

BEFORE THE ZONING HEARING BOARD

TOWNSHIP OF EAST LAMPETER

IN RE: :
: No. 2013-22
APPLICATION OF ELMER K. FISHER :

DECISION

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Applicant is Elmer K. Fisher, 31 North Ronks Road, Ronks, Pennsylvania 17572 ("Applicant").

2. The property which is the subject of the instant application is located at 139 North Ronks Road, East Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (the "Property").

3. The Property is located within the R-2 Residential District as shown on the Official Zoning Map of East Lampeter Township.

4. Notice of the hearing on the within application was duly advertised and posted in accordance with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code ("MPC") and The Revised Zoning Ordinance of East Lampeter Township - 1990 (the "Zoning Ordinance").

5. A public hearing was held before the Zoning Hearing Board of East Lampeter Township ("Board") on this application on November 14, 2013.

6. Testimony at the hearing was stenographically recorded.

7. Applicant appeared personally at the hearing.

8. The Property is currently improved with a house and detached barn, as more fully shown on the plan ("Plan") submitted by Applicant.

9. Applicant desires to raze the barn and construct a new barn upon the Property.

10. The barn will be 40 feet by 40 feet

11. The height of the barn will be 22.5 feet.

12. Applicant has requested a variance from the terms of Section 905.1 of the Zoning Ordinance.

13. Section 905.1 of the Zoning Ordinance states that the maximum height of accessory structures shall be 20 feet.

14. Applicant testified that he requires a horse barn 22.5 feet in height in order to provide a second floor hay and straw storage area. In addition, a portion of the second floor will be used as a recreation area for Applicant's children.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. An applicant for a variance bears the burden of proving that unnecessary hardship will result if the variance is not granted and that the grant of the proposed variance will not be contrary

to the public interest. Valley View Civic Association v. Zoning Board of Adjustment, 501 Pa. 550, 462 A.2d 637 (1983); Zaruta v. Zoning Hearing Board of the City of Wilkes-Barre, 117 Pa. Commonwealth Ct. 526, 543 A.2d 1282 (1988); Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code ("MPC") §910.2.

2. A variance, if granted, "must be the minimum that will afford relief and will represent the least modification of the ordinance." Rogers v. Zoning Hearing Board of East Pikeland Township, 103 Pa. Commonwealth Ct. 478, 520 A.2d 922, 924 (1987); MPC §910.2(a)(5).

3. With regard to their request for a variance from the height limitations set forth in Section 905.1 of the Zoning Ordinance, Applicant has satisfied the requirements for a variance in order to construct the horse barn at a height of 22.5 feet.

4. Conditions must be attached to the granting of the variance to protect and preserve the surrounding neighborhood.

III. DECISION

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Zoning Hearing Board of the Township of East Lampeter hereby grants the application of Elmer K. Fisher for a variance from the terms of Section 905.1 of the Zoning Ordinance in order to permit the construction of a horse barn with a height of 22.5 feet. The variance granted herein shall be subject to the following conditions and safeguards which the Board deems necessary to imple-

ment the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance and the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code:

1. Applicant shall obtain all approvals and permits required by applicable laws and regulations.

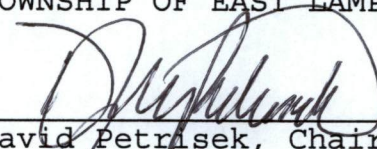
2. Applicant shall at all times comply with and adhere to the evidence presented to the Board at the hearing held on November 14, 2013.

3. Any violation of the conditions contained in this Decision shall be considered a violation of the Zoning Ordinance and shall be subject to the penalties and remedies contained in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

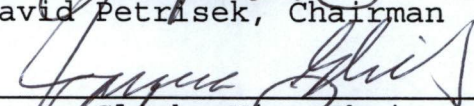
4. The approval granted by this Decision shall expire if Applicant does not obtain a zoning permit within three (3) months from the date of this Decision and does not complete construction of the improvements, if any, so authorized and commence the use so authorized within twelve (12) months from the date of the zoning permit.

5. The foregoing Decision shall be binding upon the Applicant and his heirs, personal representatives and assigns.

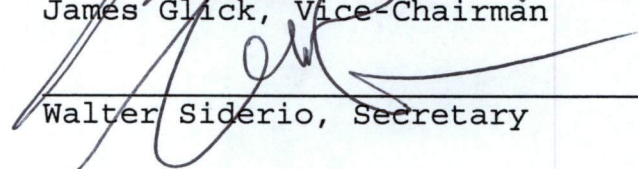
ZONING HEARING BOARD OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF EAST LAMPETER



David Petrisek, Chairman



James Glick, Vice-Chairman



Walter Siderio, Secretary

Dated and filed December 5, 2013, after hearing held
on November 14, 2013.

The undersigned certifies that a copy of this Decision was
served upon all parties on or prior to December 6, 2013.

