

Minutes from Zoning Board of Appeals
Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio
May 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Opening:

- Melodie Bogantz, Zoning Clerk, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- She led the Pledge and stated that the meeting is being recorded.
- The following members were present for roll call: Dale McCombs, Robert Moore, Max Kackstetter, Pamela Warga and Wendi Zigo. Ed Wasem, Zoning Inspector, was also present.

Business:

- **Wendi nominated Max as the chairperson. Pamela seconded the motion. It passed with all YES votes.**
- Melodie turned the meeting over to Max.
- Max explained that the purpose of the meeting is to consider the appeal for variance for 7010 Sportsman Club Road. Maps and appeal information was available for everyone to see.
- Max mentioned that the sign up sheet was distributed before the meeting.
- Max explained the procedures of a public meeting.

Public Hearing:

- Max opened the public hearing and swore in those who wished to testify.
- Max asked who would like to start with testimony for the appeal.
- Larry Shaffer spoke on behalf of the Ritos giving background and specifying their request to have their home be closer than 35 feet from the property line on one side.
- Ryan Rito stated that the current home/garage would be used as a garage and for storage.
- John Thomich spoke representing the Sportsman Club that is in the buffer area of 500 ft. He was concerned that approving the variance would set a precedent and would not be good for the township.
- Melodie mentioned that a notice for the public hearing was placed in the Newark Advocate on 4/19/2022 and buffering neighbors within 500 ft were notified by certified mail on the same date.
- Ryan mentioned that the adjacent property owners (Calhoons and Shrivvers) had no concerns.
- The Board didn't see any hardship that made them bring the appeal other than maybe the cost of a longer driveway if they moved the house back to where the property was wider.

