SHALER TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD  
August 13, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Shaler Township Zoning Hearing Board was held on August 13, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Porter called the meeting to order. Ms. Re called the roll as follows:

ROLL CALL:


ABSENT: James W. Young, Jr., Esq.

BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL/ZONING OFFICER: Robert Vita  

RECORDING SECRETARY: Noreen A. Re

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 14, 2020

Motion to approve made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Porter.

Motion carries – 2 to 0

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS:

CASE ONE: R-1, F-5 – Posted – Maureen and Kenneth Offen are requesting a 6 ½ foot side yard variance to replace a pre-existing deck that is dilapidated due to age at 8 Fenway Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15209, Lot & Block 166-E-277.

Maureen and Kenneth Offen were present and duly sworn. Mrs. Offen described the request in detail. They want to replace their
existing deck. She stated the home is not even 10 feet from the property line, which is similar to other homes on the street. The deck was on the home when they purchased it. The proposed deck will be in the same location as the existing deck. The new deck will be made out of composite. The height will remain the same, and it will not be enclosed.

No public comments for or against

(Whereupon, a brief recess was taken from 7:39 p.m. to 7:42 p.m.)

MOTION:

CASE ONE:

MR. WOODS: "Mr. Chairman, I make a motion. This is an existing structure now. It's just going to only be replaced with a structure in kind. I make a motion that we approve the request."

MR. PORTER: "I will step down and second that. I will note for the record that, in fact, when the Offens bought this house, the deck existed. The deck that they propose is no bigger. They're not changing the dimensions in any way. They are not enclosing it. They are not doing anything -- and we agree, right, that you will not seek to enclose this deck?"

MRS. OFFEN: "No."

MR. OFFEN: "No."

MR. PORTER: "And houses in the area are very close to the property line like theirs is. They're not the ones that caused this to be built in this fashion. And, in fact, when they bought the house, it existed in this fashion. So with those remarks, I will second the motion and ask for a vote on whether or not this should be approved."

Motion carries – 2 to 0

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Porter.

Motion carries – 2 to 0
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

William C. Woods,
Secretary

Minutes prepared by Noreen A. Re, Certified Realtime Reporter.