

Harpers Ferry Board of Zoning Appeals

Hearing – January 10, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Location: Town Hall and livestreamed on Corporation of Harpers Ferry YouTube page

Call to order and attendees - The meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Simmons at 5:00 pm.

SEAT 1 (term ends January 1, 2024): David Simmons – PRESENT and leading meeting

SEAT 2 (term ends January 1, 2025): Chad Gauthier - PRESENT

SEAT 3 (term ends January 1, 2025): Lynn Pechuekonis – PRESENT, recording minutes

SEAT 4 (term ends January 1, 2023): VACANT

SEAT 5 (term ends January 1, 2023): VACANT

ALTERNATE 1 (term ends March 1, 2024): VACANT

ALTERNATE 2 (term ends March 1, 2025): VACANT

ALTERNATE 3 (term ends March 1, 2023): VACANT

GUEST (via speaker phone): Daniel Pewett, Applicant

Administrative Action: Motion to approve minutes of 12/20/2021 administrative meeting by Chad Gauthier, seconded by Lynn Pechuekonis. Approved unanimously.

Hearing: Variance Request for Zoning Compliance Permit Application for construction of fence within the setback areas [Article 1304.02(a)]: 887 Washington Street, Harpers Ferry, WV

The Board and applicant discussed the variance application for construction of a six-foot wooden fence around the perimeter of the back of his property with a 2-5 foot setback from the property boundaries and adjoining the existing fence on the neighboring property owned by George Owens. At the end of the discussion, Lynn made a motion to approve the variance, seconded by Chad. After discussion, this motion was rescinded by a unanimous vote. David made a new motion to approve Application 2021-0014 for construction of a fence with the following conditions:

1. Mr. Pewett will provide a revised plat showing exact distances of the fence from the property lines on each side.
2. The Ordinance Compliance Officer will obtain written confirmation from George Owens that he is in agreement with connecting the fence across the property boundary to his existing fence.

The motion was seconded by Chad Gauthier and was unanimously approved.

Adjournment – At 5:25 pm David moved to adjourn, seconded by Lynn Pechuekonis; approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Lynn Pechuekonis.