

Richfield Township Board of Zoning Appeals
December 21, 2020

To meet requirements of Ohio HB 197 and 404 to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the regular meeting was held remotely via the MS Teams meeting software and was opened at 6:55 p.m. on December 21, 2020 with the following in attendance:

Jeff Smola
Natalie Grubb
Geoffrey Graham

Zoning Inspector, Laurie Pinney
Summit County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Raymond Hartsough

Christi Gable and Rob Kapitan were not available to attend the meeting. The minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting will be tabled until at least three of the four attending members are present to approve.

Continued Case 644-20 applicant Randy Hooke and legal counsel Mark Stockman were in attendance. It was noted upon opening of the meeting that some members had expressed concern prior to opening the meeting about not having additional members in attendance for any executive session discussion or variance decision. Applicant's legal counsel concurred that having only three in attendance creates a burden, as there would need to be unanimous agreement to obtain variance approval and the applicant requested continuance of the hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Smola and seconded by Ms. Grubb to continue the hearing to the January 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m. meeting. The motion passed with unanimous approval of those in attendance.

The Board members indicated their intent to discuss in executive session and noted that since the hearing had been continued, there would be no discussion of the case following executive session. A motion was then made at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. Smola and seconded by Mr. Graham to go into executive session with legal counsel Ray Hartsough. The motion was approved by roll call: Ms. Grubb: yes, Mr. Graham: yes, Mr. Smola: yes. The applicant and legal counsel then left the meeting.

The executive session ended at 8:12 p.m. and the three Board members and Mr. Hartsough rejoined the open meeting.

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Smola at 8:12 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grubb and received unanimous approval of those in attendance.

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____ Date _____