

Ravenna Township Board of Zoning Appeals

Jeff Gaynor, Remy Arness, Gary Long, Claire Moore, JoAnn McEwen

A public hearing of the Ravenna Township Board of Zoning Appeals was advertised and held at 6:00PM, on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 6145 S. Spring Street., Ravenna, Ohio 44266

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Remy Arness. Administrative Assistant Melissa Murphy took the roll call, Remy Arness, yes; Claire Moore, yes; Gary Long, yes; Jeff Gaynor, yes; JoAnn McEwen, yes; Kerry Hollender (Alternate), yes. A quorum was recognized for the record.

Audience:

- Jim DiPaola, Trustee
- Arya Naga, 7686 Peck Road (applicant)
- Tim Hartong, 7600 Peck Road
- Allen Springer, 7712 Cooley Road

New Business: BZA #2023-008

The Board heard from Arya Naga requesting a setback variance for his business sign. His application stated that his existing fence is 18ft from the edge of the road. The Board members explained to Arya what the road right away is and after further discussion, they suggested that Arya call the Portage County Engineers office to have them mark where the road right away stops at the front of his property, as the Board can not approve structures to be placed in the County Road right of way.

Tim Hartong spoke regarding the lack of yard/weed maintenance that Arya does. He also asked the board "how is he allowed to have a sign for his business when I am not allowed to have a sign for my business that I run out of my house?" Mr. Hartong was referred to the Ravenna Township Exterior Property Maintenance Code regarding yard maintenance and to review Chapter 10 – Signs of the Township Zoning codes as to placing a sign on his property.

Jeff made a motion to table the variance request until Arya has confirmation on road right away location. Claire seconded the motion. R/C: Jeff, yes; Gary, yes; Claire, yes; Remy, yes; JoAnn, yes. Motion passed.

Claire made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with Remy's corrections discussed from August 9, 2023, meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. R/C: Jeff, yes; Gary, yes; Claire, yes; Remy, yes; JoAnn, abstained Motion passed.

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47PM. Gary seconded it. R/C: Jeff, yes; Gary, yes; Claire, yes; Remy, yes; JoAnn, yes. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Chair

Zoning Inspector

Administrative Assistant