## Minutes Open Session White Township Zoning Board of Adjustment December 17, 2020

There was a regular meeting of the White Township Zoning Board of Adjustment on Thursday, December 17, 2020. Present were Board Members: James Cooper, Kyle Shoemaker, Paul Mourry, Donald Weidlick, Elaine Reichart, and Jack Shade. Absent: Barry Wessner. Chairman Shade led the Board in the pledge to the flag and he called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He then announced that notice of this meeting was given in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act." Board Attorney St. Angelo stated that the meeting is being held via Zoom and she reviewed the participation instructions for this evening's meeting

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Chairman Shade opened the meeting to the public. With there being no further public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### #473 Skoog Holdings, LLC, Block 54.01, Lot 2

The Applicant has not noticed and they have requested that this matter be deferred for a month. Mr. Cooper stated that he understands that this issue is presently before the Planning Board. Ms. St. Angelo stated that they do not have an application before the Planning Board; but, the subject property is included in a Master Plan Amendment, which is being heard presently by the Planning Board.

### #474 Heather & Peter Nooitgedagt, Block 46, Lot 44

Brian Grace, Esq. was present on behalf of the Applicant. Ms. St. Angelo confirmed that notice was provided and the Board has jurisdiction to proceed this evening. Mr. Grace stated that the application is for a variance to permit the construction of a garage. Peter Nooitgedagt was sworn in and he reviewed his variance application to permit the construction of a new garage and he reviewed the grade of his backyard and the location of his septic. He stated that he needs the garage for storage of his personal items. He also stated that there would be an increased cost to locate the garage elsewhere. Ms. St. Angelo shared the submitted drawing on the screen and she reviewed the front yard setback variance.

The hearing was opened to the public. With there being no public comment, the hearing was closed to the public.

Mr. Mourry made the motion to approve the variance. Motion seconded by Ms. Reichart. Discussion on the motion: Ms. St. Angelo stated that the Resolution will include the standard language. Mr. Cooper stated that he does not think that the "increased cost" should be a consideration; however, he is in favor of the motion. Ms. St. Angelo stated that there are other hardships, that were placed on the record, that support the variance. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### #472 Tilcon NY Inc., Block 32, Lots 15 & 17

Ms. St. Angelo stated that the amended Resolution, that includes last month's discussion, was prepared and distributed. It will be signed and filed.

# **OTHER:**

Ms. St. Angelo stated that she will be in attendance at the January meeting and then she will be going out on Maternity Leave. The Board discussed who will be covering for Ms. St. Angelo and several Board Members stated that they would prefer to have an experienced Land Use Attorney.

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Ms. St. Angelo stated that she will reach out to the Land Use Attorneys in her firm to see if they are available to cover the meetings.

Ms. St. Angelo also addressed the comments in chat pertaining to the Board's present Zoom procedures. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to maintain the same procedures, as they have had in place for months now. The directions to attend the meeting continue to be posted on the Township Website.

# **MINUTES APPROVED:**

The minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting were distributed to all Board Members prior to this evening's meeting. Ms. Reichart made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Cooper. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** The following vouchers were submitted:

Gebhardt & Kiefer-Nooitgedagt	132.00
Gebhardt & Kiefer-General	115.50
Gebhardt & Kiefer-Tilcon	16.50

Mr. Cooper made the motion to approve the vouchers. Motion seconded by Mr. Mourry. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

# **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Chairman Shade opened the meeting to the public again. With there being no further public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

**ADJOURNMENT:** In a motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. In a voice vote all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm Board Secretary 1/18/21