

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON
BOARD OF APPEALS
DECEMBER 21, 2017**

The special meeting of the Charter Township of Hampton Board of Appeals was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Noble in the Boardroom of the Hampton Township Administrative Offices.

PRESENT: Howell, Spyhalski, Noble, Brey, Foret

ABSENT: none

ALSO PRESENT: Hewitt, J. Dewyse, E. Schafer-Andress and 3 people in the audience

Motion by Foret seconded by Brey that the minutes of the November 16, 2017, meeting be approved as printed and that the reading of the minutes be waived. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No Communications

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Representatives from Brookdale Senior Living appeared before the Board for the tabled issue of a variance needed for the height of a fence in the Memory Care Unit of their facility. At their December 12, 2017 meeting, the Planning Commission considered the issue of amending the zoning ordinance to allow for higher fences at facilities with Memory Care units. After discussion, the Planning Commission concluded that the ordinance shall be amended, allowing for 8 ft. fences for specific commercial and industrial businesses, as well as Nursing Homes, Homes for the Aged and Assisted Living Facilities where safety and security are a concern.

Hewitt stated that a provisional variance can be granted for Brookdale Senior Living while the Planning Commission and planner work to approve the wording of the ordinance.

At this time the meeting was open to the public. No one addressed the board

Motion by Foret seconded by Spyhalski, that the Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Hampton, hereby reverses the denial of a building permit to Brookdale Senior Living at 720 N. Pine Rd., under Notice of Appeal No. 17-03, for the reason that the need for fencing of this height for this property use is in the public interest and for the additional reason the the Township Planning Commission is addressing this issue through recommending a zoning ordinance change to allow for greater fence height, thereby negating any precedential effect from the granting of this variance.

AYES: Howell, Spyhalski, Noble, Brey, Foret

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting was turned over to the Attorney for election of officers for 2017.

Motion by Foret seconded by Brey that Ruth Noble be nominated for the position of Chairperson.

Motion by Foret seconded by Brey that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast Noble for Chairperson. Motion carried.

Motion by Foret seconded by Spyhalski that Craig Howell be nominated for the position of Vice Chairperson.

Motion by Foret seconded by Spyhalski that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast Howell for Vice Chairperson. Motion carried.

Motion by Noble seconded by Foret that Tony Brey be nominated for the position of Secretary.

Motion by Noble seconded by Foret that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Brey for Secretary.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No one addressed the board.

Motion by Foret seconded by Brey that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m..

Respectfully submitted:

Ruth Noble, Chairperson

Erin Schafer-Andress, Recording Secretary