

TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
July 18, 2023

This meeting of the Rockaway Township Board was called to order by Mr. Jason Smolinski at 7:00pm in the Council Meeting Room of the Rockaway Township Municipal Building, 65 Mount Hope Road, Rockaway Township, New Jersey.

Announcement was made that this meeting was being held pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Notice had been properly posted and filed with the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Rockaway, mailed to all those persons requesting notification, and provided in writing to The Citizen of Morris County on February 8, 2023 and The Daily Record on February 7, 2023. Notice to the paper was made via email. Formal action may be taken.

ATTENDANCE:

-Present: Mr. Smolinski, Mr. Scherwa, Ms. Royek, Ms. Lucas, Mr. Lusardi & Mr. Bell.

-Absent: Mr. Loftus, Mr. Nicastro, Ms. Platts, Mr. Strowbridge, Ms. Ferrante & Mr. Novak.

FLAG SALUTE

ACTING SECRETARY: Mr. Smolinsky made a motion for the continuation of Mr. Scherwa as acting secretary in the absence of Mr. Loftus, seconded by Ms. Lucas. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Smolinsky made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 20, 2023, seconded by Mr. Scherwa. Approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No comment.

RESOLUTION:

Escrow – Payment for Professional Services

Mr. Smolinsky made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Royek, with approval by Mr. Smolinski, Mr. Scherwa, Ms. Royek, Ms. Lucas & Mr. Lusardi.

BOA # 22-08 - EXTENSION

Lakatos

13 Hillside Road

Block 40702 Lot 9

"C" Variance

Mr. Smolinski made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Royek, with approval by Mr. Smolinski, Mr. Scherwa, Ms. Royek, Ms. Lucas & Mr. Lusardi.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OTHER MATTERS: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

BOA #23-05 Diamond Communications LLC/Dish Wireless West Dewey Ave.
Block 11504 Lot 1 "D" Variance & Preliminary/Final Site Plans
Carried forward to 8/1/2023 – Without notice

BOA #23-08 Cirillo 241 Old Beach Glen Road
Block 30701 Lot 39.24 "C" Variance

Proposed Improvements

The applicant, Kathleen A. Cirillo, seeks approval for an eight-foot-tall fence which is to be placed to the rear of an existing dwelling. The applicant requests variance relief from Section 54-30.8E.(1) which establishes a maximum fence height of six feet in a side and rear yard area.

Ms. Cirillo testified she will be replacing the fencing in her yard and is in need of 8' fencing in the section directly behind her house to contain her new rescue dog. The dog has previously jumped the 6' fence that is currently in her yard. She would like approval for the taller fence to keep the dog from getting loose and also as more of a deterrent for wild animals getting in the yard where the dog is.

The applicant testified to including 3 gates; 1 at the walkway to the driveway, 1 into the pool area and 1 to exit to the rear yard. The fence will be 6' black chain-link in all areas except the designated area for the dog directly behind the house. That designated area will be 8' black chain link. Ms. Cirillo agreed to correct the fence line that is currently encroaching on her neighbor's property and also agreed to re-survey the property line with said fence, as to establish the correct property boundaries and placement of the fencing.

Open to Public:

Resident and neighbor, Maurizio Cervone of 243 Old Beach Glen Rd. was looking for clarification regarding the fence on his property in regards to BOA #23-08. The applicant, Ms. Cirillo, agreed to re-survey the property-line and correct the fence placement.

Mr. Smolinski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scherwa. Approved unanimously on the condition of a new survey.

NEW BUSINESS: Jamie Browne will be new Board Secretary as of 8/1/2023

OLD BUSINESS: None

7:28pm Adjournment of the meeting was made by Mr. Scherwa, seconded by Ms. Royek. Next meeting, August 1, 2023 at 7 pm.