

Harrington Park Zoning Board of Adjustment

January 22, 2014 8:00 pm

At 8:05 Richard McLaughlin opened the meeting with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It has been posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been mailed to THE RECORD, NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS, and the NORTH JERSEY SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

The December 18, 2013, meeting was not held.

ROLL CALL

Richard McLaughlin-present	Stephen Martinez-absent
Michael Roth-present	Mark Antonucci-absent
Marilyn Simpson-present	Reverend Marilyn Peoples-present
Jin Cho-absent	John Powers-present
Karen Brady-present	Allan Napolitano, Liaison to the Board-absent

Also Present: Marti Francis, Board Clerk
 John Schettino, Board Attorney
 Mayor Hoelscher

The Mayor thanked everyone for the work and hours put into the Board of Adjustment and the benefit that is derived from the community. He wished everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous year. Michael Roth said how lucky we are to have a mayor like Mayor Hoelscher. This morning he came in to answer the phone so the staff could come in later (due to the snowstorm). Mayor Hoelscher's philosophy, he said, draws good boards. John Powers seconded. Richard McLaughlin thanked Mayor Hoelscher.

Reorganization:

Board Officers:

Chair: Ms. Simpson moved to appoint Mr. McLaughlin as chair, second Michael Roth.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard McLaughlin-abstain Reverend Marilyn Peoples-yes
Michael Roth-yes John Powers-present
Marilyn Simpson-yes Karen Brady-yes

Vice-Chair: Ms. Simpson moved to appoint Michael Roth as Vice Chair, second Mr. Powers.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard McLaughlin-yes Reverend Marilyn Peoples-yes
Michael Roth-abstain John Powers-present
Marilyn Simpson-yes Karen Brady-yes

Secretary: Ms. Brady moved to appoint Ms. Simpson as Secretary, second Mr. McLaughlin.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard McLaughlin-yes Reverend Marilyn Peoples-yes
Michael Roth-yes John Powers-present
Marilyn Simpson-abstain Karen Brady-yes

Board Professional Appointments:

Recording Secretary: Mr. McLaughlin moved to appoint Marti Francis as Recording Secretary, second Mr. Powers.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard McLaughlin-yes Reverend Marilyn Peoples-yes
Michael Roth-yes John Powers-present
Marilyn Simpson-yes Karen Brady-yes

Board Attorney: Mr. McLaughlin moved to appoint John Schettino as Board Attorney, second Ms. Brady.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard McLaughlin-yes Reverend Marilyn Peoples-yes
Michael Roth-yes John Powers-present
Marilyn Simpson-yes Karen Brady-yes

Minutes Approval: November 20, 2013. Ms. Simpson moved to approve the minutes, second Ms. Brady.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard McLaughlin-yes Reverend Marilyn Peoples-yes
Michael Roth-yes John Powers-present
Marilyn Simpson-yes Karen Brady-yes

New Business: Michele and Richard Perez seek a variance to build an addition onto a non-conforming property at 72 Riverview Terrace (Block 401/Lot 19). Michele Madden Perez and Bill Keller (builder) were sworn in. Ms. Madden Perez explained that the house was purchased in October 2013 and that they hoped the renovation would maintain the feel of the house. The garage will be slightly smaller, and a driveway on the side of the property is desired. A covered porch is wanted in order to protect the house entrance. Bill Keller explained that the house will now be a post-modern Dutch Colonial. He reviewed the plans. The number of bedrooms will remain at 4; there will be one bathroom added. The redesign will complement the neighborhood. Ms. Madden Perez shared that she has gained support for the plans from her new neighbors. Mr. Schettino pointed out that the side yard is increasing. Mr. Keller said that is because some of the garage is being removed. Several board members have visited the site. Ms. Simpson moved to approve the application, second Mr. Roth.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard McLaughlin-yes Reverend Marilyn Peoples-yes
Michael Roth-yes John Powers-present
Marilyn Simpson-yes Karen Brady-yes

Mr. McLaughlin explained that a resolution will be adopted at the next meeting and then published. Anyone who so wishes has 45 days after publication to appeal.

Adjournment The next Board of Adjustment meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2014. Ms. Brady moved to adjourn, second Ms. Simpson. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.