



City of Plymouth
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.
Online Zoom Meeting

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Giummo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Ed Krol, Jim Burrows, Mike Devine, Joe Elliott, Kara Giummo

Also present was Assistant Community Development Director Greta Bolhuis and City Commission Liaison Tony Sebastian.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Comm. Krol and seconded by Comm. Burrows for approval of the April 2, 2020 meeting minutes.

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Comm. Burrows and seconded by Comm. Krol for approval of the agenda as presented.

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Z20-03, 480 Sunset

Chair Giummo read the administrative review.

Jeff Burch, owner, presented his case. He explained that his home is out of square with the setback. He explained the design is hard to modify the shape and it affects the constructability of the addition.

Citizen Comments

None.

Board Discussion

Comm. Elliott believed that the request was minor, and it was minimum dimension possible. He felt that there was a unique situation with the house being out of square.

Comm. Burrows did not believe the variance request was self-imposed. He believed that the applicant would have a hard time adjusting the angle of the house if they tried to be parallel to the property line.

Comm. Krol agreed with Comms. Elliott and Burrows and did not have any issues with the request.

Comm. Devine believed that because the request was for a few inches, the plans could be adjusted. He believed that the variance request was so minor it was not warranted.

Mr. Burch explained that elevation drawings were provided digitally. It was confirmed the elevations did not make it into the packet.

A motion was made by Comm. Elliott, supported by Comm. Krol, to approve Z20-03, 480 Sunset. The side yard setback variance is for 0.29 feet to provide for a side yard setback of 5.81 feet. The findings of fact are that the existing home is slightly askew from the property line and the variance request is minimal.

MOTION APPROVED 4-1, DEVINE VOTED NO

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

8. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Buzuvis explained that the Governor extended the permission for online meetings through the end of June 2020.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Comm. Krol, supported by Comm. Elliott to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM.

MOTION APPROVED 5-0