



Board of Appeals on Zoning
City Hall Council Chamber, Room 205
1315 S Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48601
Minutes
October 2, 2024

- I. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order by Chair Forbes at 6:00 pm.
- II. **Roll Call**
Members Present: George Copeland, Jamie Forbes, Bruce Gale, Jack Nash, & James Nightingale
Members Absent: None
Staff: Robert Gollin and Amy Lusk, City Attorney.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** Motion made by Board Member Gale, supported by Board Member Nash, to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2024, meeting.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion approved.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda.** Motion made by Board Member Nash, supported by Board Member Gale, to approve the meeting agenda for October 2, 2024.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion approved.
- V. **Public Comment.** None
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **Public Hearing J24-2801 - Consideration of a property line setback variance to permit the construction of shared garage at 1440 Acacia Street and 1446 Acacia Street.**

Chairperson Forbes opened the public hearing. Staff Gollin summarized the proposed demolition and construction of new shared garage in the same location. He explained that the request is for a variance to permit a zero lot line set back to allow the building to be constructed across the property lines. Lawrence Schaaf, 1440 Acacia, Saginaw, MI, was present and explained that there is limited space within the back yards of both homes to construct individual buildings. The two neighbors have shared a divided garage for over 30 years. He added that they will draw up an agreement to be recorded with the deeds, to address any future issues should one of the properties be sold.

Staff Gollin read a letter that was received from Gordon Sewick, 1449 Acacia Street, Saginaw, MI, supporting the variance request.

Motion made by Board Member Copeland, supported by Board Member Nash to close the public hearing.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion approved.

Motion made by Board Member Nash, supported by Board Member Gale, to approve the setback variance request, granting permission to construct a new shared garage at 1440 and 1446 Acacia Street.

Ayes:

- **Nash** – The project represents replacing the building as is.
- **Gale** – The project will improve the dilapidated structure
- **Copeland** – The proposed use will not interfere with or discourage the appropriate development and use of the land and buildings or effect the value.
- **Nightingale** – The project will enhance the neighborhood
- **Forbes** – The proposed use will be in harmony with the neighborhood.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion approved.

VII. **Old Business** None

VIII. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Board Member Nash, supported by Board Member Copeland, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion approved.