

**LOWER HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 29, 2019 BOARD MEETING AND HEARING**

Date: October 29, 2019

Place: Lower Heidelberg Township Building
720 Brownsville Road
Sinking Spring, PA 19608

Board Members Present:

Steven Bezner, Chairman
Michael Roberts Vice Chairman
Thomas Jauch, Secretary

Also, Present:

Andrew D. Kraft, Zoning Officer
Mark Yoder, Esq., Bingaman Hess
Thomas A. Rothermel, Esq., Bingaman Hess
Members of the Public per Sign-in-Sheet

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

The Chairman called a short business meeting of the Board, and the Minutes from the October 22, 2019 meetings were presented and approved.

Mr. Yoder delivered the Meeting Minutes to the Townships files from 2009 to October 22, 2019. He also introduced Thomas A. Rothermel, Esq., of Bingaman Hess who will be replacing Mr. Yoder as of 2020.

Mr. Yoder delivered the Hearing Exhibits from the July 30, 2019, Hearing No. 1, ZHB hearing on the Application for Variance submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Seymour, for 83 Connecticut Ave, Sinking Spring, PA, 19608.

Mr. Yoder also delivered the Hearing Exhibits from the July 30, 2019, Hearing No. 2, ZHB hearing on the Application for Variance submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Rolf D. Schmidt, owner of 205 Sweitzer Rd., for 275 Sweitzer Rd., Sinking Spring, PA, 19608.

Chairman Bezner proceeded to open scheduled Hearing on Application for Variance submitted by Brian and Eileen Weaver of 59 Witman Road, Womelsdorf, PA, for the property at 6841 Penn Ave, Wernersville, PA., 19565.

Kourtney E. Bernecker, Esquire, called Mr. Brian Weaver to the stand to presented testimony regarding the request for a variance for the property at 6841 Penn Avenue, Wernersville, PA., 19565 so he would be able to operate a Repair Garage. In addition, Mr. James McCarthy, P.E. and President and CEO of McCarthy Engineering provided an explanation of the existing property, other area business in the same zoning district (I-1, Light Industrial), and some improvement Mr. Weaver plans if granted the variance.

The Board approved the Application for variance relief sought by Applicate by a vote of 3-0. The relief was granted for Section 418.4 of the Southwestern Berks County Zoning Ordinance and it was deemed that Section 418.2 was not required. A written Decision will be issued within 45 days. Details of the Hearing can be found in the official transcript.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Jauch, Secretary