

# Canton Township Zoning Department

## BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

Board Members present: Chairman: Jim Haynes  
Members: Melvin Miller, William Paulk, Tamra Neisel, and Bill Bird

Also present: Zoning Director Michael Hanshaw and Assistant Zoning Director Laura Datkuliak

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jim Haynes at 7:00 p.m., and dispensed with reading formalities.

Applicant(s) and residents(s) were asked to stand and be sworn in if they are going to address the Board.

**Appeal #1189-20 Timothy Ward**

519 Pekin Dr SE- Parcel No. 1300637- RR Rural Residential

Applicant is requesting a variance to ORC 519.21 (B) (1). This property is located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 12 in the Canton Township, Stark County, Ohio.

Mr. Ward presented his appeal. Mr. Ward stated that he purchased the property three years ago, which was unkept, run down and not mowed at the time. Since purchase he has cleaned the land, rebuilt the house, planted crops and flowers, added rabbits, chickens, cows and goats. Due to disability, he needs to provide for himself by buying and selling animals. He has six cows and two goats.

Q: Do you have a barn structure?

A: Open pallets with a tarp.

Q: Did you check with township officials if the animals were permitted?

A: No, I saw other neighbors with animals.

Patrick Elmrick of 415 Pekin Dr. Mr. Elmrick stated that he lives two properties down from Mr. Ward and does not want zoning to change. He said that the property wasn't that bad before and Mr. Ward has brought in things that have made the property go down and it is lowering his property value.

Nathaniel Nixon of 511 Pekin Dr. Mr. Nixon stated he lives right next to Mr. Ward. He stated the house wasn't that bad when he moved in. He said that the property smells bad and has piles of scrap metal.

Earline Hermann of 4420 Shale St SE. Ms. Herman stated she has lived there since 1959 and has been told large animals are not permitted there. She is on the Stark County Farm Board and animals need land. The property has never looked so bad and is concerned that it is an eyesore.

No further testimony was given.

Mr. Haynes made a motion to grant the variance. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. Written votes read as follows:

Mr. Haynes	NO
Mr. Miller	NO
Mr. Bird	NO
Ms. Neisel	NO
Mr. Paulk	NO

**5-0 Vote - Request Denied**

**Appeal #1190-20      Thomas Kovesci**

313 40<sup>th</sup> St SW- Parcel No. 1305867- RR- Rural Residential

Applicant is requesting a thirty-eight (38) foot variance to the front yard setback for an accessory building. This property is located in Northeast Quarter of Section 28 in Canton Township, Stark County, Ohio.

Mr. Koveski presented his appeal. He stated that he would like to put a 10x12 shed next to his driveway. There is no room to the left of the house to get to the backyard. The septic system and pool are to the right side of the house and behind that areas floods. The only place for the shed is in the front. He would have a security light.

No further testimony was given.

Ms. Neisel made a motion to grant the variance. Motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. Written votes read as follows:

Mr. Haynes	YES
Mr. Miller	YES
Mr. Bird	YES
Ms. Neisel	YES
Mr. Paulk	NO

**4-1 Vote - Request Granted**

Mr. Haynes made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Paulk.

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