

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
ZONING HEARING BOARD

Thomas Danzi

Gerry Gebhart

Jacquelyn S. Goffney

Joseph Klodarska

Bryan Messick

Minutes of the Zoning Hearing Board

The regular meeting of the Middletown Township Zoning Hearing Board was held on **March 27, 2024**, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Middletown Township Building, 27 N. Pennell Road, Lima, PA.

Members Present: Tom Danzi, Gerry Gebhart, Jackie Goffney, Bryan Messick

Staff Present: John McBlain, Solicitor; Michele Smith, Permit Coordinator

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Danzi made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2024 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Gebhart and approved as submitted by a vote of 4-0.

New Business:

Case No. 2024-01: An application of Lori Eliassen of 62 S. Pennell Road for a variance pursuant to Section 275-26.A.(2)(f) for minimum 35 ft. depth of front yard in the R-2 Zoning District, and Section 275-206.B.(1) for expansion of a nonconforming structure. Applicant requests a variance for the construction of a 4' x 11' covered front porch which will project to within 14' of the front property line.

The applicant was present and offered testimony in support of her application. She explained that her family has difficulty exiting the house with the current landing and stairway configuration and would like a roof to protect the landing from the elements. The porch addition will extend an additional 4 feet into the front yard to within 14 feet of the front property line. The existing house, which is nonconforming, sits 18 ft from the front property line.

Jason Zerweck, 20 Soldier Song was present in support of the application, and after no further discussion the record was closed. Ms. Goffney made a motion to approve the variance as requested, which was seconded by Mr. Danzi. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of granting the variance.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

The next meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 beginning at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Smith, Permit Coordinator