

**Borough of Watchung
Board of Adjustment Meeting
July 14th, 2016**

Minutes

Chairman Cronheim called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

The Chair stated that this meeting was being held in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 of the Open Public Meetings Law and proper notification of this meeting has been made.

Salute to the flag.

The Chair called for a roll call. Present at the call of the roll were:

Fechtner (X) Hunsinger (X) Dallas (X) Brown (X) Kita (X) Panzarella (A)

Bell (X) Lauerman (X) Cronheim (X)

Also present were Board Engineer, Dave Stires, Board Attorney John McDonald and Zoning Officer Edward Bennett.

**Chairman Cronheim called BA16-05 Donna Caira 72 Hillcrest Road
Block 4301 Lot 6**

Convert garage into accessory apartment

Any and all variances associated with this application as needed.

Chairman Cronheim announced that two of the notices sent by Mrs. Caira for her 200' list were sent incorrectly, and that this application would be carried until the August 11th, 2016 meeting, with only the two incorrect mailings being sent and no further notice necessary.

**The Chair called BA16-04 Peter Savulich 140 Stirling Road
Block 3701 Lot 1 solid fence (28-502A1 & a)**

Any and all variances associated with this application as needed.

Mr. Peter Savulich was sworn in. Mr. Bennett explained that Mr. Savulich has asked to put up a solid fence, where the ordinance requires a fence to be 50% open.

Mr. Savulich explained that the neighbor has just moved in with four dogs, and the Savulich's have three dogs.

Mr. Savulich stated that he has to bring his dogs out at odd hours so that the seven dogs don't interact. Mr. Savulich explained neighbor's dogs are constantly barking when they see his dogs. Mr. Savulich said that a solid fence would hopefully be a deterrent.

He said that his neighbor has no issues with him putting up a solid fence. Mr. Savulich said that his neighbor's house sits higher than his, and the end of his driveway meets the neighbor's pool area. He said he wants to put up a 40' section of solid fence. He said even with this fence, if the neighbor is on their deck, they will still see the Savulich's in their yard. The fence would be far from the street, and the fence will primarily only be seen by the Savulich's and this neighbor.

Mr. Hunsinger said that Mr. Savulich has lived in town for a long while, and keeps his property well maintained.

Mr. Savulich said that he would like to put up a PVC tan fence which would be low maintenance. The fence is the same on both sides.

Mr. Dallas made a motion to approve this application. Mr. Brown asked if something could be put in the resolution saying that if Mr. Savulich moved, that the fence be taken down. Mr. Savulich said that the two homes are so close, that the neighbor's pool is very close to his home. Hearing no more discussion, the clerk called the roll:

Fechtner (yes) Hunsinger (yes) Dallas (yes) Brown (yes) Kita (yes)

Bell (yes) Cronheim (yes)

The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Minutes of June 9th, 2016.

Chairman Cronheim made a motion to accept the June minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown and was approved by voice vote.

BA11-15 Badin 65 Glen Eagles Drive discussion-

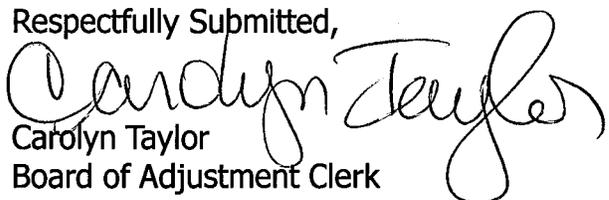
Chairman Cronheim announced that Mrs. Badin asked to have this discussion postponed until the August 11th, 2016 meeting since she is on vacation. The board agreed.

Request from Levin Management to keep graphics on store windows for another year. The Board unanimously agreed that the current graphics on the store windows, was better than seeing empty stores. Mr. Hunsinger made a motion to approve the graphics at Blue Star shopping center for another year, seconded by Mr. Bell and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Bennett said he has an applicant that has an existing driveway that goes over the property line by 3'. The driveway is right up against a phone pole. The homeowner wants to reconstruct his driveway to make it safer and get it off the neighbor's property line. He will only be within two feet of his property line so that he can still access his garage. He will move it so that it is three feet away from the utility pole. Mr. Bennett said he will make it less non-conforming by moving it. Chairman Cronheim said that Mr. Bennett could administratively interpret this.

Chairman Cronheim adjourned the meeting until the next meeting of August 11th, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,


Carolyn Taylor
Board of Adjustment Clerk