

SEWICKELY BOROUGH ZONING HEARING BOARD

January 5, 2021

Via Zoom Video Conference

MEETING MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eichenlaub at 7:00 PM.

It was announced that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting is being held via video conference and would be recorded by Court Reporter.

2. Members & Staff Attending:

Jim Eichenlaub, chairman

Daniel Borecki, member

Randy McCray, Harshman CE Group, LLC- Sewickley Code Enforcement

Donna McMullen, court stenographer

3. Chairman Eichenlaub determined a quorum of the members were present.

4. Affirmation of proper advertising and notice of regular scheduled meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer affirmed the date, time and location of the meeting had been properly posted and advertised in accordance with state guidelines for holding the meeting virtually.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the December 1, 2020 were approved.

6. Decision of Cases

There was no pending or continuation of open cases to be considered at the meeting

7. Continuation of Existing Cases

There was no pending or continuation of open cases to be considered at the meeting

8. New Case(s)

Case No. 21-01, Request for Variance

Eric and Jennifer Pogue – Owners/Applicant

John Edson, Esq. – Counsel for Applicants

Property located 520 Pine Road

Block & Lot # 507-M-255

Zoning District: R-1

John Edson, esq. counsel for the property owners and applicants, Eric and Jennifer Pogue, presented the applicant's request for variance to construct an in-ground swimming pool at 520 Pine Road. Applicants desire to locate a portion of the pool outside of the building envelope and front yard set-back as prescribed in the ordinance. The property related to the variance request is located within the R-1 (Residential) Zoning District and Sewickley Borough Historic District #1. The property in question was the subject of a prior hearing and decision by this board, requested by its former owners; case #18-05 announced on October 2, 2018. In addition to testimony from counsel and the owners, evidence was presented by Heather Wildman of Wildman Chalmers who prepared the proposed drawings related to the case. The determination of the Sewickley Borough Historic Review Commission was reported to the board and made a part of the record.

Sewickley residents James Balet of 525 Pine Road testified in opposition to the variance request citing the construction of the pool within the front yard set-back and outside of the building envelope would not be in character or harmonious with the neighborhood.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board stated they would consider the Applicant's request and testimony provided during the hearing in deliberation of the request and issue its decision at its next regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2021.

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. New Business

Board Reorganization

It was properly moved, seconded and unanimously adopted to appoint DJ Nichols of the law firm Bootay, Bavington and Nichols as legal counsel for the Board for 2021. The members tabled until the next meeting the election of board positions until a full complement of the members were seated and present.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.