

JIM THORPE BOROUGH ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2021 Jim Thorpe Memorial Hall

Call to Order

Time: _____ 6:00pm _____

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Board Members and Officials

	Present Y/N
James Igoe, Secretary	<u> </u> Yes _____
Kurt Jackson, Member	<u> </u> Yes _____
Roxanne Long, Chairperson	<u> </u> Yes _____
Eli Skrimcovsky, Vice-Chairperson	<u> </u> No _____
George Stoffa, Member	<u> </u> No _____
Michael Huber, Alternate Member	<u> </u> Yes _____
Andrew Roberts, Alternate Member	<u> </u> Yes _____

Attorney Kim Roberti, Borough Manager Maureen Sterner, and Zoning Officer Maureen Minnick were present to answer questions but had no voting capabilities

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

1. Request approval of the minutes from the meeting held on July 12, 2021.
2. Request approval of the July 22, 2021 agenda.

First(1st) Hearing

Name: David Steidle
Property Address: 333 Summit Drive Glen Onoko Estates Jim Thorpe, PA 18229
Purpose: Variance requested to allow the construction of a 25'6" tall detached garage. This would be taller than the current max height for accessory structures which is 1 ½ stories or 15 feet.

Questions/ Discussion: _Mr. Steidle was in attendance and spoke on his own behalf. Mr. Steidle provided exhibits that were accepted as artifacts to the record. Questions were asked by Attorney Roberti as well as board member Mr. Jackson and board member Mr. Roberts. Jane Hydro, a neighbor, asked questions pertaining to her property and the proposed garage. Mr. Steidle was able to answer all of the questions. A motion was made to grant the variance by board member Jackson. This was seconded by board member Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.

Ruling by Zoning Hearing Board Members:

Yes: _____ 5 _____

No: _____ 0 _____

Final Result: Motion passes...variance granted. _____

Second(2nd) Hearing

Name: Nancy Porambo

Property Address: 616 Center Street Jim Thorpe, PA 18229

Purpose: Variance requested to allow a Short Term Rental Unit(STR) in an R-3 Zoning District. The current borough ordinance allows STR's in zoning districts C1, C2, C3, R-4 and S.

Questions/ Discussion: _ Ms. Porambo was in attendance and spoke on her own behalf. Ms. Porambo provided exhibits that were accepted as artifacts to the record.

Ms. Porambo has parking for renters, will only open on weekends and will allow no pets or children. Ed McArdle, a neighbor, spoke and asked about parking and fire escapes. Ms. Porambo offered photographs indicating recent on-street parking on the block near the proposed STR. Ms. Porambo offered further evidence of having fire ladders.

Discussion occurred related to applying for variances and on the use of special exceptions. Zoning Officer Minnick and Borough Manager Sterner provided comment. Borough Manager Sterner reviewed the recent borough council approved (March 11, 2021) (STR) Special Exception ruling. _____

Announcement of Executive Session prior to voting

-Attorney Roberti announces the zoning hearing board will conduct an executive session. The executive session lasted approximately 15 minutes.

-Upon return from executive session board member Mr. Roberts made a motion to deny the variance and also the special exception. Board member Mr. Jackson seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ruling by Zoning Hearing Board Members:

Yes: _____ 0 _____

No: _____ 5 _____

Final Result: denied _____

Third(3rd) Hearing

Name: Nancy Porambo

Property Address: 616 Center Street Jim Thorpe, PA 18229

Purpose: Variance requested to allow a Short Term Rental Unit(STR) in an R-3 Zoning District by Special Exception. The current borough ordinance allows STR's by Special Exception in zoning districts C1, C2, C3, R-4 and S.

Questions/ Discussion:

This request was also denied because it closely mirrored the variance request discussed in the 2nd hearing.

Ruling by Zoning Hearing Board Members:

Yes: 0

No: 5

Final Result: denied _____

Adjourn

Motion by _____ Kurt Jackson _____, second by _____ Roxanne Long _____ to adjourn at 7:12 PM

The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

James Igoe

Secretary, Jim Thorpe Zoning Hearing Board

August 10, 2021