

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Syracuse Board of Zoning Appeals
City Hall, Syracuse, New York
June 2, 2011

I. Summary of cases discussed herein:

V-11-23

II. Members Present

Linda DeFichy - No
Stewart Koenig - Yes
Carolyn Evans-Dean - Yes
Nicholas Petragnani - No
Michael Stanton - No
Carl Thomas - Yes
Stefanie Noble - Yes

Staff Present

Heather Lamendola - Yes
Megan McLees - Yes
Melissa Sanfilippo - Yes

III. Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Mr. Koenig (SK, CED, CT, SN)

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Evans-Dean to adopt the minutes from the May 12, 2011 meeting. Motion carried 4-0-3.

IV. Public Hearings

1. V-11-23

Roger and Barbara Panebianco
214 Dale Street
Area Variance

Proposal to construct a mobility access ramp within the required front yard setback on property located within a Residential, Class A zoning district.

The proposal was presented by Mr. Panebianco, the property owner, who explained the proposal to the Board and the need for the waivers being requested due to the need to get his wife in and out of the house. The applicant also explained that the front yard was the only viable alternative because of the need to make structural changes to the back of the house to accommodate a ramp.

Marion Miller of Arise, 635 James Street, spoke in favor of the proposal. Ms. Miller elaborated on the need for the ramp and the cost of putting the ramp at the rear of the dwelling.

There was no one spoke against the proposal.

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Evans-Dean and seconded by Mr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Old Business

1. V-11-03

Joanne B. Arany
1015 Ackerman Avenue
Area Variance

Mr. Koenig explained that the case had been held over from the May 12, 2011 hearing for members to make a site visit.

Ms. Larson noted that only two of the current members had attended the May meeting and asked if Mr. Thomas and Ms. Noble were caught up on the facts of the case. Mr. Koenig explained that although he and Ms. Evans-Dean had been the only members present that attended the May 12th meeting, that Mr. Thomas and Ms. Noble had been brought up to speed on the case and were comfortable in making a decision.

After further discussion regarding the financial hardship that would be brought upon the owner to create an additional parking space in the rear of the property and the uniqueness of the property, a motion to approve was made by Ms. Evans-Dean and seconded by Mr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Hearing Authorizations for THURSDAY June 23, 2011

1. None

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Evans-Dean to adjourn the meeting at 1:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.