

Sheffield Lake Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes  
Held January 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the Sheffield Lake Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:02pm with Acting Chair Heckert presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Harper, Siebenhar, Piskura, Heckert, Building Inspector Melbar, Law Director Graves, Council Representative Debottis.

Absent: Mayor Radeff.

Attending: Applicant

Nomination of new chairperson.

Nomination of Joseph Heckert by Harper/Second by Piskura.

\*Motion by Harper/Second by Piskura to close nominations.

ROLL CALL FOR HECKERT AS CHAIR: Harper, Siebenhar, Piskura, Heckert. Yeas All.

Nomination accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 16 2023. \*Motion by Harper/Second by Piskura to approve the minutes with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

Correspondence: None

Council Representative DeBottis report: None.

Planning Commission Member Siebenhar report: None.

OATH ADMINISTERED

As provided in 1353.37 of the Sheffield Lake Building Code, procedure at hearings, an oath was administered by Law Director Graves to all members of the audience who would be speaking at this meeting.

Case #23SFL-VAR008

Tim and Dania Workman, 4625 Edgewater Rd. requesting to install generator in the front yard.

Chairman Heckert reads the application into the record. Mr. Workman says Edgewater Dr. is misshapen as opposed to other streets. It's not a typical street. The yard across from my house is actually the backyard that butts up against the front yard of (inaudible). Whenever they built the house that we bought, they had built the west side of the house right on the property line. So, that is off the board. On the east side, there is not enough distance in between the house and her property, there is only like 6ft. We talked about the fact that I couldn't run that much pipe around the house and still have functional gas appliances while the generator would

happen to be running, it would take too much gas. We have run out of options. I am pretty good at making things look good. I proposed to put a wooden sound shelter around it that matches the motif of the house. I have extra siding and trim work to block Terry's side. I would put it in the back yard if I could. Member Piskura asks have you spoken to the neighbors regarding this matter? Mr. Workman replies the one neighbor on the west side of the house, it is like 60ft. from his house. It is a long way from him, I don't think he will have a problem. Terry lives on the east side and she will give her opinion. Member Piskura says you mentioned sound, I understand this is probably a backup, so I know it won't be on all the time. Do you plan on using it for anything other than power outages, backup, etc.? Mr. Workman replies it will only come on when it automatically turns on from a power outage. Member Siebenhar says I understand why the sides are not feasible, but the back seems feasible enough. You don't want to do it because you are putting a deck or something, I understand that. The run shouldn't be a problem, because you can always up the volume in the gas. So, it could be done (in the back), it just doesn't fit into your plans for your yard. Mr. Workman responds as far as feasibility of doing it, sure, you could do it. Number one, it would raise the cost of doing it by thousands of dollars. Secondly, the gas and electric, where I proposed to do it is within 8ft. of the generator. Thirdly, running a gas pipe that far, unless underground, is not the greatest idea. Building Inspector Melbar says the farther you run, the less volume you have. The gas becomes the problem. Most the houses over there use the backyard as the front yard. Member Harper asks is it currently installed? Mr. Workman replies no, it's just sitting there, nothing is connected. Member Harper says you almost don't know it's there because the board, etc. matches the house.

Terry McDaniel, 4621 Edgewater Dr. says the road there is more alley than road. We do use our backyards for front yards. In the backyard also you have to take into consideration all the weather. I don't have an issue with it being there.

\*Motion by Piskura/Second by Harper to approve the variance as presented.

ROLL CALL: Harper, Siebenhar, Piskura, Heckert. Yeas All.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Heckert asks the date of the next meeting. Law Director Graves replies Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this board, \*Motion by Harper/Second by Piskura to adjourn at 7:24 PM. Yeas All.

**CLERK OF COMMITTEE AFFIRMATION:** This Meeting Of The City Committee Of The City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio Was Held and Conducted Under All Rules and Regulations Governing The Sunshine Laws Of The State Of Ohio As They May Apply. All meetings are recorded and available in council's office.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Brandy Randolph*

I, Brandy Randolph, duly appointed Clerk of the Zoning Board of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of January 18, 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON

*Joseph Heckert*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*