

Franklin Township, Portage County
Board of Zoning Appeals
October 14, 2024

Present: Chair Justin Moneyppenny, David Hansford, Shawn Martin, Marilyn Sessions, and Sam Abell, Board Members; Joe Ciccozzi, Zoning Inspector; Jenny August, Secretary.

Mr. Moneyppenny called the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He introduced the Board members and explained the procedures for the meeting.

7:00 Hearing:

At 7:00 p.m. an application by William Seavey, 416 Judson Rd. Kent OH representing the property located at the same address (parcel number 12-064-00-00-002-000) was heard for a variance to sections 405.06 A.2.a of the Franklin Township Zoning resolution. The code does not permit an accessory structure of more the 768 square feet on lots less than an acre and a half. The applicant asked to increase the square footage of his 768 square foot accessory structure an additional 480 square feet totaling 1248 square feet. This would represent a 480 square foot variance.

Mr. Moneyppenny asked who is here to speak to this tonight. Mr. William Seavey of 416 Judson Road, Kent was sworn in. He explained to the board that he would like to add a section to his barn so he can have more space for tools and a home work shop. He is removing an old shed that borders the neighbor's property line.

Mr. Abell asked him where the well and septic are located. Mr. Seavey said that they have an aeration system behind the house. The lot is only .82 acres, so there are not many options of where additional space can be located. Mr. Abell said most of the neighboring properties do not have homes close by.

Mr. Moneyppenny opened public comment. Mr. Gary Ostrowski of 410 Judson Road was sworn in. He and his wife were attending to express support for Mr. Seavey's variance request. There were no other comments.

Mr. Moneyppenny and the board reviewed the Standards for an area variance:

A-yes, B- yes, C-no, D- no, E-yes, F- no, G- no.

Mrs. Sessions moved to grant the applicant a 480 square foot variance to increase the size of his accessory building to a total of 1248 square feet. Mr. Moneyppenny seconded the motion. All board members voted yes. The variance was approved.

Mr. Moneyppenny noted that there was a 30-day appeal period that would begin after the minutes of this meeting were journalized. The journalizing will occur at the next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Hansford moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting with a second from Mr. Abell. All voted yes. The meeting minutes were approved.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm should any applications be submitted.

Adjournment:

The hearing was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny August, Secretary, Board of Zoning Appeals

Approved: _____ Chairman, Justin Money Penny