

MINUTES BZA 12/12/2022

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022, IN THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

Mr. Ziganti called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call

Members present: Ms. Klemm, Ms. Muehling, Mr. Pona, Ms. Sritalapat, Mr. Ziganti

Members absent: Ms. Fadorsen

Admin present: Ms. McCarthy

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ziganti led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation for Faithful and Dedicated Service for Charles Pona

Mr. Ziganti presented Mr. Pona a Proclamation for Faithful and Dedicated Service from the Board of Trustees. The Board of Zoning Appeals is grateful for the five years of service Mr. Pona has given.

Mr. Ziganti asked Ms. Muehling about applying for the open position on the BZA. Ms. Muehling explained it is up to the Board of Trustees to determine open positions on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Group discussion about the Buck Stop. Do we know if Mr. Purchase has approached Buck Stop about the hole in the roof and do we know if Mr. Purchase has approached Bremec's about the sign?

Mr. Ziganti asked about the possibility of the Board of Trustees intervening to do something about the Buck Stop hole in the roof. Ms. Muehling responded that if it is a matter of health and/or safety, the Board of Trustees can take action. However, it is legal action and the process is slow.

Bremec's sign has to do with their agricultural zoning. This is an area that needs to be looked into further. Did they request a permit to put up the sign? No, Bremec's believes they are an agricultural business and as such they do not need to apply for a permit for the sign.

Mr. Ziganti asked Ms. Muehling to discuss her opinion on the amendment regarding Accessory Buildings scheduled to be heard by the Board of Trustees on December 15th and how the existing amendment may need to be changed.

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Ms. Muehling did a comparison of the current Zoning Resolution and how the Amendment currently stands. In her opinion, the words, “completely enclosed” are essential and missing from the description of buildings. Missing the phrase, “completely enclosed” allows for a wide variety of interpretations.

Ms. Muehling is also concerned about the height of all accessory buildings. Section 5.01.02 lists all the buildings that may be affected. All accessory buildings, regardless of type of structure may now be 20 feet.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Klemm moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2022 with modifications; seconded by Mr. Pona

Ms. Fadorsen/absent; Ms. Klemm/abstain; Ms. Muehling/abstain; Mr. Pona/yes; Ms. Sritalapat/yes; Mr. Ziganti/yes

Motion passed

Meeting closed at 8:01 pm.

Approval Date January 9, 2023

Kathleen McCarthy, Admin. Assistant

Barton Ziganti, Chairman