

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, November 8, 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:

- Tyler Kline, applicant, 4886 State Route 59, Ravenna
- Luke Summers, 6368 Morgan Rd., Ravenna
- Lee Summers, 770 Brush Rd., Ravenna

New Business: BZA #2023-011

The Board heard from Tyler Kline, representing Haaz Automotive, regarding a request for a conditional use permit to park overflow cars for sale from dealership on 6104 State Route 14, Ravenna, Ohio 44266. Tyler advised the Board that there would be anywhere from 50-70 vehicles parked on this parcel depending on the size of the vehicle. They will be using the building as additional space for their parts department, there is no gas/diesel fuel stored on this parcel, there is only one entrance open off State Route 59, there are multiple security cameras and that the Portage County Sheriff's Department patrol this parcel and the adjacent dealership property on a regular basis.

Claire made a motion to approve the conditional use permit to use 6104 State Route 14, Ravenna, Ohio parcel for overflow parking from dealership. Gary seconded the motion. R/C: Jeff, yes; Gary, yes; Claire, yes; Remy, yes; JoAnn, yes. Motion passed.

Gary made a motion to journalize the Boards decision for BZA #2023-011. Jeff seconded the motion. R/C: Jeff, yes; Gary, yes; Claire, yes; Remy, yes; JoAnn, yes. Motion passed.

New Business: BZA #2023-012

The Board heard from Luke Summers regarding a setback variance request for a 26'x40' accessory structure at 6368 Morgan Rd., Ravenna. Luke requested a 2ft (side) and a 3ft (rear) setback. Luke explained the reason he needed requested setbacks was to keep the accessory structure 15 feet from primary dwelling. Luke explained to the Board that he was given a permit for a 24'x32' accessory structure in the same location in 2020, however due to Covid and unexpected circumstances he was unable to erect this structure before the permit expired in 2022. The Board discussed at length alternative placement for the accessory structure given current setbacks but no compromise on the variance request was reached with the applicant.

Claire made a motion to deny the setback variance request for 6368 Morgan Road, Ravenna, Ohio. Gary seconded the motion. R/C: Jeff, yes; Gary, yes; Claire, yes; Remy, yes; JoAnn, no. Motion passed.

Jeff made a motion to journalize the Boards decision for BZA #2023-012. Gary seconded the motion. R/C: Jeff, yes; Gary, yes; Claire, yes; Remy, yes; JoAnn, yes. Motion passed.

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Claire made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with corrections discussed from October 11, 2023, meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. R/C: Jeff, yes; Gary, yes; Claire, yes; Remy, yes; JoAnn, abstain. Motion passed.

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20PM. Claire seconded it. R/C: Jeff, yes; Gary, yes; Claire, yes; Remy, yes; JoAnn, yes. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Chair

Zoning Inspector

Administrative Assistant