

**MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND SWIMMING POOL
BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES**

June 10, 2014

Public notice having been posted, a public hearing of the MPE Board was held at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2014 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 555 Walnut, Abilene, Texas.

MPE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Torres (absent)
Kenneth Rich
Melissa Sparks
James Wheeler (absent)
Terry Williams (absent)
Frank Perez
Gene Isenburg
Rick Weatherl

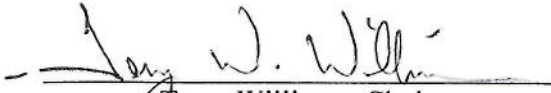
Pete Torres
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STAFF PRESENT: Kelley Messer
David Sartor
Van Watson

GUESTS: Ed Emerson

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rich, at 4:06 PM.
2. The first item to come before the board was the approval of the December 10, 2013 minutes. Mr. Perez made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Sparks seconded the motion and said motion unanimously passed.
3. The next matter to come before the board was the consideration of a request of Ed Emerson to consider a natural barrier in lieu of the required fencing around a proposed swimming pool at his residence located at 3766 Woodridge Dr., Abilene, Texas. Mr. Sartor stated the requirement of a wall or fence 4ft. high, non climbable with self-closing and latching gates surround all residential swimming pools. One exception is that the board can hear a request of a natural barrier. Mr. Sartor made a presentation to the board showing pictures of the yard and location of the existing 7' tall wooden fence, creek area and slope towards the creek. He did mention that the slope was considerable and the pictures did not reflect the actual severity of the slope. Mr. Sartor stated the fence on each side of the property stopped approximately 4 to 6 feet short of where the slope begins. Mr. Sartor stated staff was not opposed of this request with some modifications. Mr. Rich opened the public hearing and asked for Mr. Emerson to speak on his behalf. Mr. Emerson stated he would be willing to rectify the situation and extend his fence to 3 to 4 feet down the slope. Mr. Rich closed the public hearing. After discussion Mr. Rich asked for a motion. Ms. Sparks made a motion to accept the natural barrier in lieu of the required fencing but with the additional requirement to extend the fence on both sides as long as it complies with the ordinance to a point 2 feet down the slope towards the creek. Mr. Isenburg seconded the motion and the motion carried by a vote of four (4) in favor (Rich, Sparks, Isenburg, and Weatherl) and one (1) abstain (Perez) and none (0) opposed.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 P.M.


Jerry Williams, Chairman


David Sartor, Acting Secretary