

Regular meeting of the Haworth Zoning Board of Adjustment on April 2, 2018, at the Municipal Center.

PRESENT: Dennis Posen, Chairman
Jeffrey Lester, Vice Chairman
John Paquet, Secretary/Treasurer
Richard Ehrenberg
Catharine Luby
Joseph Panzella
David Roth
Laura Weingartner, Alternate 1

Alexander West, Board Attorney
Andrew Rosenberg, Council Liaison

ABSENT Paul Renaud, Building Official
Joseph Vince, Board Engineer

Mr. Posen called the meeting to order and upon roll call, the above Members were present.

Due notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

In essence, the following transpired.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the February 2018 meetings were reviewed.

Reorganization

Mr. Ehrenberg moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Lester and unanimously carried.

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Regular

Mr. Roth moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Ehrenberg and unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Mr. Capizzi asking for an adjournment of this evening's hearing as well as a postponement until the May 2018 meeting.

ANNUAL CASE REPORT SUMMARY

The Zoning Board's Annual Case Report Summary, which was put together by Mr. West, was reviewed.

There was discussion on whether the Board needed to make recommendations to the Mayor and Council since they had a few of problems with some cases.

The concerns with front yards and thru yards were discussed.

A suggestion was made to codify what had previously been done. However, Mr. Posen pointed out that the problems with the cases on Madison Avenue were resolved; a reasonable compromise with a property on Schraalenburgh Avenue had been reached; a compromise had been offered to Mr. Mordini but was refused; and there was a resolution with the odd-shaped lot. Therefore, he felt that they should continue to have these cases come before the Board rather than codify.

Mr. West noted that since this was a 1993 Ordinance, there were a number of thru streets which had fences installed already and under the new Ordinance, they can no longer have a structure in the front yard.

Mr. Lester stated that results were reached because of the Board's suggestions with what the home owners might want to do. However, it was not up to the Board to try to negotiate with them.

There was discussion.

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Mr. Posen said he felt it was semantics on one hand - the Board was providing the applicants with some history, precedent and some alternatives within a reasonable context of what they might want. He said that was why the Board was there.

Mr. Ehrenberg then stated that he felt there were no recommendations which the Board should make.

Mr. Paquet agreed.

Mr. Posen entertained a motion.

Mr. Ehrenberg moved to approve the 2017 Annual Case Report Summary with no recommendations for changes to the Mayor and Council.

Seconded by Mr. Paquet and upon voice vote, was unanimously carried.

Mr. Posen then adjourned this meeting to go into Closed Session.

Upon completion of the Closed Session, Mr. Posen re-opened the meeting to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Posen was given the location of several properties where front yard fences were seen. He said he would check on them.

There being no further business, Mr. Ehrenberg moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Paquet and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Dolores Fazio O'Dowd