

The Zoning Hearing Board of Butler Township met on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butler Township Municipal Building, 290 South Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001.

The following Members were present: Chair Greg Haughey, Vice Chair Heather Starcher and Tom Holman.

Also present were Secretary Theresa Giesler, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines, Solicitor David A. Crissman, and Court Reporter Kelly Ferrari.

Chair Haughey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Haughey opened the first hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Haughey swore in the Township Secretary, Zoning Officer, applicant and all who wished to testify.

Secretary Giesler read **Appeal #19-06** received July 10, 2019. The applicant is the property owner Daryl Patten. He is asking for a variance from Butler Township's Codified Ordinance, **Chapter 158 Driveways**. The property is located at 208 Stirling Drive, Butler, PA (Map & Parcel 18-8B22). The application was marked at Board Exhibit 1

The written notice of the hearing given to the applicant was marked as Board Exhibit 2.

The Township Planning Commission and Zoning Officer were informed of the hearing.

The written notice of the hearing that was given to the property owners within 200 feet of the subject property as supplied by the applicant was marked as Board Exhibit 3.

The public notice that was published once each week for two successive weeks with the first publication not more than 30 days, and the second publication not less than 7 days from the date of the hearing was marked as Board Exhibit 4.

The written notice of the hearing that was posted on September 3, 2019 on the property for which the variance was requested was marked as Board Exhibit 5.

Solicitor Crissman explained that this hearing is a continuation of the hearing held on August 28, 2019.

The applicant explained that he would like to add an attached garage and would like to add a second driveway off Stirling Drive to access the garage. The applicant's house is located at the corner of Stirling Drive and Palomino Circle. The applicant currently accesses his property from a driveway off of Palomino Circle.

The applicant testified that there is no other place on his property to build a new garage because of setbacks and other physical features. He also testified that the variance will not alter the character of the neighborhood. It was determined that the hardship was not created by the applicant.

The applicant's wife, Linda Patten was in attendance to support the matter.

The Zoning Hearing Board went off record at 6:50 p.m.

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Motion by Vice-Chair Starcher to grant the variance from the 600 foot of road frontage requirement to construct a second driveway in the location shown on the submitted site plan that was attached to the application with the condition that the driveway is complete by October 2020, seconded by Holman and carried unanimously.

Chair Haughey informed all present that anyone aggrieved by the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board may appeal to the Court of Common Pleas within thirty days of the written decision.

Chair Haughey adjourned the first hearing and the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

  

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