

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING

JULY 15, 2021

Members Present

John Hiltzheimer
Nicole Garrison
Lawrence Meder
Gus Dyer
Ann Sasser Evans

Members Absent

Michael Nicholas
Gus Dolianitis

Staff

Lisa Jones
Doug Plachcinski
Clarke Whitfield

Chairman Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Request for Variance PLVAR 2021-210, filed by Ricky and Shelby Wharton, requests a variance from Article 2, Section P.5. of Chapter 41 of the City of Danville, Virginia, Code of Ordinances, 1986 as amended, at 209 Berman Road, Parcel #59721. The applicant requests a variance to build a detached accessory building in the side yard.*

Mr. Dyer opened the Public Hearing.

Present to speak on behalf of this request was Mr. Ricky Wharton owner of 209 Berman Road who stated we just want to build a garage on our side yard, because in the back yard we have a big hill, and it would be stressful for my wife to pull the cars in and out. The side yard would work better for us and we would like to do that.

Mr. Dyer closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Evans stated is this going to be a stilt-built structure?

Mr. Wharton stated yes mam.

Ms. Garrison stated on the property are you planning to put it where you had the black?

Mr. Wharton stated yes mam.

Mr. Dyer stated so from planning staff other than the fact that this is technically in the side yard, it still meets all the offsets and everything?

Mr. Plachcinski stated correct.

Mr. Dyer stated as far as being far enough off the property line and everything else you meet all of that.

Mr. Wharton stated yes.

Ms. Evans made a motion to approve the Variance Application PLVAR2021-210 as submitted. Ms. Garrison seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

2. *Request for Special Exception PLVAR 2021-228, filed by the City of Danville, requests a variance from Article 2, Section R.6 and 8. of Chapter 41 of the City of Danville, Virginia, Code of Ordinances, 1986 as amended, at 140 Withers Road, Parcel #59810. The applicant proposes constructing a communications tower on City-owned property.*

Mr. Dyer opened the Public Hearing.

Present to speak on behalf of this request was Mr. Chris Clark, the Division Director of Public Works Administration with the City of Danville who stated we are looking to construct a communication tower beside the existing water tower.

Mr. Meder stated is this to support the new police station that is going in?

Mr. Clark stated yes because it will increase traffic on that end of the town. The existing water tower where we have our communications network set up now will only support four channels. The rest of the city and the towers have a full eight channels. We are trying to build this tower to increase height to give us a full eight channels. The way that it is set up now if there is any increase of traffic at all it won't let everyone speak at one time. In the event of an emergency it is very possible some different people couldn't talk to each other, like police, fire, and rescue.

Mr. Dyer closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Evans stated I have a question for staff. I know other towers that we have approved if wind came along it would break at a certain point. Does this meet those guidelines or not?

Mr. Plachcinski stated it will and we will document that through the permitting process that it should be a self-collapsing tower, so if anything falls, they will crumple where it stands and not fall over on other properties.

Ms. Evans made a motion to approve Special Exception PLZA2021-228 as submitted. Ms. Garrison seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 18, 2021

The March 18, 2021 minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

APPROVED