

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 3, 2003

7:00 PM

City Hall

Board of Zoning and Building Appeals

*Timothy W. Pack, Chair
Michael R. Moran, Vice Chair
Robert D. Fischer
Debra Mecozzi
Michael F. Schirtzinger
Isobel L. Sherwood, CMC/AE, Clerk of Council*

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL:

The Board of Zoning & Building Appeals met in Regular Session on Thursday, April 3, 2003 at Gahanna City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio, with the meeting being opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Timothy W. Pack called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. stating that this meeting was a continuation of the appeal BZA-0001-2003 for property located at 681 Tim Tam Avenue, James and Janet Worlin, applicants.

Pack stated that this meeting is being held in accordance with Gahanna City Charter, Section 25.06 of the Ohio Revised Code, the codified ordinances and this Board's Rules of Procedure; a stenographer is recording a portion of this meeting and it will be held in the spirit of fairness and of community service; requested that those in attendance turn off any cell phones.

Pack continued that the appeal was originally heard on January 16 and this Board voted to recess the public portion of the appeal hearing which was held within the allotted time governed by our rules; on February 27 this Board reconvened and after questioning of various witnesses voted unanimously to remand to Planning Commission to re-evaluate V-0031-2002 in light of the February 6 memorandum of the City Attorney regarding the issue of the codified ordinances and fences in no build zones; on March 12 the Planning Commission acknowledged receipt of this; a successive denial of V-0031-2002 by Planning Commission occurred on March 26 and therefore has resulted in this application being turned back to us for disposition. Pack stated we had one board member absent at the last meeting and asked Moran if he had received and availed himself of the minutes. Moran stated he had read the transcripts and looked at exhibits from the two prior meeting minutes; will be participating this evening.

Members Present: Debra Mecozi, Michael F. Schirtzinger, Michael Moran, Robert D. Fischer and Timothy W. Pack

B. SWEARING IN OF WITNESSES:

Pack stated that given the public portion of the meeting was closed on 2-27-03 is there a motion to reopen the public portion. Pack stated there being no motion to reopen the public portion we would go on to the question portion; remind everyone sworn in on January 16 that they are still sworn.

C. PUBLIC HEARING:

BZA-0001-2003

To consider an appeal of the Planning Commission denial of V-0031-2002, a variance to Section 1143.08(d), Yard Requirements; to allow a fence to encompass the area designated as a no build zone; for property located at 681 Tim Tam Avenue; James and Janet Worlin, applicant.

See transcript attached hereto as Exhibit A.

A motion was made by Moran, seconded by Schirtzinger, that this matter be Approved. The motion failed by the following vote:

No	4	Mecozi, Schirtzinger, Moran and Fischer
Yes	1	Pack

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Rules of Procedure:

Pack stated a meeting will be scheduled to review the Rules of Procedure.

E. NEXT MEETING:

Clerk stated she has had inquiries about another appeal - Columbus Tile Yard. Will notify you if the appeal is filed to schedule a meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 p.m. - Motion by Pack, seconded by Fischer.

ISOBEL L. SHERWOOD, CMC, Clerk of Council, reporting.