

City of Southgate  
**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
November 9, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Southgate was held as a ZOOM Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020 and called to order by Tom Coombs, Chairman at 5:33 p.m.

Present: Linda Clark, Patricia Anderson, Dennis Richardson, Tom Coombs,

Absent: John Byers, Jerry Orman, Tim Foucher

Also Present: Plan Consultant John Enos, Building Inspections Director, Bob Casanova,  
City Attorney, Ed Zelenak

**Minutes:**

**Moved by Anderson, supported by Clark, to approve the minutes of the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting dated September 14, 2020. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**New Business:**

1. Application from Jonathan Bain at 14755 Balsam requesting a dimensional variance to install a side lot wood privacy fence. (BZA 04-2020)

Notices were sent out. There were no letters of objection received by the Clerk's Office.

**Moved by Anderson, supported by Clark, to open this Public Hearing. Motion carried Unanimously.**

Plan Consultant Enos stated they are requesting to install a six foot pressure treated wood privacy fence along the Windemere Street frontage, one foot off of the sidewalk within the required side yard setback. In addition, a double gate is proposed at the driveway entrance. As noted from the Zoning Ordinance, while the Windemere Street frontage is considered the side yard it must meet the front yard setbacks on a corner lot. This would be impossible to install a fence twenty-five feet back as it would encroach significantly into the rear yard and garage area. The applicant is requesting to install the fence near the property line. All conditions have been met, and we are recommending approval.

**Moved by Anderson, supported by Richardson, to close this Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion was held by the Board.

**Moved by Andersons, supported by Coombs, that the Board of Zoning Appeals, SUPPORTS and APPROVES, the application at the request of Jonathan Bain, 14755 Balsam, Southgate, MI 48195, requesting a dimensional variance to install a side lot wood privacy fence. (BZA 04-2020) Variance from Section 1298.01(c). Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Moved by Anderson, supported by Clark, that this meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals be adjourned at 5:41 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Angie Shurkus  
Recording Secretary  
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