

**MINUTES
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015, 4:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
109 EAST OLIVE ST., BLOOMINGTON, IL**

Members present: Mr. Ireland, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms. Buragas, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Simeone

Members absent: Ms. Meek

Also present: Mr. Tom Dabareiner, Community Development Director
Mr. Mark Woolard, City Planner

Mr. Woolard called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and called the roll. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The Board reviewed the minutes from February 18, 2015 and accepted the minutes as printed.

Chairman Ireland explained the meeting procedures. Mr. Woolard stated the case had been published.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Z-02-15 Public Hearing and Review on the petition submitted by Amy Jo Flaig to allow the allow construction of a new parking space and to allow a variance from the Zoning Ordinance to increase the number of allowed parking spaces from 2 to 3 for the property located at 310 Old Farm Road. Zoned R-2, Mixed Residence District.

Chairman Ireland introduced the case and asked for anyone who would like to speak in favor of the petition. Ms. Amy Jo Flaig, 310 Old Farm Road, was sworn in. She described how Oakland Avenue is very busy and vehicles turn the corner in front of her house. She said her son has turned 16 and there is room for him to park on the street but vehicles have been hit when parked there. A parked van was hit in January of 2015. There have been several cases where cars have ran up into the yard. She said it is busy there with people going in and out of the neighborhood. Thus they would like to have the space to park his car adjacent to the existing driveway.

Chairman Ireland asked for anyone else who would like to speak in favor or in opposition to the petition. No one spoke.

Mr. Woolard described the variance and the location of the expanded driveway. He said the driveway could be constructed of the side of the garage but they would likely lose trees in the process. A drive and parking space could be constructed directly off the busy Oakland Avenue. This would also be an impractical location in the back yard and behind the house. He explained how there have been several driveways constructed in the neighborhood with the additional parking space and a denial would be denying a privilege granted to others. He said staff supports the request.

The vote on variance was approved with six (6) voting in favor and zero (0) against with the following votes being cast on roll call: Mr. Briggs--Yes; Mr. Zimmerman--Yes; Mr. Ireland--Yes; Mr. Kearney--Yes; Ms. Buragas--Yes; Mr. Simeone--Yes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board: None

Chairman Ireland congratulated Ms. Buragas on being elected to the City Council. He stated she will be very capable of handling the tough decisions as has been shown through her service on this Board. Board members thanked her for her service on the Board.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully;

Mark Woolard