



City of Plymouth
Zoning Board of Appeals
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 1, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

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Online Zoom Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Elliott, Members Jim Burrows, Mike Devine, Ed Krol

Also present: City Commissioner Suzi Deal, City Commissioner Tony Sebastian, Assistant Community Development Director Greta Bolhuis

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Burrows offered a motion, seconded by Krol, to approve the minutes for the September ZBA meeting. There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Burrows, Elliott, Krol

Abstain: Devine

MOTION PASSED 3-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Krol offered a motion, seconded by Burrows, to approve the agenda.
There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Burrows, Devine, Elliott, Krol

MOTION PASSED 4-0

5. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Devine asked whether anyone had been appointed to fill the vacant seat on the ZBA. Deal said there would be an appointment soon. Several members asked to receive hard copies of the agenda in the future.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Z 20-07: 1381 Sheridan – roof connecting home and detached garage**

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Commissioner Comments

As the applicant was not present, board members were not given the opportunity to ask additional questions. Noting that the ordinance states decisions must be made within 90 days of requests, it was agreed that a decision should be made at this meeting.

Devine offered a motion, seconded by Burrows, to approve request Z 20-07 for a roof connecting the home and detached garage at 1381 Sheridan

Findings of Fact

There is no evidence of practical difficulty.

The result of approving this variance would result in the requirement of several more variances.

There was a roll call vote.

NO: Burrows, Devine, Elliott, Krol

MOTION FAILED 4-0

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Z 20-08: 388 S. Main – two wall signs on one facade

Citizen Comments

Karen Sisolak, 939 Penniman, said the proportion of signs on the space appeared too large.

Commissioner Comments

Board members discussed the request and noted that the submitted drawings were not to scale, making it difficult to envision what the signs would look like. The applicant was not present.

Burrows offered a motion, seconded by Devine, to postpone a decision until the November meeting to allow time for further discussion with the applicant.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Burrows, Devine, Elliott, Krol

MOTION PASSED 4-0

8. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Due to changing pandemic regulations, Bolhuis said it's uncertain whether future meetings would be in person or online. There was discussion about attempting to have hybrid meetings with both in-person and online participants. She said she expects to have more information by the third week of October.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was offered at 7:28 p.m. by Krol and seconded by Burrows.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Burrows, Devine Elliott, Krol

MOTION PASSED 4-0