

NEW CONSTRUCTION MINUTES

May 9, 2022

*PRESENT: Commissioner Mike Higgins, Chairman
Commissioner John Dougherty
Carol Thompson, Land Development . Sec
Zoning Officer*

*ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Nancy Bowden
John Keith Balink
Anna Lee, Long & Foster
Laura Margolis & Mark Margolis
Carrie Tepper & Mr. Martin*

*Commissioner Mike Higgins, Chairman of the New
Construction Committee called the May 9, 2022
Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. This meeting was held
in the Meeting Room at the Township Offices located
at 2 New Road.*

Discussed request for Waiver 23 Bunting Lane:

*John Keith Balink and Anna Lee, Realtor
from Long and Foster were present to
discuss the request for waiver of sidewalk for 23
Bunting Lane. John sold the property in April .*

John discussed the Ordinances for sidewalk installation that was passed in October 1990 and revised on May 16, 2012.

Commissioner Higgins spoke to why the Ordinance was needed. It was also discussed that financial reasons are not a hardship.

John talked about the location of his property and the slope area that also has stone edging that runs along the driveway. He also spoke of a water line that comes into his property.

Commissioner Higgins asked if he knew how deep the water line was located? John did not know the depth of the water line.

John had pictures he presented to the committee showing houses in the area that sold in the last 24 month and did not have to have sidewalks installed.

Anna Lee stated that the new buyers of 23 Bunting Lane do not want the sidewalks installed. They do not want the property messed up or changed.

*John has done many improvements to the house.
Commissioner Higgins stated that the
request will be taken under advisement.*

Discuss Waiver for 1359 Cherry Tree Road

*Laura Margolis and Mark Margolis were
present to discuss the request for the sidewalk
waiver.*

*Laura stated that they have rented the house
for 5 years . They purchased the house in 2020
and recently received a citation for not putting
in the sidewalk.*

*Mark stated that he did lose his job during
Covid and the installation of sidewalks would
cost over 5,5000.00.*

*It was discussed that the location where the
sidewalks would be there is telephone pole in the
way and also a tree in the area.*

*Laura inquired if they can't install by June
6th will the Township put a lien on the property?*

*Commissioner Higgins said the request for the
sidewalk waiver will be taken under advisement.*

Discuss request for Waiver for 46 Green Lane:

Carrie Tepper was present along with her Father Mr. Martin. Carrie stated that some houses do have sidewalks and others do not have sidewalks. She provided pictures of properties that were sold over the past year or so that did not have to construct sidewalks. She also indicated that no one uses sidewalks on Green Lane.

She also spoke of having to put in a new furnace that was very expensive and her Parents were helping her with finances. It would cost \$4,000.00 to install sidewalks.

Commissioner Higgins provided information that 38 of the 57 properties on that street have installed sidewalks.

Commissioner Higgins also added that financial hardship is not a reason to grant a waiver.

Commissioner Higgins said that the waiver for sidewalks will be taken under advisement.

*Review of the New Construction Minutes from
February 7, 2022.*

The minutes from the February 7, 2022 meeting were reviewed by the Committee. There were No corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Mike Higgins made a motion to approve the Minutes and John Dougherty seconded the motion. The minutes for the February 2022 meeting were approved.

Other Business:

Mr. Gregory L. Reitz was present to discuss a project he had on a property that was locates on Maple Lane and Diamond Street.

Mr. Reitz explained this was previously approved and he wished to find out information as to where it lies and what he could do to activate it again.

He also discussed buying another piece of ground and possibility of changing what was previously approved.

Mr. Reitz thanked the committee for being allowed to discuss he previous project.

*There being no further discussion of the New
Construction Committee the May 9, 2022
Meeting was adjourned.*

*These meeting minutes reflect the main areas of
discussion and comments addressed . There may
however have been other items discussed that were
not documented in the minutes*

Respectfully Submitted:

*Carol L. Thompson
Sec. Land Development
Zoning Officer*