
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2017

8:30 a.m.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

Members Present: Mr. Scott Hay, Chairman
Mr. Robert Beerman
Col. Morton Langholtz, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Mark Odle
Ms. Dani Ramsay, Alternate

Member Absent: Mr. Roger Huber, Secretary

Staff Present: Mr. Taurus Freeman, Assistant Director
Mr. Zack Rainbow, Planning Services Manager
Mr. James Prescott, Planner
Ms. Kelley Messer, First Assistant City Attorney
Ms. Melissa Farr, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Councilman Bruce Kreidler Mr. Don Steele
Mr. William Sojourner

Item One: Call to Order

Mr. Scott Hay called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and declared a quorum present.

Item Two: Approval of the Minutes

Colonel Langholtz made the motion to approve the minutes of previous meetings as presented, there being no deletions, no additions, and no corrections. Mr. Odle seconded the motion. The vote to approve minutes was carried by five with none in opposition.

AYES: Beerman, Langholtz, Odle, Ramsay, and Hay

NAYS: None

Item Three: Agenda Items

BA-2017-32

A public hearing to consider a request from Don Steele (Agent) for William C. III & Jana Sojourner (Homeowners) for an 8'3" variance request to the required 25' exterior side building setback in RS-12 (Residential Single-Family) zoning. Legal description being BAY SHORE ADD, BLOCK A, LOT LOTS 5 & 6. Located at 130 Castle Drive.

Mr. Beerman made the motion to remove this item from the table. Mr. Odle seconded the motion.

The vote to remove this request from the table was carried by five with none in opposition.

AYES: Beerman, Langholtz, Odle, Ramsay, and Hay

NAYS: None

Mr. Hay opened the public hearing.

Mr. Don Steele joined Mr. William Sojourner to speak in favor of this request. Mr. Sojourner confirmed the lots had been purchased at the same time. The house is located at 130 Castle, and the pool was built at the same time as the house in the early 80's.

There being no one else present and desiring to be heard the public hearing was closed.

Discussion among the Board and staff included:

- Special circumstances and irregularities taken into account
- Applicant meets the requirements of the Code
- The improvements are beneficial and attractive to the neighborhood
- Parking is a minimal issue and not contrary to public interest

Property owners within 200-feet of the request were notified. There were two (2) responses received in favor and one (1) in opposition of the request.

Mr. Beerman made the motion to approve this request. Colonel Langholtz seconded the motion. The vote to approve this Variance Request was carried by five with none in opposition.

AYES: Beerman, Langholtz, Odle, Ramsay, and Hay

NAYS: None

Item Four: Adjourn

Mr. Odle moved to adjourn, and Mr. Beerman seconded the motion. There being no further business the Board of Adjustment meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Approved: , Chairman