

Franklin Township, Portage County  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
February 12, 2024

Present: Chair Justin Moneyppenny, David Hansford, Ron Goodspeed, 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 John Kovolyan at 717 Ravenna Rd, Kent, OH 44240 representing the property at the same location (parcel number 12-080-00-00-018-000) was heard for a variance to sections 405.06.A.6 of the Franklin Township Zoning code. The code requires that an accessory structure have a maximum height of 16 feet. The applicant requested an 8-foot variance to allow the construction of an accessory structure to have a height of 24 feet.

Mr. Moneyppenny asked who is here to speak to this tonight. Mr. John Kovolyan of 717 Ravenna Rd. Kent was sworn in. He said the reason for the additional roof height is because the style of barn he is building has side wings, so he needs the higher pitch.

Mr. Hansford asked if it is the same grade as the house. Mr. Kovolyan responded yes. He added that there are 9-foot sidewalls. Mr. Goodspeed asked what he will be using the barn for. Mr. Kovolyan said he will have a workshop in there, and he has several tractors to be stored in there, as well as some overflow from the house. There will be electric but no plumbing is needed. He may have a pot belly stove in the workshop area. The siding will match the house.

There were no audience members in attendance, so no public comments.

Mrs. Sessions moved to grant the applicant an 8-foot variance which would allow him to build an accessory structure that is 24 feet in height. 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:**

Mrs. Sessions moved to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2023 meeting with a second from Mr. Hansford. All voted yes except Ron Goodspeed who abstained. The meeting minutes were approved.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm to consider any applications that may come in.

**Adjournment:**

The hearing was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny August  
Secretary, Board of Zoning Appeals

Approved as submitted:

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Chairperson, Justin Money Penny

Approved as amended:

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