



Chatham County Zoning Board of Appeals

Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room
November 28, 2017 - 9:00AM
MINUTES

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This is a quasi-judicial proceeding. All those wishing to give testimony during these proceedings will please sign in. Witnesses will be sworn-in prior to giving testimony. All proceedings of the Chatham County Zoning Board of Appeals are recorded. Decisions of the Chatham County Zoning Board of Appeals are final. Challenges to the decisions of the Chatham County Zoning Board of Appeals must be filed through the Superior Court of Chatham County.

Note: All persons in attendance are requested to so note on the "Sign-In Sheet" on the table outside the entrance of the meeting room. Persons wishing to speak will indicate on the sheet.

I. Call to Order and Welcome

II. Notices, Proclamations and Acknowledgements

III. Petitions Ready for Hearing

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of October 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes

[October 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Minutes were approved as written.

Motion

Approve minutes as written.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: James Overton

Second: Chip Kreps

Chip Kreps	- Aye
James Overton	- Aye
James Blackburn, Jr.	- Not Present
James Coursey	- Aye
Quentin Marlin	- Aye
Lucy Hitch	- Not Present
Coren Ross	- Aye

V. Item(s) Requested to be Removed from the Final Agenda

VI. Consent Agenda

VII. Old Business

[2. D2 - 707 Betz Creek Road - B-170829-00099-1 - Variance request for accessory structure](#)

- [☞ Tax Map.pdf](#)
- [☞ Photo.jpg](#)
- [☞ Betz Creek Aerial.jpg](#)
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Marcus Lotson presented the staff report to the Board. This case was continued from the October 24, 2017 and the staff report did not change. The petitioner, Mr. Bock, spoke in favor of his petition. He explained to the Board that the accessory structure would include 3 doors and a small porch. Gary Sullivan, Dennis Counihan, Jerry Counihan, David Penos, Zack Bowen, Celeste Sims and Wayne Barnard spoke in opposition of the petition. Gary Sullivan is the president of the homeowner's association for the Palmetto subdivision. After much discussion, Chairman Marlin closed the public hearing. The Board discussed the petition and made a decision to deny the petition as requested based on the incompatibility of the proposal with the neighborhood at large and that no hardship has been exhibited. Motion was made by James Blackburn Jr. and seconded by Lucy Hitch.

Motion

Board recommends denial of the request of a square footage variance for an accessory structure at 707 Betz Creek Road because of the needs of the petitioner can be met on this property.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: James Blackburn, Jr.

Second: Lucy Hitch

Chip Kreps	- Aye
James Overton	- Aye
James Blackburn, Jr.	- Aye
James Coursey	- Aye
Quentin Marlin	- Aye
Lucy Hitch	- Aye
Coren Ross	- Nay

VIII. Regular Agenda

IX. Other Business

X. Adjournment

The Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission provides meeting summary minutes which are adopted by the respective Board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.