

OTISCO TOWNSHIP
Preliminary
ZONING BOARD of APPEALS MINUTES for June 11, 2018

- Members Present:** Frank Mason – Chairperson; Dan Zeigler – co-chair; Laura Staats – Secretary;
Also present: Roger Vander Molen – Zoning Administrator, Jon Beyers - Alternate
- Call to Order:** Frank Mason called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve the Agenda as written was supported, passed 3 - 0
- Approve Minutes:** Minutes from the May 14, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved, passed 3-0
- Board Reports:** Zoning Administrator, Roger Vander Molen gave a short review of the Zoning Administrator/Ordinance Enforcement Report, what is new and what is still in progress. See written report.

Township Board: Dan gave a short review of the May board meeting.
- Planning Commission:** Frank gave a short review from The Planning Commission which included a discussion on the proposed change to ordinances that allow structures in front of homes and corner lot setbacks.
- Old Business:** None
- New Business:** Regular Meeting closed at 7:10 pm FOR Public Hearing: Property owner B. Gordon Barry wants to enlarge an existing pole building, which will result in it extending in front of the house. The new extension will be approximately 24' X 34'. The topography of the yard would require large amounts of dirt being brought in to fill the hollow located behind the existing building. He is requesting relief from Zoning Ordinance # 1.344 for property # 130-021-000-055-00, zoned R-C located at 5798 Whites Bridge Road.

Public Hearing closed at 7:15. There was a brief discussion among ZBA Board Members and they were in agreement that it would create an unnecessary expense to fill the area located behind the existing building. A motion was made that we grant B. Gordon Barry a variance to allow the addition onto the existing pole building, allowing it to extend beyond the front of the home. Motion was supported and passed 3 - 0
- Public Comment:** Mr. Barry said that he likes the area into which they have moved.
- Member Comment:** Frank Mason stated that this very situation discussed tonight is one of the reasons that the Planning Commission is reviewing the ordinance, if changed, it would allow a structure in front of a home as long as it met the guidelines, and setbacks in the ordinance.
- Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made, and supported, passed 3 – 0 Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.
- Next Meeting:** December 10, 2018 @ 7:00 PM Otisco Township Hall – [unless something else is placed on the ZBA Agenda before then.]
- Proposed Agenda:** Approve June Meeting minutes from Public Hearing regarding variance for Berry at 5798 Whites Bridge Road, to extend Pole Barn in front of home.

Respectfully submitted:
Laura Staats