

HIGHLAND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Minutes of the Meeting of
June 28, 2023

The Highland Board of Zoning Appeals met in the meeting room of the Highland Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, IN 46322 on June 28th, 2023. Mrs. Murovic called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Thomas.

ROLL CALL: Present were Board Members Mr. Helms, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Briseno, and Mrs. Murovic. Mr. Turich was not present. Also attending were Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator, Mr. Ken Mika and Town Attorney, Mr. John Reed.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 24th, 2023, meeting were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The date of the next Board of Zoning Appeals meeting will be July 26th, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

Old Business: Approval of Findings of Fact for Doug Sanders and Samantha McGrath, 8837 Parrish Avenue, Highland, IN, requesting a Variance to install a fence beyond the building lines at 8837 Parrish Avenue. Property is on a corner. {HMC 18.05.060} (G)(5)(a) Permitted Obstruction in Required Yards. The following shall not be considered to be obstructions when located in the required yards specified: (a) In All Yards. Ordinary projections of skylights, sills, belt courses, cornices and ornamental features projecting not to exceed 12 inches; open terraces or decks not over four feet above the average level of the adjoining ground but not including a permanent roofed-over terrace or porch and not including terraces or decks which project into the required front yard by more than six feet from the front of the principal structure; awnings and canopies; steps which are necessary for access to a permitted building or for access to a zoning lot from a street or alley; chimneys projecting 18 inches or less into the yard; arbors, trellises and flagpoles; fences, screens, hedges and walls; provided, that in residential districts no fence or wall shall be located in the required front yard and no landscaped screen or hedge shall exceed three feet six inches in height if located in the front yard, and no fence, landscaped screen, hedge or wall shall exceed six feet in height if located in a side or rear yard. On a corner or reverse corner lot, the side yard setback shall be the same as the front yard setback on adjoining lots; fences shall not be installed beyond this point. No fence, screen, hedge, or wall shall interfere with line-of-sight requirements for local streets or intersections. No fence, screen, hedge, or wall shall be constructed of material that may be described as rubble, cardboard, chicken wire, trees and brush, corrugated tin, utility poles, railroad ties, barbed wire, broken glass, or electrified material. The design, location and construction of a fence or wall shall be approved by the building commissioner prior to the issuance of a building permit.

Mr. Thomas motioned to approve the Findings of Fact for Doug Sanders and Samantha McGrath for their fence setback variance. Mr. Helms seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 4 – 0 roll call vote.

New Business: None.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Thomas Second: Mr. Helms Time: 6:32 p.m.