

**VILLAGE OF ELM GROVE
BUILDING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, August 18th, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Mr. Harrigan who in the absence of Chairman Olson called for a nomination of Chairman pro tem. Mr. Schoenecker motioned to appoint Mr. Matola and the motion was seconded by Mr. Liechty.

1. Roll Call.

Present: Trustee Domaszek (in person), Mr. Matola (via Video Conference), Mr. Koleski (in person), Mr. Schoenecker (via Video Conference), Mr. Liechty (via Video Conference) and Ms. Steindorf (via video conference)

Absent: Chairman Olson, Mr. Janusz, Mr. Thedford

Also present: Mr. Harrigan (In Person), Ms. Walters (In Person), applicants (via Video Conference and in person), and community members (In Person).

2. Review and act on meeting minutes dated 8/04/2020.

Mr. Schoenecker motioned and Mr. Liechty seconded to approve the August 4, 2020 minutes as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Public Hearing, review and act on a request by Gary Hanneman, 14235 Watertown Plank Road, for a new shed.

Mr. Matola opened the public hearing.

Mr. Hanneman was present before the Board.

Mr. Matola was on site at the subject address and was able to provide clarifications as discussion proceeded.

Mr. Domaszek explained a sub committee met on site with the homeowner recently.

They worked to minimize the impact on the opposing neighbor Jill Hewitt.

There will be three arborvitae on the west side to shield the shed which will stand six feet in height at the time of installation.

Footprint of shed is now closer to the lot line, but the setback is several feet farther to the south.

Mr. Hanneman gave a summary: moved the shed west about 5-6 feet. He has purchased three 6 feet tall arborvitae meant to grow in partial shade. The western hedge will line up with shed.

Jill Hewitt 14305 Watertown Plank Rd spoke. Ms. Hewitt indicated that she has removed buckthorn and the tree line crowns have been raised at advice of her landscaper. She noted the style of the shed does not match the house.

She still feels she has a view of the shed.

Katlyn Hewitt 14305 Watertown Plank Rd has concerns of coverage of the shed view immediately when constructed and screening is planted.

William Talatzko 13455 Dunwoody Dr. is concerned with the architecture as inconsistent within the community. He asked if consideration was given to putting the shed closer to the neighbor to the east who is not opposing the shed.

Seeing as there were no more public comments, Mr. Matola closed the public hearing.

Mr. Liechty asked if the elevation is the same between the yard in question and the neighbors. Mr. Domaszek explained any elevation change is nominal.

There will be no power to the shed. Mr. Liechty suggested staggering the evergreens for optimal coverage.

Mr. Hanneman stated the size of the shed is 10X 12 X. 9.2 at the center of peak.

Mr. Koleski asked if the style is consistent with his home. Mr. Hanneman said he changed styles to be more consistent with styles more often approved in the community. The color will be beige cream with dark brown trim. He plans for 2 windows on the shed with shutters. His home does not have shutters. No gutters will be added.

Ms. Steindorf asked if vertical siding is on the home now. It is a stone home with gables of red horizontal siding, but you cannot see the siding from the street.

Mr. Liechty motioned and Mr. Schoenecker seconded to approve the plan with the condition that the trees when planted are 6 feet tall. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Public Hearing, review and act on a request by David Koteski, 1195 Longwood Ave, for a new fence.

Mr. Matola opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments, therefore Mr. Matola closed the public hearing.

Mr. Koteski was present before the Board.

Existing chain link fence is only 3 ft tall and hidden by landscaping,

The column caps of the new cedar fence will be 5 feet in height.

Mr. Liechty asked if he is weathering the material naturally, or if it will be stained. Mr. Koteski confirmed he is weathering the wood naturally, and may possible stain it in the future.

It was noted the neighbors along Watertown Plank Road with solid fences have natural cedar construction.

Mr. Liechty motioned and Mr. Schoenecker seconded to approve the plan as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

5. Item New Business

None

6. Adjournment

Mr. Schoenecker motioned to adjourn and Mr. Matola seconded. Motion 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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