

**CITY OF JONESVILLE**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**MINUTES – November 23, 2020**

**Pursuant to Section 3a of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, as amended, participation in this meeting was by Zoom Meeting. The Board, staff and public were allowed to participate.**

**Present:** Todd Shroats, George Humphries Jr., Larry Jose, Christine Bowman and David Steel. Manager Jeff Gray and Supt. of Public Works Mike Kyser.

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Logan Harvey

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Todd Shroats.

Todd Shroats led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum was declared.

A motion was made by George Humphries Jr. and supported by David Steel to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Christine Bowman, George Humphries Jr., Larry Jose, David Steel and Todd Shroats. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by George Humphries Jr. and supported by Christine Bowman to approve the minutes of November 5, 2020. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Christine Bowman, George Humphries Jr., Larry Jose, David Steel and Todd Shroats. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing for the request of a variance to allow fence within the front setback in an R1 (Single Family Residential) district for the property located at 301 Grant Street was opened at 6:03 p.m.

Logan Harvey, owner of 301 Grant Street, spoke briefly regarding the necessity of the variance request being approved allowing for the fence to be placed within the front yard setback area along Evans Street (M-99) to contain his two pets. Mr. Harvey stated he will be tying into an existing fence that runs along the north border of his property. The fence will be located 43' from the center of Evans Street and will be a 4-foot chain link style fence. Mr. Harvey stated that he had first requested a 6-foot high fence, but agreed to reduce the height to 4 feet to assure visibility and to improve the appearance from Evans Street.

The ZBA Board asked various questions regarding the request. Board members and Mgr. Gray stated that after field inspections, it appears that the fence would not cause an obstruction to traffic views.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:09 p.m.

David Steel made a motion and was supported by George Humphries Jr. to approve the requested use variance for the property located at 301 Grant Street to allow a fence in the front yard setback of a corner lot in the R1 (Single Family Residential) zoning district with a finding that the request meets Section 17.08A of the Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Christine Bowman, George Humphries Jr., Larry Jose, David Steel and Todd Shroats. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Christine Bowman and supported by Larry Jose to give immediate effect to the approval of the variance for the property located at 301 Grant Street to allow a fence in the front setback of a corner lot in the R1 (Single Family Residential) zoning district, as necessary for the preservation of property and hereby certified on the record. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Christine Bowman, George Humphries Jr., Larry Jose, David Steel and Todd Shroats. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Manager Gray thanked David Steel for his service on the Zoning Board of Appeals. It was noted by all that he will be missed. Christine Bowman provided information on behalf of Jonesville Rotary's Christmas Decorating Contest this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cynthia D. Means  
Clerk