

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON
BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Hampton Board of Appeals was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Noble in the Boardroom of the Hampton Township Administrative Offices.

PRESENT: Spyhalski, Wisniewski, Noble, Brey

ABSENT: Howell

ALSO PRESENT: Hewitt, Dewyse, Hebner, Franz, and 1 person in the audience

Motion by Wisniewski seconded by Spyhalski that the minutes of the July 21, 2022, meeting be approved as printed and that the reading of the minutes be waived. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no communications.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Timothy Bright, 500 Harvard St., appeared before the board to request a variance of 4' between the principle building and accessory building leaving a distance of 16' between the house and accessory building.

Discussion was held on the following: the ordinance is a 20' setback from the principle building and a 10' setback from side and rear yard. The applicant wants to keep the side yard setback of 10', therefore forcing him to a 16' distance between the house and the accessory building. The size of the accessory building is 14' by 28'. The applicant has a corner lot and the lot is smaller as it is in "college town". There is no other location for the accessory building to be placed.

Chairperson Noble read a letter submitted anonymously that the applicant already has an accessory building. They are not in favor of the variance. And the blight in the neighborhood needs to be cleaned up.

Mary Jo Beggs, 2505 7th St., had a conversation with Joe Dewyse, building inspector, asking about the extra accessory building and if a driveway was going to be constructed to the new building. She is not in favor of the variance request.

Discussion continued on the following: the current 10' x 12' accessory building will be removed. There is also another out building/garage. The applicant is allowed a detached garage and accessory building. There are no plans at this time for a driveway to the accessory building. The blight was not intended for the applicant as it was referring to the neighborhood in general.

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Brey asked if it would be better to split the difference on both the side yard setback and the requested setback. It was noted that it would be better to grant one variance rather than two. DeWyse noted that he would rather see the side yard setback met as that impedes on the neighbors.

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

The public hearing was closed to the public.

Motion by Wisniewski seconded by Brey that the Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Hampton, hereby reverses the denial of a building permit to Timothy Bright, 500 Harvard St. under Notice of Appeal No. 22-02, for the reason that there is either unnecessary hardship (or) there is practical difficulty in carrying out the strict letter of Ordinance No. 36A, and said applicant has demonstrated the existence of the conditions set forth in Chapter 3, Table 1 thereof. The reasons being the uniqueness shape of the lot and being corner lot. Also with the condition that the current 10 x 12 accessory building be removed.

AYES: Wisniewski, Brey, Spyhalski, Noble

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Howell

Motion carried

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Hebner announced her resignation and thanked the board for working with her.

Mr. Bright asked that the minutes be mailed to him when complete.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

Motion by Wisniewski seconded by Brey that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ruth Noble, Chairperson
Jodie Hebner, Recording Secretary