

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

July 5, 2016

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Matt Hart called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Bill Ducey, present; Kathy Gorski, present; alternate Judy Hull, present; Harry Thoman, present; and Matt Hart, present. Chuck Conner was absent.

This public hearing is at the request of William Theiss, 812 Michigan Ave., Monroe, MI, on behalf of Elizabeth Theiss, 6212 Bahiamar, for a variance of zoning resolution 603, for the front yard setback to build a porch.

Legal notices were published in *The Blade*, June 23, 2016 and the *Point Shoreland Journal*, June 26, 2016.

Public Comment:

William Theiss, 812 Michigan Ave., Monroe, MI: spoke on behalf of his mother, Elizabeth Theiss. He said his request was provided in the written letter accompanying his appeal paperwork.

Mike Meyers, 6206 Bahiamar: He said he's looking forward to her having her porch; it will enhance the neighborhood.

Karen LeCompte, 552 E. Indiana Ave., Perrysburg (Elizabeth Theiss's daughter): said she spoke with neighbors and no one was opposed to the plan.

Bob Hoffman, 6217 Bahiamar: He supports the porch. She has wanted it for years and now it can be done. It would make the neighborhood look better.

Public comments were closed and board discussion commenced. Bill Ducey asked if everyone had visited the site and everyone had. There are other porches in that area, very similar to what's being requested. The porch next door measures 9 feet and steps that measure just beyond that. He felt that the porch would be an enhancement to the property and the neighborhood. He cited zoning code regarding canopy structure.

Mr. Ducey moved to approve the variance as submitted. Mrs. Gorski seconded. Discussion: Judy Hull mentioned that 6206 has a front porch that is 9 foot with the stairway. But that house sits back a bit more than 6212 Bahiamar. She's concerned about the porch coming out too far, because of how the house sits on the lot. Mr. Theiss said that the proposed porch allows access from the driveway instead of from the front of the porch. If the porch is made 8 foot instead of 10 foot, it makes the stairs shorter and less useable. Roll Call: Bill Ducey, yes; Kathy Gorski, yes; alternate Judy Hull, yes; Harry Thoman, yes; and Matt Hart, yes. The variance was approved.

Recess was called at 6:45 p.m. to prepare the minutes.

Chuck Conner entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Meeting was called back to order at 6:57 p.m. Motion to approved the minutes as corrected, made by Judy Hull. Second by Harry Thoman. Roll Call: Bill Ducey, yes; Kathy Gorski, yes; Judy Hull, yes;

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Harry Thoman, yes; and Matt Hart, yes.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. by Matt Hart. Second by Harry Thoman.
Roll Call: Bill Ducey, yes; Kathy Gorski, yes; Judy Hull, yes; Harry Thoman, yes; and Matt Hart, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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