

# APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**Date and Time:** Monday, January 9, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

**Location:** Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Chairperson Gary Johnson.

**Members present:** Mr. Johnson, Gard Strother, Dietmar Bassuner, John Clancy and Meri Tepper.

**Others present:** Tim McCulloch, Brian Berquist of Town & Country Engineering, Administrator Sharon Eveland and Administrative Services Coordinator David Sykes.

**Approval of July 21, 2022 meeting minutes:** Mr. Bassuner moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with a minor spelling correction.

Vote: 5-0 (approved).

**Process and Procedures Orientation:** Mr. Johnson explained the purpose of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the process that will be used to consider the requests submitted.

## **Request for a variance to exceed the fence height limitation of 4’ by 2.5” along the rear lot line adjacent to 3433 Sunset Drive**

Mr. Johnson called the public hearing to order at 5:40 pm.

Mr. McCulloch explained that he would like to replace an existing fence in disrepair to the approximate height of the previous fence to obscure and old chain link fence and sheds that are also in disrepair. He added that the fence was designed to separate neighboring dogs that interact and tend to bark a lot. The lots around this property are large and the new fence should not impact the views of neighbors.

Ms. Eveland explained that an administrative review determined the only variance needed was a height variance to go above 4’ for the section of fence adjacent to the property at 3433 Sunset Drive. The rest of the fence plan can be approved administratively with written consent of the other adjacent property owners.

The Board members asked Mr. McCulloch some specific questions about the fence design and discussed alternative options that may meet the requirements of the Zoning code.

The public hearing was closed at 6:18 pm.

Mr. Bassuner moved and Ms. Tepper seconded a motion to deny the zoning appeal as presented.

Vote: 4-1 (Mr. Bassuner voting no). The variance request was denied.

## **Discussion of Village Code 10-1-103 Fences and possible recommendation to the Plan Commission for revision**

By consensus, the Board decided it would be appropriate to discuss possible recommendations to revise this section of the Village Zoning Code at its next regularly scheduled meeting (February 16, 2023).

Mr. Johnson announced that he will be resigning from the ZBA before the summer and a new chair of the Board will need to be appointed.

**Next meeting date:** The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet next on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 5:30 pm to discuss Section 10-1-103 of the Zoning Code.

**Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sykes  
Administrative Services Coordinator