

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
ADVISORY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Long Beach Town Hall

Meeting Minutes for January 9th, 2018

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Long Beach Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals was held in the Long Beach Town Hall on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Chairman Gorman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board members in attendance: Chairman Mike Gorman, Rich Jercich, John Kocher, and John Wall

Members absent: Meg Kanyer

A quorum is present and the meeting shall proceed

Attorneys in attendance: Nathan Vis of Blachly, Tabor, Bozik & Hartman is absent

Also in attendance: Secretary Meg Collins

Also in attendance: Bob Lemay on behalf of Building Commission

Also in attendance: Court Reporter Rebecca Lempa and Videographer Marilyn Jones, hired by a private individual

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Rich Jercich, seconded by John Wall, the regular meeting minutes from December 12, 2017 were unanimously approved.

5. Old Business – None.

6. New Business

a. Annual election of Chairman and Vice Chairman pursuant to BZA Rules Article II Rule 1

Mike Gorman currently serves as chair. John Wall currently serves as Vice Chair.

Rich Jercich motions to appoint Mike Gorman to continue as BZA Chair for 2018, John Kocher seconds. All in favor, none are opposed. The motion carries, Mike Gorman will continue as BZA Chair for 2018.

John Kocher motions to appoint John Wall to continue as BZA Vice Chair for 2018, Rich Jercich seconds. All in favor, none are opposed. The motion carries, John Wall will continue as BZA Vice Chair for 2018.

b. Consideration to cancel March 13, 2018 Meeting.

Mike Gorman has already received notice from 3 Board members who will not be present at the March 13, 2018 BZA meeting. No meeting will be held in March.

Mike Gorman motions to cancel the March 13, 2018 regularly scheduled BZA meeting, seconded by John Kocher. All in favor, none are opposed. The motion carries. February BZA Meeting will be held as scheduled. Meeting after February will be April 2018.

7. Preliminary Hearings

a. Nicholas and Colleen Meyer – 2302 Grassmere Drive

Developmental Standards Variance Petition requesting variance from the requirements of Section 154.134 – Nonconforming Residential Dwelling Alteration Permitted – seeking to construct a screened porch addition over an existing concrete slab on a nonconforming lot size.

Preliminary hearing opened December 12, 2017 as Administrative Decision Appeal Petition. At Petitioner's request the petition was amended to a Developmental Standards Variance Petition and the preliminary hearing opened January 9, 2018.

Petitioner Nick Meyer of 2302 Grassmere Drive summarizes the main points in consideration, as included in the petition.

Board discusses the list of 7 or 8 property owners within 300 feet submitted by Petitioner. Board questioned the accuracy of the list. It is suggested to Petitioner to use Beacon website to print accurate complete list of properties, including mailing addresses of those properties along with a map showing properties. Board further suggests that Petitioner contact Laporte County for assistance, if necessary.

Mike Gorman notes the lot is nonconforming since it is less than 1,200 square feet and asks petitioner for the exact lot size. Nick Meyer responds it is 9,841 square feet, as shown in the petition.

Mike Gorman notes that the Petitioner did not fully complete BZA 9, Findings and Decisions. Petitioner should fill out 1, 2, and 3 of BZA 9 focusing on why complying with zoning code presents practical difficulty in the use of the property. Petitioner should file Form 14 days prior to next meeting (January 30, 2018), assuming petition is set for public hearing. At that time Petitioner would also file Form BZA 12, Public Hearing Checklist, 14 days prior to public hearing.

As required by the BZA Rules, Petitioner should purchase sign to place in front of home from Clerk's Office and submit the required Affidavit that sign was posted.

John Wall motions to set this matter for public hearing at the February 13, 2018 regularly scheduled BZA meeting, seconded by John Kocher. All in favor, the motion carries.

8. Public Hearings - None

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Rich Jercich, seconded by John Kocher. The meeting unanimously adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Agenda Attached.

Minutes Approved by:
BZA Secretary Meg Collins



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Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2018
7:00 p.m.
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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. December 12, 2017; Regular Meeting
- 5. Old Business - None**
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Annual election of Chairman and Vice Chairman pursuant to BZA Rules Article II Rule 1
 - b. Consideration to cancel March 13, 2018 Meeting
- 7. Preliminary Hearings**
 - a. **Nicholas and Colleen Meyer – 2302 Grassmere Drive**
Developmental Standards Variance Petition requesting variance from the requirements of Section 154.134 - Nonconforming Residential Dwelling Alteration Permitted - seeking to construct a screened porch addition over an existing concrete slab on a nonconforming lot size.
-Preliminary hearing set to open January 9, 2018.
- 8. Public Hearings - None**
- 9. Adjournment**