:28PM.

Wayman stated that he would abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest. Motion to grant the variance for a second principal use on the property with three (3) conditions was made by Smith and seconded by Felt. Motion carried with Wayman abstaining. The conditions are:

1. A copy of the written lease and all terms of the lease and all renewals needs to be on file with the Zoning Office
2. A copy of the insurance and all renewals needs to be on file with the Zoning Office
3. Appropriate supervision of all minor children needs to be provided

Atty. Knolles Rosenblom requested 10 days to provide a written decision and the applicant agreed.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:33PM

Cole, David J

Parcel # 09-020.18-082-000-000

Application for Variance: Accessory structure to exceed allowed % of lot

Chairwoman Smith called the hearing to order at 7:33PM. The stenographer swore in Cindy Parrish, David Cole, and Rachel Bresette. Parrish read a statement from the Zoning Office and stated that the property was posted and adjacent property owners were notified. Bresette spoke on Cole's behalf and explained that they needed the larger garage to store and tractor trailer and use it for maintenance and storage of parts and tools.

Discussion was held and the board asked questions about the size and use of the garage.

Smith took the board into executive session at 7:46PM for deliberation, and the hearing was reconvened at 8:05PM.

Motion to grant the variance was made by Felt and seconded by Waymen. Motion carried unanimously.

Atty. Knolles Rosenblom requested 10 days to provide a written decision and the applicant agreed.

The hearing was adjourned at 8:06PM.

Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes from June 28, 2022, and July 26, 2022, was tabled until we receive confirmation from previous board member that those minutes are true and correct since the current board members were not in attendance for both of those meetings.

Correspondence

All correspondence was reviewed individually by the members.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10PM was made by Smith and seconded by Felt. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned as there was no additional business before the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia R. Parrish, Secretary