

CITY OF PORTLAND

MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2024

5:00 PM

City of Portland
100 South Russell Street
Portland TN 37148

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gail Gentry -Chairwoman
Tom Driscoll- Vice Chairman
Hector Graves
Robert Tooker

MEMBERS ABSENT:

William Perry

STAFF PRESENT:

Nate Heisler (City Planner)
Jackie West (Planning Asst)

Other Interested Parties:

Roll Call

Chairwoman Gentry asks for a roll call at 5:00 PM:

Gail Gentry- present
Hector Graves -present
Tom Driscoll - present
William Perry - absent
Robert Tooker-present

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anyone wishing to speak for or against an item on the agenda will have 5 minutes to do so and must sign-in on the public comment sheet before the start of the meeting.

Chairwoman Gentry opened the public comments stating if you want to speak on an agenda item, please sign your name and address on the sign in sheet, you will have five minutes to speak.

No one signed the sign-in sheet at the podium.
Chairwoman Gentry closed the Public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Chairwoman Gentry states if we have no changes to the agenda do we have a motion to approve.
Robert Tooker made a motion to approve, Hector Graves gave a second.
All were in favor, motion carried 4-0.

Approval of minutes: February 6, 2024

Chairwoman Gail Gentry asks if there are no changes to the minutes do I have a motion to approve the February 6, 2024, meeting minutes.

Robert Tooker states William Perry's name needs to be replaced with Tom Driscoll for a second approving the meeting minutes.

Robert Tooker made a motion to approve the agenda with the name correction for the February 6th, 2024 meeting minutes, Hector Graves gave a second.

All were in favor, motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

No one signed the sign-in sheet at the podium.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Drew Thompson (applicant) requests an accessory building side yard variance: location 114 Collins Drive, Portland Tn. (Tax Map 32, Parcel 28.03) 8.39 +/- acres. Zone RS-40 (Residential).**

Nate Heisler (City Planner) gave an overview of Residential accessory building 4-404.1. Section A – accessory building are in rear yards. The variance request is to allow the accessory building in a side yard, the zoning ordinance says they are to be in the rear. Placing the building in a side yard will not affect a neighbor. The hardship is where the utility lines are running.

Chairwoman Gentry asks will this look like the house and what to you want to use it for.

Megann and Drew Thompson (property owners) said it will look like the house and it will be a four -bay garage with underground storage and a playroom. We will have architect drawings. Our hardship is the utility lines run underground from our pole to the house, the underground gas line goes through the back yard.

Robert Tooker asks if this building will be in line with the house.

Megann Thompson said the garage will be in line with the house. All the garage doors will face inward.

Robert Tooker made a motion to approve, Hector Graves gave a second.

Chairwoman Gentry ask for a roll call vote.

Gail Gentry- yes

Hector Graves –yes

Tom Driscoll - no

Robert Tooker-yes

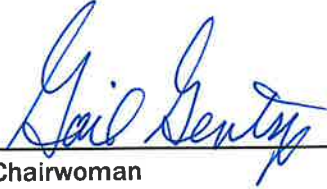
Motion carried 3-1.

City Planners Comments

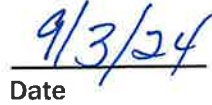
Zoning Board Members Comments

Adjournment

Hector Graves made motion to adjourn at 5:12 pm, Robert Tooker gave a second.



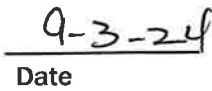
Chairwoman



Date



Recording Secretary



Date