



CITY OF GENEVA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM

1. Roll Call: Present: Joseph Comnesso (Chair), Nicholas Gillotti, Daniel Ofstein, Andrew Williams, Robert Meyer

Also Present: Neal Braman

2. An Area Variance for Troy & Amy Quigley at 314 William St to install a 6' High Fence where only 4' high is allowed.

The proposed fence will be constructed on the north side of the house and will replace the current picket fence. It will be constructed of wood with no planned landscaping. Mr. Quigley states that the neighbors directly next door and surrounding neighbors have expressed no concerns or complaints.

Board members express many concerns over the fence height in general and how it runs the risk of impairing the view of drivers as the property is located on a corner at a busy intersection. They also question the complete lack of landscaping, the aesthetics of such a high fence, and how it will affect the neighborhood visually.

Mr. Quigley believes that due to the proposed location of the fence, no views should be blocked. He also states the proposed height of the fence is due to the amount of traffic that drives by and looks at his property.

Action Taken: Mr. Williams makes a motion to declare the Zoning Board of Appeals lead agency for the purposes of SEQR. Mr. Ofstein seconds.

*Roll was called and the motion was **APPROVED** unanimously (5-0).*

Action Taken: Mr. Ofstein makes a motion to vote on Area Variance for Troy & Amy Quigley at 314 William St to install a 6' High Fence where only 4' high is allowed. Mr. Williams seconds.

*Roll was called and the motion was unanimously **DENIED** (5-0).*

For the record: Mr. Quigley was very vocal in voicing his disagreement and opposition to the Board's decision after the motion was made.

3. A Special Use Permit for an Illuminated Sign for the Finger Lakes Federal Credit Union located at 45 Seneca St.

Mr. Commesso informs the applicant that before his application can be brought before the board, a public hearing must be scheduled due to the applicant applying for a Special Use Permit. After discussion among the board members, the public hearing is set for Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 7:00PM via Zoom.

4. Any questions or comments

No questions or comments.

5. Adjournment

Action Taken: Mr. Commesso makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32PM. Mr. Williams seconds.

*Roll was called and the motion was **APPROVED** unanimously (5-0).*

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Karlsen, Administrative Aide