

City Council ZBA Meeting **DRAFT** Minutes

Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM
27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

Board Members Present: MyKale Garrett, Bruce Kantor, Ian Ferguson, Saleem Siddiqi,
Also Present: City Administrator, Sheryl L. Mitchell, City Attorney Scott Baker,
Assistant City Administrator/Treasurer, Pamela Bratschi, Manager,
Community and Economic Development, Susie Stec, Government
Services, Kelda London and City Clerk, Yvette Talley
Others Present: Jill Bahm, Giffels Webster

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER.at 7:05 p.m.

This meeting was held remotely. Roll Call was taken and all City Council members present are located in Lathrup Village, MI – Oakland County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of April 19, 2021 Meeting

Motion by Board member Kantor, seconded Board member Ferguson to approve the minutes of April 19, 2021 meeting.

Ayes: Ferguson, Garrett, Kantor, Siddiqi

No: None

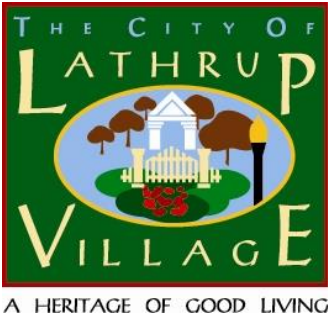
Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – 18129 SUNNYBROOK AVENUE (Fence Variance)

Public Hearing on an appeal filed by Bruce Kantor, property owner at 18129 Sunnybrook Avenue – Section 5.16H.

Mayor Garrett opened the public hearing.

Mr. Richard Mandel and his wife are in support of the fence variance. He doesn't believe there is a safety issue.



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Christopher J – Asked why does the fence have to be 42 inches in front yard and see-through. Jill Bahm explained it's for aesthetics and safety. He does not have a problem with the fence variance.

Mayor Garrett closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Kantor, applicant's comments:

He will abstain from voting on this matter. Wanted to show full transparency so that residents will know what is going on. Wood fence is 6ft tall in need of repair. As time went on, the zoning ordinance changed requiring a maximum height of 42 inches and a see-through fence. In order for a variance to be approved there has to be a hardship. The hardship is –zoning ordinance requires 5-6 ft. masonry screen wall where the commercial property abuts the residential property. There is no buffer from the noise, stray light from cars and trash build-up. He would like to install a 6 ft. fence instead 3 1/2 ft fence for peace and tranquility.

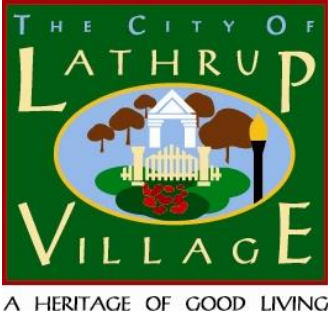
Motion by Board member Ferguson, seconded by Board member Siddiqi to approve request of petitioner Bruce, at 18129 Sunnybrook Avenue, for a variance from Section 5.15.H of the City of Lathrup Village Zoning Ordinance, and authorize the applicant to replace the existing 6-foot privacy fence with a 6-foot vinyl fence.

Ayes: Ferguson, Garrett, Siddiqi

No: None

Abstain: Kantor

Motion carried.



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Motion by Board member Ferguson, seconded by Board member Siddiqi to adjourn the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting and reconvene as the City Council.

Ayes: Ferguson Garrett, Kantor, Siddiqi

No: None

Motion carried.