

Adamstown Borough Planning Commission
Tuesday, September 21, 2021
MINUTES

The Adamstown Borough Planning Commission met on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. Jessica McManimen called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Planning Commission Members: Jessica McManimen, Victoria Motter, Sherriann Welch-Strause

Others Present: Chuck Hess, Ron Hershey, Josie Motter, Sam Toffy

Minutes:

Minutes from the August 17, 2021 Planning Commission meeting were approved with a motion by V. Motter seconded by J. McManimen and unanimously carried.

Robert & Marilyn Beiswenger – 58 E. Main Street Zoning Hearing Board Application – The Applicant's representative R. Hershey addressed the PC members and said there is currently a 2-family dwelling located at the front of the property (in the R3 Main Street Residential District) and the rear of the property is currently vacant (the portion located in the R2 Medium Density Residential District). The variances they are seeking are for lot width (the Main Street portion is approximately 39' in width with the requirement being 40' in this District and the portion to the rear abutting E. Washington Street is approximately 37' in width with the requirement being 60' in this District). Mr. Hershey said they are also looking to exercise Lot Averaging (Section 320-66.D.) for the R-2 District which would allow a smaller building footprint (4,000SF as opposed to 6,000SF) as well as a smaller frontage (40' instead of 60'). Borough Zoning Officer Chuck Hess said he views the portion in the R-3 District as being an existing non-conforming because there is an existing home on the property. Mr. Hess feels that because of this, the variance for area fronting Main Street is not necessary. Mr. Hershey said he would like the ZHB to decide this. He will be submitting an amendment to his original application, further asking for two additional variances: Section 320-17.D.1(a) and Section 320-17.D.1(b).

No recommendation was made.

Zoning Ordinance Review – C. Hess went over the solicitor's comments regarding items discussed at the August meeting.

Adjournment:

Motioned by V. Motter, seconded by S. Welch-Strause and unanimously carried to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 7:38PM.

Attested: S. Toffy, Borough Secretary