

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 **September 28, 2016**, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Township Building, 27 N. Pennell Road, Lima, PA.

Members Present: Diane Beresford, Chris Davis, Gerry Gebhart, Jackie Goffney and Kathleen O'Connell-Bell

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 22, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted by a vote of 5 – 0.

New Business: Case 2016-07: An application of David Renninger, of 18 Arrowhead Trail, for a variance from the minimum depth of rear yard and minimum width of side and aggregate side yards in the R-1 zoning district in order to construct a 24' x 24' detached garage that is proposed to project to within 47 feet of the rear property line, and to within 14 feet of the side property line. The applicant represented himself and presented testimony and evidence in support of the application. James Mayer of 20 Arrowhead Trail entered an appearance in opposition to the application due to the proximity of the proposed garage to the side lot line adjacent to his property. The board voted 5-0 to continue the hearing at the applicant's request to the meeting of October 26 in order to allow the applicant to provide additional measurements for the record, including the distance of the side yard setback of the opposite side yard of his property, as well as the distance of the proposed garage to the house.

Case 2016-08: A continuance was requested for the hearing scheduled for this evening for the application of Plymouth Brethren Christian Church for the property at 219 N. Middletown Rd. The applicant is seeking various dimensional variances with respect to minimum lot size and minimum yard requirements for religious use as a Conditional Use in the R-2 Residential Zoning District, for use of the property for prayer meetings. The board voted 5-0 to grant the requested continuance to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacquelyn S. Goffney, Secretary