

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 **April 22, 2015**, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Township Building, 27 N. Pennell Road, Lima, PA.

Members Present: Diane Beresford, Christian Davis, Gerry Gebhart, Jacquelyn Goffney & Jeff Koenig.

Staff Present: Lawrence G. Strohm, Solicitor, Meredith F. Merino, Zoning Officer

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 25, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted by a vote of 4 – 0.

New Business: Case 2015-04: An application of Zaheer Choudhary, of 477 S. Old Middletown Rd, for a variance from the minimum front yard setback requirement of the R-2 Zoning District in order to construct a 5'1" x 6'8" pantry addition that projects an additional 3 feet toward the front property line along Fox Rd. The existing house is nonconforming in its location 16 ft from the property line. The pantry addition will project to within 13 ft of that front property line. The applicant represented himself and presented testimony and exhibits in support of the application. One Fox Rd. neighbor was present and expressed concerns about the open area below the pantry addition possibly being used for storage. He requested that the area below the addition be screened in some manner. The hearing was closed. The Board approved the requested variance 5-0, with the condition that the area below the pantry addition not be used for storage, and that the area below the pantry addition be screened with lattice and/or landscaping.

Case 2015-05: A continuance was requested for the hearing scheduled for this evening for the application of Falcone Brothers Builders, LLC, for a variance from the minimum lot area permitted in the R-1 Zoning District in order to subdivide the property located at 141 Barren Rd into two lots. The board voted 5-0 to grant the requested continuance to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 7:00pm

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

The next meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacquelyn Goffney, Secretary