

Summit Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Thursday, June 8, 2017

PRESENT: Chairman Phillip Moilanen; Jack Shelby, Vice Chairman & Planning Commission Liaison; Bob Dubois, Secretary & Township Trustee; Tony Hollow, Scott Blakemore, Debby Kelly and John Worden, Zoning Administrator.

ABSENT: Mike Ketchens

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Phillip Moilanen called the meeting to order on Thursday June 8, 2017 at 7:05 p.m., in the Township Hall Meeting Room, at 2121 Ferguson Road.

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A motion was made by Jack Shelby, supported by Scott Blakemore, to approve the minutes of the Thursday, January 12, 2017 as written. The motion was carried unanimously.

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Case #17-06-0012 The Consumers Energy facility located at 799 19<sup>th</sup> St. currently has a chain link fence securing the area. There is a need to increase the area of the fence allowing for a portable sub-station in case of an emergency and securing the facility with a seven (7) ft. high fence adding barbed wire to the top. Section 150.172 (A) (1) (a) allows a maximum fence height of six (6) ft. in all residential districts. The facility is located in the Urban Residential District (RU-1). Section 150.172 (B) (a) prohibits barbed wire in residential districts but allows razor wire in securing essential services. The preference for barbed wire seems to be a lesser liability than using razor wire in a residential area.

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Present was Mr. Aaron Fisk, Consumers, One Energy Plaza Dr. Jackson. J. Shelby asked the difference between barbed wire and razor wire. Fisk explained the differences and also added they would be using a smaller chain link style to help prevent being to climb over. T. Hollow asked if there would be warning signs posted, Mr. Fisk replied signs would be posted on the fence.

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A motion was made by Jack Shelby, supported by Bob Dubois to grant the variance allowing barbed wire on the top of a security chain link fence instead of the permitted razor wire per section 150.172 (B)(a) of the ZO and a seven (7) ft. fence instead of the allowed six (6) ft. fence per section 150.172 (A)(1)(a) for the property located at 799 19<sup>th</sup> St. In accordance with 150.367 (B)-(1)-(a), (b), (c), (d) and for this case only. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Phillip Moilanen at 7:14 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted, Bob Dubois, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

