

Richfield Township Board of Zoning Appeals  
May 18, 2020

The regular meeting was held remotely via the MS Teams meeting software to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and was opened at 6:32 p.m. on May 18, 2020 with the following in attendance:

Jeff Smola  
Natalie Grubb  
Geoffrey Graham  
Robert Kapitan  
Christi Gable

Township Administrator Mindy Remec  
Zoning Inspector, Laurie Pinney

Case 643-20 was opened at 6:32 p.m. and Ms. Grubb asked Ms. Pinney if there had been any letters or other communication from neighbors and there had not. Mr. Kapitan asked questions about discrepancies between the site plan and application form.

Applicant mark Thiry was sworn in at 6:39 p.m. and provided information on the area variance request and noted the proposed structure would be approximately at the same location as existing temporary tents that are currently on the property. Ms. Grubb inquired if the tent had the proper permits and Ms. Pinney responded that no permits are required. Mr. Thiry shared a screen with the proposed structure alongside the residence, in a location that would require no variances.

Members had several questions about the need for variance and suggested alternatives that would require a lesser variance. Mr. Smola suggested the applicant go back to the drawing board and consider the other board members' suggestions to modify the plan, since the only apparent hardship is that the applicant prefers his chosen location. Mr. Thiry agreed to reconsider his layout and to return to the next meeting and the hearing was continued to the June 15, 2020, 6:30 p.m. meeting.

Minutes had been postponed to the next meeting and having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Graham at 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grubb and received unanimous approval.

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_