

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Minutes of July 14, 2009 Meeting

Members Present: Christy Overla, Mark O'Loughlin, Pam Williams, Lee Shoaf, and Bill Gallaer

Members Absent: Jan Pitts

Others in Attendance: Dana Scott (Zoning), Doug Owsley, (BZA Alternate)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Chairman, Mr. O'Loughlin called for the approval of the minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting (no meeting took place on June 9, 2009 due to a blank agenda).

Mr. Shoaf moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Overla seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

Chairman O'Loughlin swore in those wishing to speak.

New Business: A) Variance Application 534-VA-09

Applicant: Nina Gleason, 192 Oxley Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228

Owner: Nina & Richard Gleason, 192 Oxley Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228

Location: 192 Oxley Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228

Request: To grant a variance from the provisions of Section 1014 #2, to allow the construction of a fence in the front Yard with a greater height than the resolution allows.

Ms. Scott presented the facts of the variance request. Area was platted in 1924, lots are legal non-conforming R-6 High Density residential. Applicant has already constructed a 4' chain link fence. Fence needs to be 15 feet back from the road right of way. Currently fence is 9 to 10 feet from road. No questions from board for Ms. Scott

Speaking against the request was Mr. Rick Limes (178 Oxley Road). He asked who did the job and why they did not pull permits. Ms. Scott replied that companys frequently do not pull permits. Ms. Gleason said that her father built the fence.

Mr. Russell Watson (198 Oxley Road) spoke for the variance said that he lives next door and does not have a problem with the fence.

Ms. Linda Haughn (204 Oxley Road) spoke for the variance saying that she had no problem with the fence and that it looks better than many of the bushes lining the street.

Ms. Nina Gleason spoke for the variance. She said that she needs the space in front for her dog. She said her father constructed the fence and did not get the permits. She said that moving the fence would create a financial hardship that she could not afford.

A discussion followed about other fences and their placement, as well as bushes, in the neighborhood.

Mr. Limes said that he would like to withdraw his opposition to the variance request.

Chairman O'Loughlin asked for a motion.

Ms. Overla made a motion to approve the request as written.

Seconded by Mr. Shoaf.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Shoaf	For
	Mr. Gallaer	For
	Ms. Williams	For
	Ms. Overla	For
	Chairman O'Loughlin	For

Motion passed, Variance granted.

Announcements: We all have copies of messages sent to all businesses who we have approved signage for and are not in compliance.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:26 P.M.

Submitted by Bill Gallaer