

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

Mayor Olmstead called the public hearing to order at 6:15 p.m. Present were Council Members Nelson Evans, Jim Matuszak, Tim McCarthy, Jonathan Smith, Barry VanHoozen, and Becky Williams (6). Rick Rettig was absent (1). Also present were Karlene Henderson, Law Director, David Creps, Clerk of Council, and Brody Walters, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear public comment regarding a proposed Code Amendment to Ch. 1250.61(f) regarding the size of accessory buildings. Mr. Walters explained that Ordinance 97-2016 was approved on November 1, 2016 and changed the formula for calculating the square footage permitted for accessory buildings. The ordinance limited the square footage of accessory structures to 5% of the square footage of the lot. This Code Amendment, proposed by John Conley, 854 Mulberry Street, would allow the Board of Zoning Appeals to consider an exception to the maximum size requirement providing that the requested size does not exceed 8% of the lot size. Mr. Walters said that due to the caseload of the Board of Zoning Appeals, he recommended that the 5% be increased by either 1%, 2% or 3%. Mr. Walters stated that at its July 27, 2017 meeting, the Planning Commission voted 2-4 on both proposals. Mr. Walters called attention to emails he received from Joe Hollon, 961 Lober Drive, expressing his support for the code amendment to allow the BZA appeal process, and from Charles and Kathy Helmick, 890 Findlay Street, in support of adding 1-3% without the BZA process.

John Conley, the applicant, said that he feels that he has a right to the appeals process and he is looking for more function out of his yard.

Connie Brand, 500 Cherry Street, said that she would need a variance and that this is a game changer on whether she stays in Perrysburg.

Mr. Matuszak asked Mr. Walters about the caseload of the Board of Zoning Appeals and how successful applicants to the BZA are. Mr. Walters said that the majority of applicants are granted at least some relief.

There being no further comments, the hearing adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

David D. Creps, Clerk

Michael J. Olmstead, Mayor