

UNION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTMEETINGMARCH 23, 2016

The Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union convened its regular meeting on March 23, 2016, pursuant to the Sunshine Law of the State of New Jersey, at 7:35 p.m. and the following members were present: Petkov, Ciampi, DiGiovanni, Alexander, Wiley and Demovic. Absent were Galante, Melegh and Howe. Also present were Robert J. Pansulla, Esq., Board Attorney; Carmen Marano, Clerk, on behalf of the absent Anthony Monguso, Building Inspector; and Tiffany Abrantes, Meeting Clerk.

Before the regular meeting commenced, Mr. Petkov asked for a moment of silence for the passing of James Melegh, a Board member. Mr. Petkov stated Mr. Melegh was a good person and served the Township for a long time. A moment of silence was then observed.

Mr. Petkov then asked for the approval of the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting and the minutes of that meeting was then moved by Mr. Ciampi and seconded by Mr. Demovic. All members present were in favor with the exception of Mr. DiGiovanni who was absent for the March 16, 2016 meeting and abstained from voting.

Mr. Petkov then asked for communications and Mrs. Marano advised there were no communications, and, hence, there were none to be read.

The next matter to come to the attention of the Board was Calendar No. 3270, Sandra Baptista, for insufficient front and side yard setbacks. Sandra Baptista came forward on her own behalf. Mr. Pansulla then marked the application, the survey and the architects rendering of the proposed construction. The witness advised that her architect would not be testifying this evening. She advised that she and her husband would like to expand the first floor master bedroom. She advised they would like to extend the bedroom forward into what is currently the front porch and incorporate a mud room to the remaining space of the front porch.

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She advised that the master bedroom has limited closet space. She advised after two years, she and her husband need more space and storage in their private living space away from the common areas of the home. She advised she went to the Building Department for permits and was advised she would have to go for a variance. She felt the improvements would add to the value of the home and to their quality of living. She advised there will be no external changes to the house. The door from the outside will lead to the mud room. She advised that single family residence will continue. She advised she will work with the Building Department to insure there is no impact to drainage or if any other problem would arise. After several questions by the Board, Mr. Petkov opened the witness for cross-examination on the testimony given and no one came forward to question the witness on the testimony given. Mr. Petkov then opened the matter to the public for their comments and Margaret Caseres came forward to state that she had no problem with the proposed use, and was in favor of the application. Mrs. Baptista then gave a brief closing statement and urged the Board to grant the application. The Board then went into conference and found they had no problem with the application since there would be no changes to the exterior. They further felt that the benefits of the improvements would outweigh any detriments. They further felt it would be a benefit to the family. Mr. Petkov then asked for a motion and Mr. DiGiovanni then made a motion that the Board grant the variances applicable to the application and that counsel is directed to prepare a resolution consistent with the Board's decision, which was seconded by Mr. Ciampi. On the vote: Wiley, yes; Ciampi, yes; DiGiovanni, yes; Demovic, yes; Alexander, yes; and Petkov, yes. The Resolution of Approval will be read at the April 6, 2016 meeting.

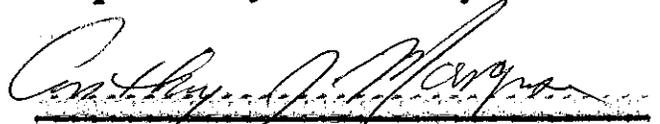
There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, Mr. DiGiovanni then made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Demovic. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Anthony Monguso', written over a horizontal line.

ANTHONY MONGUSO,

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT SECRETARY