

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
THURSDAY, MAY 26th, 2022**

This regular meeting of the Sugarcreek Township Board of Zoning Appeals was held on Thursday, May 26th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Moore called the meeting to order.

Everyone in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll, the vote resulted in the following:

Mrs. Vantrease - Present
Mrs. Moore - Present
Mr. Haibach - Present
Mrs. Staten - Present
Mr. Froehlich -Present

Mrs. Moore swore in all those present wishing to provide testimony at the meeting.

Mrs. Moore noted that there is one case on the agenda tonight is BZA05-2022.

Mrs. Tilford, being duly sworn, provided the Staff Report for BZA05-2022. Applicant, Eric Hamilton, is requesting a Variance from Section 4.12 G. Table 4-4 and 4.16 E. 1. of the Sugarcreek Township Zoning Resolution to allow for the construction of a covered front porch addition coming out approximately 6' from the current front wall of the house. The subject property is 1080 South Alpha Bellbrook Road, parcel L32000200160008600, owned by Eric and Elisabeth Hamilton, and located in the A-1 (Agricultural) District

Mrs. Moore asked if anyone was in attendance to speak on behalf of the applicant.

Eric Hamilton, South Alpha Bellbrook Road, being duly sworn stated that he has lived in the home for ten years, they have 8 children, 3 biological and 5 adopted, when they adopted their 2 girls, they realized they did not have a lot of living space and thought about how they could expand their space where they could be together as a whole family. Three years ago, their son was diagnosed with a genetic seizure disorder. They therefore tried to plan for the future and envisioned one of the downstairs rooms becoming his so they could more easily care for him. They would put a door in his room that would be accessible to the porch would have a wheelchair ramp on it for them to get out, as it is hard to get his wheelchair out anywhere else within the home. The porch would provide a pathway for them to be able to easily get him in and out of the house and be more accessible for his outsourced in home care.

Mrs. Moore asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the applicant. Hearing none, Mrs. Moore asked if anyone wished to speak neutrally on the application. Hearing none, Mrs. Moore made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. Mrs. Vantrease seconded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote resulted in the following:

Mrs. Vantrease - Yes
Mrs. Moore - Yes
Mr. Haibach - Yes
Mrs. Staten - Yes
Mr. Froehlich -Yes

Mrs. Moore stated that this is the perfect appropriate situation for a variance as this home was built before there was a township, road, zoning resolutions, etc. The way the house is situated has caused this particular issue.

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the variance as requested by the applicant. Mrs. Staten seconded. Upon call of the roll, the vote resulted in the following:

Mrs. Vantrease - Yes
Mrs. Moore - Yes
Mr. Haibach - Yes
Mrs. Staten - Yes
Mr. Froehlich -Yes

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes at the next meeting. Mrs. Vantrease seconded. Upon call of the roll, the vote resulted in the following:

Mrs. Vantrease - Yes
Mrs. Moore - Yes
Mr. Haibach - Yes
Mrs. Staten - Yes
Mr. Froehlich -Yes

Mrs. Moore made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mrs. Vantrease. Upon call of the roll, the vote resulted in the following:

Mrs. Vantrease - Yes
Mrs. Moore - Yes
Mr. Haibach - Yes
Mrs. Staten - Yes
Mr. Froehlich -Yes