

MINUTES

MAY 15, 2012

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

LONG HILL TOWNSHIP

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Chairman, Dr. Behr, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

He then read the following statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by posting a copy of the public meeting dates on the municipal bulletin board, by sending a copy to the Courier News and Echoes Sentinel and by filing a copy with the Municipal Clerk, all in January, 2012.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

On a call of the roll the following were present:

E. Thomas Behr, Chairman
Edwin F. Gerecht, Jr., Member
Felix Ruiz, Member

Michael Pesce, 1st Alternate
Richard Keegan, 2nd Alternate

Daniel Bernstein, Esq., for the Bd. Attorney
Dawn Wolfe, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Excused: Sandi Raimer, Vice Chairman
Christopher Collins, Member
John Fagnoli, Member
Maureen Malloy, Member

Thomas Lemanowicz, Bd. Engineer
Barry Hoffman, Bd. Attorney
Kevin O'Brien, Twp. Planner

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that there was no need to hold an executive session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 7, 2012 were approved as written on motion by Mr. Gerecht and seconded by Mr. Pesce. Mr. Ruiz abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

ROBERT & ELISA HORVOT

268 Union Avenue
Block 11510, Lot 25

#10-01Z

Request for Extension of Approval

Present: Robert Horvot, co-applicant

Mr. Robert Horvot, co-applicant, was sworn. He said that he did not realized that his previously approved Resolution had an expiration date until recently when applying for his construction permits he was told by the Construction Official that he would need to apply to the Board for an extension of his approval.

Dr. Behr said that the Board members received a copy of a memo dated today from Kevin O'Brien, Twp. Planner, which states that he has reviewed the Township ordinances and found that no new ordinances have been passed which affect this property or application and there are no planning issues to discuss. He also said that a memo dated yesterday was received from Thomas Lemanowicz, Bd. Engineer, which basically says that there are no engineering issues that the Board needs to take into consideration.

Mr. Bernstein said that, if the Board feels that an extension is warranted, he suggested granting it for a finite period of time. He felt that one year makes sense because it gives the applicants a chance to proceed and, in the unlikely event something was to change, they would need to return to the Board again.

Dr. Behr asked Mr. Horvot if he was now contemplating moving forward with his proposal.

Mr. Horvot replied, "Yes", and said that he *was* in the process of moving forward and that he submitted his applications for construction permits *prior* to the Resolution expiring. He said that he is not a contractor, but a homeowner who is not familiar with the process.

Dr. Behr replied that unfortunately the Board must go by the calendar year.

Mr. Horvot replied that he understood completely. He said that he submitted his paper work and was told that someone would call him in a week, but no one did. He said that he came back to the Construction Office and was told he needed a gas piping plan from his plumber, which he obtained and returned a few days later. He said he was then told that everything looked good. He said that everything has been submitted now and he is just waiting to get his building permits. He said that he is building a modular home and they are all ready to go and the only thing he is waiting for is the financing from his bank because they want to see his building permits first.

Dr. Behr said that it seemed to him to be appropriate for the Board to grant a one year extension of the applicants' previous approval.

Mr. Gerecht made a motion to extend the variance which was previously granted to the applicants on March 15, 2011 and memorialized in a Resolution dated April 5, 2011 to April 5, 2013. Mr. Pesce seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. Those in favor: Mr. Gerecht, Mr. Ruiz, Mr. Pesce, Mr. Keegan, and Dr. Behr. Those opposed: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

DAWN V. WOLFE
Planning & Zoning Administrator

