

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING**

October 28, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Oregon Board of Zoning Appeals was called to order in the Oregon Municipal building by Chairman Michael Rowe. Other members present included Bill Reed, David Andrus, Ron Vuketich and Dave Golis. Also present were Building & Zoning Commissioner James Gilmore, and Acting Secretary Alex Schultz.

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

Mr. Reed moved to accept the August 26, 2020 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Vuketich. All members were in favor.

Chairman Rowe thanked everyone for allowing them to have a late start as it is beneficial to everybody to have a full board.

The following item was on the agenda:

W-1656-20 Waiver of Ord. 069-2020; Section 1155.02(a) relating to fences. The location is 569 S. Goodyear Street. The applicants/owners are Lisa Corns-Stahl and Tim Stahl.

Tim Stahl, 569 S. Goodyear Street, thanked the Board for allowing them to use this judicial system and the Building & Zoning Department for all of their help throughout this appeal process. He stated he did call before constructing the fence to find out what the requirements were and then he, his wife and his son decided the fence was going to be their project. So, they built the fence four feet high but did not realize they could not put the lattice on top of the fence. He thought since there were visual openings in the lattice it was okay. He again thanked the Board for their time and pleaded that they do not make him take it down as it was more than a fence; it was memories.

Chairman Rowe asked Mx. Schultz to read a letter received from a neighbor into the record.

Mx. Schultz said the letter is from Todd Stader, 3134 Camelot Drive, Oregon, Ohio and states as follows:

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident who can see the house at 569 S. Goodyear. It is a complete eyesore with its privacy fence and lattice. It knocks down my property value. It is an eyesore and I understand I am not the only person that feels that way. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Chairman Rowe asked if there were any questions from the Board or if there was anyone who wished to speak for or against this matter. There were none.

Mr. Golis asked if the total height of the fence is six feet.

Mr. Stahl answered it is actually less than six foot.

Mr. Golis asked if the lower portion of the privacy fence, not including the lattice, is four feet or less than four feet.

Mr. Stahl replied it is four foot.

Mr. Golis stated from just visually looking at that, the lattice and those boards appear to be pretty close to equal. So, is it closer to eight feet then?

Mr. Reed stated he measured it this morning and it was seven foot 4 inches from the grass.

Mr. Gilmore noted we will need to change that for the record because what was asked for is a four-foot fence with two feet of lattice on top, which is six foot; but he pointed out that only six foot is allowed when you are even with the house on a corner lot.

Chairman Rowe asked if there were any other questions from the Board or if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against this matter.

Terri Guidera, 3120-3122 Camelot Drive, said she does not feel the fence is an asset to the neighborhood and is against it.

Michelle Whitehead, 3054 Camelot Drive, stated there is nothing attractive about this fence. She is asking that the Board due its due diligence and deny it.

Gaye Huss, 570 S. Goodyear Street, said she does not see the problem with the fence.

Dori Meyer, 3114 Camelot Drive, stated she supports the neighbors and their fence.

Don Huss, 570 S. Goodyear Street, came forward and voiced his support.

Mr. Vuketich made a motion to approve W-1656-20. Seconded by Mr. Andrus. All members were opposed. Variance was denied by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Gilmore added that the applicant will have 14 days to comply.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Alex Schultz,
Acting Secretary