

Lawrence, New York, October 5, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Building Design of the Incorporated Village of Lawrence was held on Monday, October 5, 2009 at the Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence New York 11559 at 7:15 P.M.

Those members present were:           Chairperson Benjamin Sporn  
  Member Barry Pomerantz  
  Alternate Member Myrna Breitman

Those members absent were:           Member Ronni Berman  
  Member Eva Staiman  
  Member Barbara Kupferstein

Also present were: Ronald Goldman, Attorney to Board of Building Design, Thomas P. Rizzo, Secretary Board of Building Design and Gail Daniels, Building Department.

Chairperson Sporn called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Building Design at 8:08 PM due to the fact that Mr. Pomerantz was delayed because of traffic and he was needed for a quorum. Proof of posting for the meeting was submitted. Mr. Rizzo advised Chairman Sporn that per a conversation with Chairman Sporn in August, the two new alternate members of the Board of Building Design had been sent background information on the Board of Building Design and both alternate members were invited to observe the October meeting to see how the Board performed its duties. Neither alternate member of the board was present.

The agenda included seven new applications and one old application.

*The following new applications were considered:*

**Vahid – 240 Pond Crossing.** – Install four foot high black chain link fence to enclosed dog run. Members Sporn, Pomerantz and Breitman discussed and unanimously approved the requested fence application as submitted.

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**Tepler – 445 Ocean Ave.** – Second floor side addition, front entrance addition and interior alterations. The members questioned why this application had required a variance and discussed how the siding and roofing on the additions would match the existing house. Members Sporn, Pomerantz and Breitman unanimously approved the plans as submitted.

**Billet – 29 Waverly Pl.** – Install black iron fence, five and six foot high on rear property line and side property lines and in side yards. Members Sporn, Pomerantz and Breitman discussed and unanimously approved the requested fence application as submitted.

**Hiller – 495 Ocean Ave.** – Replace existing rear deck with new deck and one story sunroom and alter second floor rear wall. The Board discussed the application and questioned if any of the existing deck could be kept. A review of the plans indicates that the proposed new one story sun room addition would require most of the existing deck to be removed with not much of the existing deck remaining. Members Sporn, Pomerantz and Breitman unanimously approved the application as submitted

**Siadowsky– 167 Lakeside Dr. S.** – Install prefab shed in rear yard. The Board discussed the proposed location for the shed and requested an explanation of the zoning requirements for the shed. It was explained that the shed had to be a minimum of eight feet from a rear and side property line to comply with zoning. Members Sporn, Pomerantz and Breitman unanimously approved the application and proposed location for the shed as shown on the submitted plot plan.

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**Feit – 15 Margaret Ave.** – One and two story rear addition, rear deck addition, interior alterations and alter front entrance porch. The Board discussed the application and questioned the note on the plans that the siding for the addition would match the existing and that all roofing on the existing house would be removed and replaced and the existing roof sheathing repaired as needed. Members Sporn, Pomerantz and Breitman unanimously approved the application

**Heller – 10 Dogwood Ln.** – Install inground swimming pool and equipment. The Board reviewed the extensive plans and drawings for the proposed swimming pool. Members Sporn, Pomerantz and Breitman unanimously approved the application for the swimming pool as submitted.

*The following old application was considered:*

**Heller – 8/10 Dogwood Ln.** – Amend previously approved brick wall and add additional brick wall and wood fence on the two properties. The Board held a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed brick wall, the section of wall with the raised planter in front of the wall and the wood fencing. The Board was very concerned that the section of the brick wall that was to have a three foot high planter with a five and six foot high wall on the back side of the planter would be eight to nine feet high on the Meadow Lane side of the brick wall. The Board did consider that extensive planting would be done in the raised planters and in front of the brick wall. Members Sporn, Pomerantz and Breitman unanimously approved the walls and fences with the following conditions: the Board approved the proposed six foot high wood fence on the property adjacent to Meadow Lane for 8 Dogwood Lane; the Board approved the six foot high brick wall without a planter in front of the wall adjacent to Meadow Lane for 10 Dogwood Lane. On the

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section of brick wall with the planter, the Board requested that the planter be lowered to two feet high and that the wall on the back side of the planter be limited to four feet high, for a total height of six feet. This way the wall with the planters would be the same height as the brick wall without the planters. The four foot high brick wall on the back of the planters would comply with the minimum requirements for the New York State Code- required pool enclosure. The Board believes that the proposed extensive landscape plantings would provide privacy to the property. The Board approved all of the proposed four foot high fencing. Regarding the proposed six foot high fencing on what is considered side property lines the Board approved these fences to be five feet high only. The Board stated that a five foot high fence with the proposed landscaping would provide privacy.

No parties appeared to either support or oppose any of the above matters and no members of the public were in attendance.

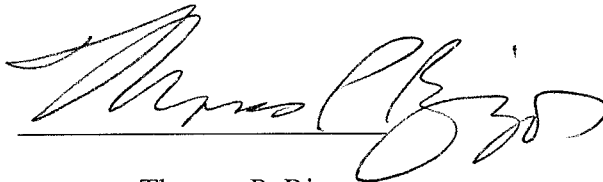
The agenda items where completed at 8:48PM. Chairman Sporn asked the members present what their thoughts were regarding the proposed new circular driveway guidelines that were sent to the members of the Board of Building Design. A hand written memo from Mrs. Berman regarding the proposed new circular driveway guidelines was distributed to the members present. The members discussed the old guidelines compared to the new proposal, and the Board questioned Mr. Goldman as to the differences between "guidelines" an "ordinance" and a local law regarding circular driveways. Chairman Sporn summed up the feelings of the members present by questioning whether the intent of the new proposal for circular driveways was to increase the number of circular driveways and thus create a more urban look in the Village of Lawrence and lead to more lawns being replaced by paving and vehicles being parked in front yards.

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Before the meeting ended Chairman Sporn questioned Mr. Rizzo as to whether the new alternate members had contacted the Building Department to state that they would or would not attend the October meeting. Mr. Sporn was informed that Dr. Abittan and Ms. Shoshana Weinstein had not contacted the building department regarding the invitation to attend the October meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM

This is to certify that I, Thomas P. Rizzo, Secretary to the Board of Building Design, have read the foregoing minutes and the same are in all respects a full and correct record of such meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas P. Rizzo', written over a horizontal line.

Thomas P. Rizzo