

**Brunswick Hills Township Board of Zoning Appeals
Regular Meeting Minutes
Township Hall
May 4, 2022**

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman, Cliff Kersten called the Brunswick Hills Township Board of Zoning Appeals regular meeting for May 4, 2022 to order at 7:00 p.m. A roll call of the board was executed.

- **Board Members in Attendance:** Cliff Kersten; Ron Wetterman; Ann Barron; Linda Kuenzer
- **Alternate Board Members in Attendance:** Gregg Timura; Mark Jeffers
- **Board Members Not in Attendance:** Chris Schigel (Excused Absence)
- **Others in Attendance:** Evelyn Czyz, Zoning Inspector; Trustee Trica Murphy, Zoning Liaison; Mary Jean Milanko, Secretary.

Alternate Gregg Timura was seated to represent a full board.

Mr. Kersten stated we have a quorum and no cases tonight. The Brunswick Hills Township Board of Zoning Appeals acts within the regulations of Sec. 519 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Approval of the April 6, 2022 Minutes

Upon no corrections or edits, the Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Mr. Wetterman moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Kuenzer seconds the motion. **Roll Call:** Ms. Barron-yes; Ms. Kuenzer-yes; Mr. Timura-yes; Mr. Wetterman-yes; Mr. Kersten-yes.

NEW BUSINESS – Approval of Decision Letter for 678 Substation Road Variance Request

1. Decision Letter for Gary Geringer, 678 Substation Road Variance Request.

Upon no corrections, the Chair called for a motion to approve the decision letter.

Discussion on the letter: Ms. Czyz noted the agenda says 678 Road and asked the secretary if that should read 678 Substation Road on the decision letter. Secretary Milanko and the board verified the decision letter does say “678 Substation Road”.

Motion to Approve the Decision Letter

Motion: Mr. Wetterman moved to approve the decision letter as submitted. Mr. Timura seconds. **Roll Call:** Ms. Kuenzer-yes; Ms. Barron-yes; Mr. Kersten-yes; Mr. Timura-yes; Mr. Wetterman-yes.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Secretary Milanko informed the board that no application requests were submitted for the BZA for the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kersten said under old business, I want to discuss what took place last meeting when somebody in the audience yelled out about a decision letter or some kind of different variance. I couldn't see him and then this guy gets up there and I didn't recognize him because I've never seen him without a mask, so I don't know who he was and when I asked him to identify himself, I don't think he did. Mr. Wetterman stated not at the time he did not. Mr. Kersten said I still don't know who the guy was and when he started to leave, I said let him go when someone on the board told him to come back. Mr. Kersten said I just don't like what took place at the last meeting. He said the approval of the minutes were interrupted by a board member trying to push a non-conforming variance, which should have gone under new business. He said that is the first time I ever heard about this kind of variance and I don't know if any other board members

ever heard of it. Mr. Kersten said and then I've got a guy yelling in the audience that he wants a non-conforming variance. He said to me, it was very unprofessional of me that I did not put a stop to the whole thing to begin with, but I was so confused that I didn't know what was going on. He said I'm still trying to figure out how a board member is pushing non-conformance variances and some guy walks in the door and is demanding a non-conforming variance; something isn't right, in my opinion. Mr. Kersten said if anyone else wants to comment on this they are welcome to.

Mr. Wetterman said I will comment if it pleases the Chairman. I brought it up because it is part of our zoning book and when I brought it up when he was here for his variance, I mentioned and asked Ms. Evelyn Czyz about it and I got my answer. Mr. Wetterman said and then he stood up and asked his question, so I'm the guilty party for bringing it up.

Mr. Kersten said, I just trying to figure out why this Tavern is coming here asking for these variances when it is brought up before the board even knows about them. He said that didn't sit right with me last month and I apologize to the board that I didn't stop it because it was very unprofessional on what took place.

Ms. Barron stated it's not your fault and said it is a fine line verses being helpful to people and not being helpful to people. She said I don't know how helpful it was to give the guy his letter in person, but it's done. Mr. Kersten said I didn't find anything wrong with giving him his letter as long as he signed the paper, it was this non-conforming variance business.

Secretary Milanko confirmed to the board she did send his letter by certified mail, despite him getting a copy, and he has returned the receipt card. End of discussion.

MOTION TO CANCEL THE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022 BZA MEETING

Motion: Chair Kersten moved to cancel the June 1, 2022 BZA meeting. Ms. Kuenzer seconds the motion. **Roll Call:** Ms. Barron-yes; Mr. Timura-yes; Mr. Wetterman-yes; Ms. Kuenzer-yes; Mr. Kersten-yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Kuenzer said I just want to thank Mary Jean for the many years she put in for both zoning boards and said you surely will be missed while you enjoy your retirement. Secretary Milanko thanked her and said it's been a pleasure to meet and work with so many great people in the township. Mr. Kersten said we were both hired at the same time, so we both have 16 years in.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Ms. Barron asked for confirmation of the BZA July meeting date. Secretary Milanko and Ms. Czyz confirmed the date as July 6, 2022. Ms. Czyz said she will notify Cliff Kersten if something is submitted for the July 1, 2022 meeting. Ms. Czyz said she will also keep Cliff and Trustee Murphy informed on the status of July business requests.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 (Cancelled)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Ms. Kuenzer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kersten seconds. **Roll Call:** All in favor to adjourn. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Jean Milanko, Zoning Secretary

Cliff Kersten, Chair

Date