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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING / HEARING
March 5, 2024

The Long Hill Zoning Board of Adjustment met for a Regular Meeting/Hearing in the Court Room of the Township of Long Hill Municipal Building located at 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey. The Meeting/Hearing was also available on LHTV and on the Township website.

At 7:35 pm, Vice Chairman Grosskopf made the following announcements:

- (1) **Call to Order and Statement of Compliance**
- (2) **Standard Board Procedures**
- (3) **Meeting Cut-Off**
- (4) **Electronic Devices**

- (5) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Recited by all in attendance.

- (6) **Roll Call** – Board Secretary Coonce called the roll:
Present: Ed Gerecht, Chairman
Tom Grosskopf, Vice Chairman
Jerry Aroneo
Jessica Brennan
Thomas Flatley
Gary Gianakis
Jonathan Rosenberg
Meredith Crawford Collins (Alt. #2)
Debra Coonce, Board Secretary
Alexander Fisher, Esq. Board Attorney
Elizabeth Leheny, Board Planner
Joseph Vuich, Board Engineer
Excused: Randall Watts (Alt. #1)
Steven Warner, Esq. Board Attorney

- (7) **Meeting Minutes**
The Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2024 and February 20, 2024 were carried to the Board’s next regular meeting.

- (8) **Resolution**
Laudineia & Milton Duarte / Application No. 23-16Z
Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Grosskopf and seconded by Mr. Gianakis, the resolution was memorialized by the unanimous votes of Vice Chairman Grosskopf, Mr. Gianakis and Chairman Gerecht; they being all members present and eligible to vote.

(9) **Application**

Use Variance

Block 14101 / Lot 63 / Zone C/Conservation

1050 Long Hill Road

Application No. 23-14Z

Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity

Applicant proposes to construct a columbarium to be located on the westerly side of the property, north of the existing parking lot.

Board Engineer Vuich and Board Planner Leheny were sworn in to offer testimony on behalf of the Township.

Amanda Wolfe, Esq. appeared on behalf of the Applicant.

Witnesses sworn in to offer testimony on behalf of the Applicant:

Father Seraphim Molina, as Applicant

Robert Moschello, as Engineer

An aerial photo dated March 5, 2024 was submitted and marked as Exhibit A-1.

A site plan rendering dated March 5, 2024 was submitted and marked as Exhibit A-2.

Members of the Public that were present with questions for the Applicant:

Pawel Dabrowski, of Stirling

Amber Jimenez, of Stirling

Eileen Jimenez, of Stirling

Brian Jimenez, of Stirling

Andres Jimenez, of Stirling

The Board was in recess from 9:12 pm to 9:21 pm.

Members of the public that were sworn in to offer testimony:

Andres Jimenez, of Stirling

Amber Jimenez, of Stirling submitted photos that were marked as Exhibits O-1 through O-4.

During discussion, the Board agreed the proposed project is not only an inherently beneficial use to the Church, further the proposed plan is well thought out and the benefits outweigh any detriments.

Upon motion made by Mr. Aroneo and seconded by Vice Chairman Grosskopf, the application was approved with conditions subject to a memorializing resolution by the unanimous votes of Mr. Aroneo, Vice Chairman Grosskopf, Ms. Brennan, Mr. Gianakis, Mr. Flatley, Mr. Rosenberg and Chairman Gerecht; they being all members present and eligible to vote.

(10) **Old/New Business** – None.

(11) **Adjournment** – The Regular Meeting/Hearing was adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Coonce

Zoning Board Secretary

Planning & Zoning Coordinator

Videos of Planning Board meetings/hearings are available on the Township website at www.longhillnj.gov. All documents relating to applications may be examined by the public in the Planning & Zoning Office located in the Township of Long Hill Municipal Building.