

## Minutes

July 10,,2007  
Zoning Board of Adjustment  
Shamong Township  
Shamong, NJ

This meeting of the Shamong Township Zoning Board of Adjustment is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, known as the "Sunshine Law".

President Paul Lockrey called the meeting to order. He explained the delay that because the board didn't know an applicant was coming, we had to call our solicitor and await his arrival.

### **Roll Call of Members**

**Present:** Ed Bader, Noni Bookbinder Bell, Roy Knight, Martin Mozitis, Dean Gall, Jim Sweet, Edward Moniot III (alternate 2 ), Paul Lockrey, Ted Rosenberg (Solicitor ), and Pat Sutton (Secretary).

**Absent:** Dave Matchett (alternate 1), Doug White (Engineer), and Roger Stout (Planner).

A motion was made by RK and seconded by MM to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting held June 12, 2007.

RK made an apology for his appearance and being late. He got involved playing chess with his grandchildren.

There was a short intermission until TR arrived. Then Jim Sweet was sworn in.

### **Old Business:**

The continuance of case 27-02, Krisden McCrink wanting a 6' privacy fence along Oakshade Road. Her father, as her lawyer, began reviewing material from the previous meeting and added that the moving of the house further back on the property had been omitted and that \$50,000 had to be raised before that would be possible. In the meantime the 6' fence was wanted. He distributed a new copy of the plot plan.

PL asked if any other means would solve the problem. RK said that sometimes variances, though meant to be temporary, remain permanent. He suggested a 4' fence in front of the house and the 6' fence only for the dog compound.

Mr. McCrink stated the problems with the very active dog, the car lights, and the cars on the property because of the Blueberry stand across the street.

Several witnesses were sworn in and heard. Next door neighbor, Keith Trotman, of 502 Oakshade Rd. told of the problem of cars turning around, stopping at the Blueberry stand and noisy trucks slowing down for the intersection with Rt. 541. He does not object to the fence. Witness William Cramer, 503 Oakshade Rd. stated that the area was used for drag racing, and he has lost some pets being hit on the road. Krisden's mother, Kathleen McCrink, was aware of the speeding, turning, noise, lights and the

chewed up lawn by the road. Exhibits A-1, A-2, and A-3, photos of nearby fences on Oakshade Rd were entered. Mr. McCrink said they were seeking the Board's help to solve their various problems. EB asked about the depth of the area.

Mr. McCrink suggested they could accept a 4' fence in front of the house and 6' for the dog area and cut 8' off the length of the fenced area, making a 36' by 42' area.

TR suggested postponing a decision until the Planner could review the tape of this session. JS still recommended the use of evergreens as a live fence.

There was no further public comment and the Board had no further discussion.

TR mentioned that a bulk variance needs to be considered for the pros and cons of the applicant and the public.

MM made the motion to wait for the Planners evaluation. DG was the second. The motion passed with EB and EM voting "no". Applicants are agreeable to returning on August 14, 2007 for a decision. They thanked the Board and left.

I was asked to call Krisden and ask her to have a clearer, new plot plan turned in 2 weeks ahead of the meeting so all could peruse it carefully and the Planner could submit his opinions.

**New Business:** None

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by EB, seconded by NB. Meeting adjourned about 9:15.

Submitted by Pat Sutton, Secretary.

