

MINUTES KINGSPORT BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA)

Thursday ~~April~~ 4, May 2, 2013

10:30 a.m.

Tour of property at 1455 East Center Street

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leland Leonard, Chairman
Frank Oglesby, Vice Chairman
Diane Hills

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bob Winstead Jr
Bill Sumner

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen Combs

Chairman Leonard, Vice Chairman Oglesby and Board Member Hills visited all sites on the agenda. During the drive to 311 Rock Valley Drive, Chairman Leonard commented on the beautiful landscaping at a house on Rock Springs Road. The other members also commented on the beautiful pieces of property located along Rock springs Road and how the area got its name; being all rock and wet weather springs. Chairman Leonard also commented on the old school building and asked what was there now. Staff informed him that it was now a very active community center. On the way back into town the Board discussed where to go eat since time was short. The Board decided to go to the new Burger King, no items were discussed. The Board arrived at the Development Services building for the scheduled meeting at noon.



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NOON

Bob Clear Conference Room, on the first floor of the Development Services Building

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leland Leonard, Chairman
Frank Oglesby, Vice Chairman
Bob Winstead Jr
Bill Sumner
Diane Hills

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen Combs

VISITORS:

Ed McCall
Eugene Yerke
Larry Bishop
Darryl Zeh
Timothy Warren

Mary Ann McCall
Jonathan Henderson
Karen Bailey

Chairman Leonard called the meeting to order.

Chairman Leonard then explained the meeting procedures.

Public Hearing:

Case: 13-701-00007 – Property located at 724 Brookhaven Drive Control Map 45B, Group C, Parcel 4.00 Requested a to [Sect.114-133 (1)(2)] in order to construct a garage in the front yard at this location. Mr. Jonathan Henderson was sworn in by Karen Combs. Mr. Henderson presented the case to the Board. In his presentation he stated that he wanted to construct a 30x40garage on his property. Mr. Henderson told the Board the due to topography the garage could not be placed in the rear of the house. The Board noted that the garage could be placed closer to the house and in the rear with some excavation. The slope was not too steep. No one spoke for this item. Mr. Ed McCall spoke against this item stating that the steel post garage in front of the property would line up with the entrance to his new subdivision. Mr. McCall has been redeveloping the neighborhood and stated that the type and size of the building would be out of character in the neighborhood. Mr. Henderson agreed that no other building of this type existed in the neighborhood. Mr. Larry Bishop spoke on this item stating that the City put the neighbors in a bad position and that they (the neighbors) did not want to take sides but that this home would be a starter home for Mr. Henderson and his family and would be eventually sold. Mr. McCall has been spending quite a bit of money to improve the neighborhood through redevelopment. Seeing no one else to speak Chairman Leonard moved to the next item.

Case: 13-701-00008 – Property located at 311 Rock Valley Drive Control Map 105P, Group B, Parcel 12.00 lot 12 Requested a variance of 340 square feet to [Sect.114-133(2)] in order to increase the size of an accessory structure at this location. The allowed square footage for an accessory structure is

1,100 square feet. Mr. Eugene Yerke was sworn in by Karen Combs. Mr. Yerke presented the case to the Board. Mr. Yerke told the Board that his property was recently annexed and that he wanted to add onto his existing accessory building. After much discussion the Board concluded that the current building was 1280 square feet and that the addition would be 1280 square feet putting this accessory building out of compliance by 1460 square feet. The request was changed to reflect the correct math. Mr. Yerke stated that the addition would match the existing building in all respects, material and structure. He stated that he had a little over one acre of property. The Board noted that the building was in a great location and would meet all other setback requirements. No one spoke for or against this item.

Case: 13-701-00009 – Property located at 633 Branch Street Control Map 46H, Group H, Parcel 7.00 Requested a variance of 7 feet to [Sect.114-187(e)(1)(d) and a lot coverage percent increase to (e)(2)] in order to construct a carport on this property. The property is zoned R-4, Medium Density Apartment District with a side yard setback of 10 feet and a lot coverage maximum of 30 percent.

Mr. Darryl Zeh was sworn in by Karen Combs and presented the case to the Board. In his presentation he stated that his client would like to place a carport on their property, attaching it to the garage and the house. The carport would be a wooden structure and materials would match the house. The roof would have a 6 to 12 pitch from the garage to the house and then would be a hip roof at the house. The Board question where the property line was located and had concerns over water runoff. It was stated that the water could not be run onto the adjacent property. There were also concerns that through the design discussed that water would run towards the house and that the owner needed to be aware of this. The Board noted that the property seems to narrow towards the road and wanted to make the owner aware that if the carport was built it would especially tight and still wouldn't cover all vehicles. The owner acknowledged these facts. Ms. Karen Bailey spoke in favor of this item.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Leonard closed the Public Hearing

Other Business:

On a motion by Bill Sumner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 4, 2013 minutes as mailed.

The BZA stated for the public record the next application deadline on May15, 2013 at noon and that the next meeting date would be on June 6, 2013. Staff stated that they may not be able to attend the meeting and if any items came in could a called meeting be hold at a later date in the month of June. Chairman Leonard said that he may not be able to make the June 6 meeting as well due to a surgical procedure. All members agreed to have a called meeting if any items came in before the 15th of April.

Adjudication of Cases:

Case: 13-701-00007 – Property located at 724 Brookhaven Drive Control Map 45B, Group C, Parcel 4.00

During discussion of this item it was noted that the property did not have steep topography in the rear that limited the placement of the garage and that in fact the garage could be moved closer to the house thus negating any variance.

MOTION: made by Frank Oglesby; seconded by Diane Hills – To deny a variance request

VOTE: 4-0 to deny the request as presented because there was no hardship presented and the garage could be built closer to the house and need no variances.

Case: 13-701-00008 – Property located at 311 Rock Valley Drive Control Map 105P, Group B, Parcel 12.00 lot 12

After a long discussion concerning the exact amount of variance needed, the Board and petitioner agreed that a request of 1460 square feet was the correct calculation.

MOTION: made by Bob Winstead; seconded by Diane Hills – To grant a variance of 1460 square feet to the accessory building size requirement of 1100 square feet.

VOTE: 4-0 to grant the request as presented because the size of the lot could keep the 30 percent lot coverage requirement and no other variances were needed.

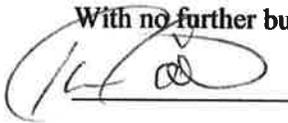
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A brief discussion was held on the size and roof line of the proposal. The Board questioned the fact that no plan was presented. Staff informed them that a plan would be required that addressed the Board's concerns.

MOTION: made by Diane Hills; seconded by Bob Winstead– To grant a variance of 7 feet to the side yard setback requirement of 10 feet due to topographical issues with the following conditions: 1. A survey be supplied to staff establishing the exact lot line on the right side of the house. 2. Guttering be installed to keep the water from running onto the adjacent property. The motion also contains an increase on the lot coverage requirement which is not to exceed 35%.

VOTE: 4-0 to grant the request as presented.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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