

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
ZONING HEARING BOARD

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Minutes of the Zoning Hearing Board

The regular meeting of the Middletown Township Zoning Hearing Board was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Township Building, 27 N. Pennell Road, Lima, PA

Members Present: Diane Beresford, Christian Davis, Jacquelyn Goffney, John Kelley, John Rayer

Staff Present: Timothy F. Sullivan, Acting Solicitor, Meredith Merino, Zoning Officer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 22, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted by a vote of 5-0.

New Business: Case 2014-02: An application of Pamela and Joseph Grover, 371 S. Old Middletown Rd, for a variance from the minimum 20' side and 45' aggregate side yard setbacks in the R-2 zoning district. Applicants have an agreement of sale on the property, and intend to construct several improvements to the property all within the building envelope, including an addition to the house as well as a swimming pool. A 24' x 24' detached garage is proposed to project to within 11 ft. of the side property line and is the subject of the variance request. The applicant presented testimony and exhibits in support of the application, noting that the garage would be 1.5 stories in order to allow for storage space above the garage bays. Upon discussion with the board about the the proximity of the proposed location to the side property line, the applicants agreed that it would be possible to relocate the proposed swimming pool 5 ft. closer to the house and 5 ft. toward Pine Tree Dr. in order to relocate the proposed garage 5 ft. further away from the side property line. This adjustment to the plan revises the original request of the garage to project to within 11 ft. of the side property line to 16 ft. from the side property line, with a 41 ft. aggregate side yard setback. No public comment was received and the hearing was closed. The board granted the variance requested as shown on the revised plot plan marked A-2 by a vote of 4-0 with one abstention (D. Beresford).

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2014 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kelley, Secretary