

Tivoli Village Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes of Monthly Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting June 26, 2006

CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Meeting was opened at 7:05pm and a quorum determined present for the conduct of business.

Zoning Board of Appeals Attendees:

Hildegard Edling
Karen Cleaveland
Mike Braun
Emily Majer
Susan Rogers (alternate, voting for Mike Leedy)

Also Present:

Brian Jones
Edith Schoenborn
Patrick McKenna
Steve Buso
Cassie Carbone

Absent:

Mike Leedy
Mike Hayes (alternate)

BUSINESS SESSION

1. Review of past meeting minutes.
 - a. April 24, 2006: Mike Braun made motion to approve minutes. Emily Majer seconded the motion, and all members present voted in favor.

REGULAR SESSION

1. Edith and Karl Schoenborn, 22 Friendship –Fence.
 - a. Board reviewed sketch of proposed fence. Board did a site visit prior to the meeting.
 - i. The fence is a stockade fence and is tapered in height.
 - b. Karen Cleaveland expressed her preference for shorter fences with landscaping to provide privacy.
 - i. Discussion ensued.
2. Brian and Celeste Jones –Area Variance Proposal presented by Brian Jones.

- a. Brian Jones presented his proposal for a mudroom on the front of his house and presented architectural drawings.
 - i. The front yard set-back would drop from 30.9 feet to 18.9 feet.
 - b. Jones noted that neighbors have similar mudrooms &/or porches
 - c. A site visit and Public Hearing is set for Monday July 24. The site visit is set for 6:30pm and the Public Hearing is set for 7:15pm.
3. Patrick McKenna, 84 Montgomery Street –informal meeting.
- a. Patrick McKenna presented his interest in pursuing a Special Permit to put a garage behind his house, attached with an enclosed breezeway, with a single-dwelling apartment on the 2nd floor.
 - i. Concept drawings and photos were presented for review by the Board.
 - ii. Set back requirements appear to be met from the concept drawing. A 2-family dwelling is allowed as long as its done to code by a Special Permit in this district.
 - b. Before proceeding, a formal application will need to be done, followed by a site visit and Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Edith and Karl Schoenborn, 22 Friendship –Fence. Appeared by Edith Schoenborn.
 - a. Hildegard Edling read aloud the Public Hearing Notice and opened the Public Hearing.
 - b. Edith submitted the return receipts form the certified notices of this Public Hearing.
 - c. The Schoenborn’s are seeking an area variance to erect an 8ft. fence on the Broadway side of their property within 15ft of a highway right-of-way.
 - d. Edith Schoenborn presented maps and drawings of the proposed fence, and pictures of the type of fence.
 - i. There will be a 5 foot gate made out of the same material as the fence.
 - ii. The fence will range in height 4 feet to 8 feet and will taper in height.
 - 1. There will be three 8-ft. sections, six 7-ft. sections, one 6-ft section, two 5-ft sections, and two 4-ft sections.
 - a. All of the sections except the 8-ft sections will be on a berm.
 - iii. Edith said that the plan is to stain the fence a natural grey color.
 - e. Steve Buso said that there are no comments from the neighbors of the Schoenborn’s that he knows of. Edith agreed that there were no such comments.
 - f. The Board reviewed the proposal in terms of SEQR. A motion was made and passed to make a negative declaration to SEQR.

