

Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of November 17, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.
AMENDED

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Regis Barrett, Chairman**
 Jean Hartman
 Wally Parker
 Dean Bredenbeck

ABSENT: **Bob Kinney**

ALSO PRESENT: **Barbara Stanton, Secretary**
 Tom Ockington, Building Commissioner

Chairman Barrett – I would like to call the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to order. Roll call was taken and the following members were present, Regis Barrett, Jean Hartman, Wally Parker, Dean Bredenbeck. Absent member: Bob Kinney.

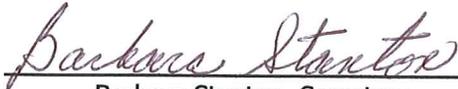
Chairman Barrett: There is one member absent so we are unable to approve the minutes of October 20, 2011.

Chairman Barrett: **Item #1 – A request from Patrick Donelon for a variance to not provide the required two-car undercover parking for an additional 12 to 18 months at the property located at 6607 Vandalia Avenue.**

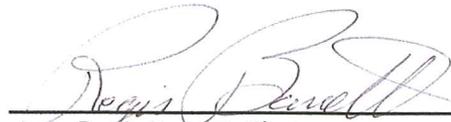
Chairman Barrett: Mr. Donelon, would you explain the reason for this request. Mr. Donelon: I need extra time, I am self employed and work is slow. I am paying for my daughter's college; I cannot afford it at this time. I have been lax on some things, but I am trying my best. I have a permit to complete my fence in the backyard. All the materials are purchased. Chairman Barrett: What type of fence are you installing because the partial fence you have up at this time is illegal? Mr. Donelon: Yes, the fence needs a 5/8" reveal in-between the boards. Chairman Barrett: Are you able to reset the posts and place them with concrete because the post is leaning over to your neighbor's yard? Mr. Donelon: Yes I will and also replace the gates. Jean Hartman: Was there originally a garage? Mr. Donelon: Yes, it was in bad shape and it was requested I tear it down. Dean Bredenbeck: When did you tear down the garage? Mr. Donelon: I think it was March or April. Commissioner Ockington: We normally give residents six months to rebuild it. Mr. Donelon: If I had the money I would do it. I had the money to place the pad, and then I had some medical problems and I needed to use the money on my medical expenses. I do not have medical insurance. Chairman Barrett: What is your plan to put the railing up on the front steps? Mr. Donelon: I have the materials to re-deck the porch and put new railings on. Next spring I would like to put up new steps. I purchased a mail box to install so the mail carrier doesn't have to come up the porch. Dean Bredenbeck: I can appreciate the difficult times; my concern is that if the property was well kept that perhaps it wouldn't be such an issue with not having the garage. If there is a garage and the property stays the way it is **now**, I am not sure the residents on the street itself would accept this. Chairman Barrett: There have been several complaints regarding your property. What are you able to do with the grass/weeds in the backyard? Mr. Donelon: I can take care of that. It needs to be ripped out and I will re-do the lawn next spring. I have a problem with anxiety. The pressure causes the anxiety. Jeanne Hartman: How long have you lived at this address? Mr. Donelon: About 12 years or so. Chairman Barrett: Did you put up the fence when you moved to the property? Mr. Donelon: Yes, that is when a pool was installed. Chairman Barrett: Did you have a permit? Mr. Donelon: I had a pool permit but not a fence permit. I was not aware I needed a fence permit. Chairman Barrett: When do you think you would have the garage completed? Mr. Donelon: I would hope within 12 months if things turn around. Dean Bredenbeck: Are you planning to build the garage yourself? Mr. Donelon: I am a carpenter and I have friends that would help me built it. I would purchase a kit. The issue is finances. Commissioner Ockington: It is getting late in the year for concrete work. I would not recommend pouring concrete at this time of year. Mr. Donelon: I would like to pour the pad and the driveway to the back of the house and then do sections to the front of the house. Dean Bredenbeck: It would be nice if something's could be done in the short term to address some of the neighbors' concerns. Mr. Donelon: I could have the grass removed in the backyard, but this will cause mud.

Chairman Barrett: If you could get back there and cut it. Dean Bredenbeck: Maybe prioritize the jobs by what your neighbors see. Chairman Barrett: If the board accepts a 12 month delay would you be able to comply? Mr. Donelon: Hopefully I will be in better shape, but I cannot guarantee it. I am applying for jobs and I haven't heard anything. Maybe after the holidays things will pick up. Dean Bredenbeck: If 10 months from now you have made substantial improvements to the property and you would need additional time, for the garage that would work in your favor. There was further discussion. **A motion to approved a 12 month delay on rebuilding a two car garage with the possibility of a 6 month consideration if warranted was made by Regis Barrett second by Jeanne Hartman. Vote Resulted: - Yes – Regis Barrett, Jeanne Hartman, Wally Parker, Dean Bredenbeck.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeanne Hartman, second by Wally Parker. Vote Resulted: - Yes – Regis Barrett, Jeanne Hartman, Wally Parker, Dean Bredenbeck.



Barbara Stanton, Secretary



Regis Barrett, Chairman