

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018**

Members Present: Scott Kilmer, Rick Tamburrino, Stephanie DeVito, Doug Parker, Ed Darrow

Absent: Susan Marteney

Staff Present: Brian Hicks, Code Enforcement; Nate Garland, Corporation Counsel

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED: 98 Van Anden St., 134 Swift St.**

Ed Darrow: Good evening. Welcome to the City of Auburn Zoning Board of Appeals. I'm board chairman, Ed Darrow. Tonight we will be hearing 98 Van Anden St. and 134 Swift St. I ask you at this time to please silence all phones or put them in manner mode.

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Chair asks if there are any deletions, additions or corrections to be made to the January 22, 2018 meeting minutes. As there are none minutes stand approved.

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**87 Van Anden St. R2 zoning district. Area variances to install a driveway. Applicant: William Pelc.**

Chair invites applicant to approach, give name and address and explain what they would like to do.

William Pelc: Wishes to extend driveway to get vehicles off street and park camper.

Ed Darrow: Asks if he is aware of all the variances required then explains variances as Mr. Pelc was unaware. Asks Mr. Pelc to further explain what he wants to do.

William Pelc: Front of house is on Van Anden. To west and north there are rental properties. The camper hides one of those to the side. Also, if able to park on property storage fees would not be required. Also, with three cars, it is difficult to obey alternate side parking regulations especially when the Hibernians is having a function.

Ed Darrow: Explains this is a seven member board and two members are absent. Four yes votes are required to pass the variance. If defeated resubmission will not be allowed without substantial change to the application. Mr. Pelc wishes to proceed.

Rick Tamburrino: Asks is it is possible to stack cars and camper.

William Pelc: No. Lot is deep but not wide enough. Would like to retain as much green space as possible.

Doug Parker: Asks if new area will be blacktopped.

William Pelc: It will all be concrete.

Chair opens the public hearing. None to be heard. Public hearing closed.

Chair asks for board comments.

Rick Tamburinnno: Impressed with the property, kept up very well. Understands predicament, houses at the time built with only one car in mind and today people usually have more than one.

Stephanie DeVito: It is a very busy area.

Chair asks for a motion. Motion to approve as submitted made by Rick Tamburrino, seconded by Stephanie DeVito. All members vote approval. Motion carried.

Ed Darrow: Your variance is approved. Please see Code Enforcement Office for any necessary permits before beginning work.

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**134 Swift St. R1 zoning district. Area variance to install a driveway. Applicant: Dennis Quinn**

Chair invites applicant to approach, give name and address and explain what they would like to do.

Dennis Quinn: Has extended driveway to square off and get cars off street.

Scott Kilmer: Were you aware a permit was needed before doing the work?

Dennis Quinn: Yes, that was a mistake on my part. I had told Upstate Paving I didn't have a permit and they replied it was a small area and 'not a big deal'. They went ahead with the work without any permits. Then I began receiving letters from Code Enforcement.

Ed Darrow: Questions who he spoke with at Upstate.

Dennis Quinn: Don Blair. I told the foreman of the work crew that I didn't have a permit yet.

Ed Darrow: One thing that sticks out is that the ordinance states a sidewalk must be maintained through the driveway.

Dennis Quinn: It is there in the section that I had done.

Rick Tamburrino: Asks Brian Hicks to clarify variance. Why is such a large variance required when the applicant did not do that much?

Brian Hicks: The Code has never allowed for a greater width than twenty feet so even though it was pre-existing, non-conforming a variance was needed for the entire amount over the maximum allowed.

Chair opens the public hearing.

William Pelc: As with my variance getting cars off the road is a good thing for the City.

Dennis Quinn: The main reason is to keep cars off the street especially due to the school traffic when in session.

Chair closes the public hearing and asks for board comments.

Scott Kilmer: It's a nice looking project and gets cars off the street. Annoying thing is contractor who works without benefit of proper permits.

Ed Darrow: The property hides the excessive width well and does not look obtrusive.

Rick Tamburino: It does not detract from the neighborhood and gets cars off the street.

Chair asks for a motion. Motion to approve as submitted made by Rick Tamburino, seconded by Scott Kilmer. All members vote approval. Motion carried.

Ed Darrow: Your variance is approved. Please see Code Enforcement Office for any necessary permits before beginning work.

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Chair asks if there are any other matters to be brought before the board. None.

Next meeting is May 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.