

Franklin Township, Portage County  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
August 09, 2021

Present: Chair David Hansford, Glenn Russell, Marilyn Sessions, Justin Money Penny, and alternate James Henry, Board Members; Joe Ciccozzi, Zoning Inspector; Jenny August, Secretary.

Mr. Hansford 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 Randy and Emily Knapp, 1300 Winward Lane Kent, OH 44240 for the property located 798 Newton Dr. Kent, OH 44240 (parcel number 12-066-00-00-009-003) was to be heard for a variance to section 302.03 A. The code requires a minimum lot area of at least 2 acres in a Rural Residential district. The application is requesting a half-acre variance allowing them to build a new home on a 1.5 acre parcel.

Mr. Ciccozzi said an error was made in the zoning classification on their application. Once the error was discovered, it was determined that they were within guidelines of their zoning class and did not need a variance. A permit has been issued.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Hansford moved to approve the minutes from the July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. Mr. Henry abstained. All others voted yes. The meeting minutes were approved.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**7:15 Hearing:**

At 7:15 p.m. an application by Brittany Reed, 1521 North Blvd. Kent, OH representing the property located at the same address (parcel number 12-076-20-00-157-001) was to be heard for a variance to section 310.02 A.1. The code only allows for a single family dwelling in the R-1 zoning district and the application wishes to rebuild their garage to add an in-law suite which would constitute a second residential dwelling. The property is on a double wide lot.

Mr. Hansford asked who was here to speak to this tonight. There was nobody in attendance to represent the applicant. The Board waited about ten minutes and then Mr. Hansford read a petition signed by 18 neighbors in opposition of the variance. Since nobody was there to speak to this application, Mr. Hansford moved to extend the hearing until the next meeting. Mr. Henry seconded the motion. All Board members voted yes.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Hansford moved to adjourn the hearing. Mr. Henry seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny August  
Secretary, Board of Zoning Appeals

Approved as submitted:

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Chairperson, David Hansford

Approved as amended:

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