

BOARD OF APPEALS

September 24, 2007

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: William Malesh, Amy Chetelat, Bob Matthews, Susan Terborg, Planning and Zoning Coordinator Heather Erickson and Court Reporter Carol Beresh.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by William Malesh and seconded by Bob Matthews to approve the August 14, 2007 meeting minutes as written. **Three in Favor, One (1) Abstention (Susan Terborg was not in attendance at this meeting); Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

File No. 2007-01- Variance Request- 549 Aiken Avenue. Request for a six (6) foot high fence in the side yard. OWNER/APPLICANT: Wanda Grieve; LOCATION: 549 Aiken Avenue, Perryville, MD; Tax Map 801, Parcel 715, Zoned R-3.

William Malesh asked the representatives of the variance request for fence height to address the Board.

Wanda Grieve was sworn in by Carol Beresh. She explained that she needs this fence because she constantly has people walking through her yard. She has had thefts in her yard and has been threatened in her own yard. The variance is for a privacy fence to extend 51 feet in her side yard, which will not go past Concord Apartments. There will be a shorter fence that will extend past that. They need the privacy fence to stop people from entering her yard.

Mr. Malesh asked if this fence would stop them.

Ms. Grieve responded that she will erect a fence all the way around the back.

Ms. Chetelat asked for clarification that a 6 foot high fence would not be needed in the front yard.

Ms. Grieve replied that it would only be needed in the back. She explained her plans for fencing and plantings in her yard. She also stated that it would not restrict the sight of any emergency vehicles.

Ms. Terborg asked if she has tried a 3 ½ foot fence in the rear yard.

Ms. Grieve replied that they had barbed wire there and they stepped on it and walked right over it.

Ms. Terborg explained that she and her neighbor's have a 4 foot fence that works just fine.

Mr. Matthews asked what type of fence it would be.

Ms. Grieve responded that they were thinking about a shadow box type fence or a wood picket fence.

Mr. Malesh asked for any further comments.

Motion was made by Amy Chetelat and seconded by Bob Matthews to approve File No. 2007-01- Variance Request for 549 Aiken Avenue. **All in Favor; Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Amy Chetelat and seconded by Bob Matthews to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm. **All in Favor; Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Erickson
Planning & Zoning Coordinator