

LEROY TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Minutes

February 22, 2022

The Leroy Township Zoning Board of Appeals met at the Leroy Township Hall, 6684 Paine Road, Leroy Township, on February 22, 2022 at 7 p.m. Chairman Rudy Veselko called the hearing to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Rudy Veselko, Greg Miller, Susan Hanna, and Tim Toman. **Absent:** Shawn Parker

Also present, were: Zoning Inspector, Noell Sivertsen and Julie Himmelman, Zoning Secretary.

Guest: Variance applicant, Walter Weed and his future son-in-law and carpenter, Nicholas Garey

Audience: Eric Stutzman and Zoning Commission chair, Dan Himmelman

Meeting purpose: The chairman stated the purpose of the hearing; a request by Walter Weed for a variance to allow his wheelchair ramp to be at a 69-foot setback from the road, at his residence at 13613 Leroy Center Road. A legal notice of the hearing was published in the News Herald and on the township website and written notices were mailed to all parties of interest.

Testimonies of interested parties: Rudy administered the oath to Walter Weed and Nicholas Garey. He then asked the applicant to give testimony as to the request.

Mr. Weed stated that due to medical needs he could not use steps and needed a ramp to have access to his house. Prior to his surgery he only had steps up to his front door. Mr. Weed needed the deck/ramp structure for the greatest setback possible.

The zoning inspector recommended approval, due to the owner's safety and needing access to his home. Any ramp access would require a variance, and its current placement provides the best access to his home.

Correspondence: The applicant's immediate neighbor, Janet E. Hike emailed the secretary that she had no objection to the ramp.

Greg made a motion to approve the variance application. Susan seconded. Poll of the vote: Susan, yes. Greg, yes. Tim, yes. Rudy, yes.

The December 28, 2021 minutes were read. Susan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Greg seconded. Poll of the vote: Greg, abstain. Rudy, aye. Tim, aye. Susan, aye.

The zoning inspector reported that the property owner at 7635 Leroy Thompson Road provided the necessary documentation.

Nominations: Susan nominated Rudy to be chair of the BZA for 2022. Greg seconded. Rudy accepted. There were no further nominations and all were in favor. Greg nominated Shawn as vice-chair. Tim seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting dates for 2022 will be the fourth Tuesday of each month, except November, when it is set for the 29th instead of the 22nd.

Dan reported that the Trustees would hold a public hearing regarding zoning regulation changes in March and spoke of the Zoning Commission's plans for 2022.

As there was no further business, Susan made a motion to close the meeting. Tim seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Himmelman