


WEST LAKELAND TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
May 16, 2024

Present: Mr. Mark Votava, Mr. Sean Flaherty, Mr. Del Miske, Mr. Brian Krafthefer, Mr. David Sanocki, Ms. Betsy Vance, Supervisor Rachel Dana

Others in Attendance: Emily Timm, Jesse Dimond (New Energy Equity)

Call to Order:

Chairman Votava called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, May 16, 2024.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Sanocki moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Miske, the motion carried 6-0.

14725 28th Street North

Ms. Timm presented a draft proposal to construct a garage closer to the road than the primary residence. The purpose of her presentation was to determine what practical difficulties may be applicable before submitting a formal application and variance request. It was discussed that the following practical difficulties exist:

- Septic drainage field and existing shed prevents the entire rear west side of the site from use for a shed.
- There is a natural clearing in this area of the lot, which would limit the removal of trees. A significant number of trees (50+) would have to be clear cut to locate the structure in the rear of the lot. Most of these trees are approximately 30 years old.

Based on these practical difficulties, Mr. Votava moved to recommend approval of the pending variance request based on the plan dated April 22, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Miske, the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Review and Recommendation to Fill the Vacant Planning Commission Position

Interviews of all three applicants were conducted prior to the Planning Commission meeting. Discussion was held regarding the merits of each of the highly qualified candidates. Mr. Votava made a motion to recommend the appointment of Marian Appelt to fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Krafthefer, the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Adjourn

The date for the next meeting was confirmed for June 20, 2024. Having no further business, Ms. Vance moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sanocki, the motion carried by a 6-0 vote. Mr. Votava adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Flaherty
Planning Commission Secretary