1	BEFORE THE ORANGE TOWNSHIP
2	BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
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4	In the Matter of:
5	Public Hearing - : Variance Applications :
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8	PROCEEDINGS
9	before Members of the Orange Township Board of
10	Zoning: Chairman Aaron Shipley, Jr.; Vice
11	Chair Kelvin Trefz; Members Sue D. Ross,
12	Stacey Neff and Punitha Sundar, held at Orange
13	Township Hall, Moffett Room, 1680 East Orange
14	Road, Lewis Center, Ohio, called at 6:00 p.m.
15	on Thursday, January 19, 2023.
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1 PROCEEDINGS

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- 3 MR. SHIPLEY: We'll call to order
- 4 the meeting of the Board Zoning Appeals for
- 5 January.
- 6 MR. WIEMKEN: Okay. For roll
- 7 call:
- 8 MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Neff.
- 9 MS. NEFF: Here.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Ross.
- MS. ROSS: Here.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Mr. Shipley.
- MR. SHIPLEY: Here.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Sundar.
- MS. SUNDAR: Here.
- MR. WIEMKEN: And Mr. Trefz.
- MR. TREFZ: Here.
- MR. WIEMKEN: We have a quorum.
- 19 All right. I'm going to start it out here by
- 20 electing the Chair and Vice Chair for the
- 21 remainder of the 2023 calendar year for the
- 22 Board of Zoning Appeals.
- 23 So let's start with the Chair. Is
- 24 there any nominations or Motions?

1 MS. ROSS: I'd like to nominate

- 2 Aaron Shipley as Chair.
- 3 MR. TREFZ: I'll second that.
- 4 MR. WIEMKEN: Okay. We have a
- 5 Motion to nominate Mr. Shipley as the Chair of
- 6 the Board of Zoning Appeals for the remainder
- 7 of 2023 calendar year for the Board of Zoning
- 8 Appeals, seconded by Mr. Trefz. Those voting:
- 9 MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Neff.
- MS. NEFF: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Ross.
- MS. ROSS: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Mr. Shipley.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: I'll abstain.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Sundar.
- MS. SUNDAR: Yes.
- 17 MR. WIEMKEN: And Mr. Trefz.
- 18 MR. TREFZ: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Great.
- 20 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Thank you.
- MR. WIEMKEN: And then for Vice
- 22 Chair, is there any nominations?
- MS. SUNDAR: I would like to
- 24 nominate Mr. Trefz for that.

- 1 MS. ROSS: I'll second.
- 2 MR. WIEMKEN: Okay. A Motion was
- 3 made by Ms. Sundar to nominate Mr. Trefz as
- 4 the Vice Chair for the remainder of the 2023
- 5 calendar year for the Board of Zoning Appeals,
- 6 seconded by Ms. Ross. Those voting:
- 7 MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Neff.
- 8 MS. NEFF: Yes.
- 9 MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Ross.
- MS. ROSS: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Mr. Shipley.
- 12 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Sundar.
- MS. SUNDAR: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: And Mr. Trefz.
- MR. TREFZ: Abstain.
- 17 MR. WIEMKEN: All right. Mr
- 18 Shipley, take it away.
- 19 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: All right.
- 20 Thank you very much.
- So to start our Board of Zoning
- 22 Appeals for January, we'll start with the
- 23 swearing in of witnesses. Anyone who intends
- 24 to testify, please raise your right hand and

- 1 be sworn.
- 2 "Do you solemnly swear the
- 3 testimony you shall give shall be the truth,
- 4 the whole truth and nothing but the truth?"
- 5 State "I do".
- 6 ALL TO TESTIFY: "I do."
- 7 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: And when it's
- 8 your turn to offer testimony, please state
- 9 your full name, address and affirm that you've
- 10 been sworn in. So when you step up here to
- 11 the podium, please state your full name,
- 12 address and affirm that you've been sworn in,
- 13 please.
- I'd like to ask everyone to
- 15 silence your cell phones, if you have your
- 16 cell phone on you, please. These proceedings
- 17 are being live-streamed. I appreciate that.
- 18 We have new business. There are
- 19 two cases for new business. Variance
- 20 Application VA-22-18 and Variance Application
- 21 VA-22-19. Mr. Wiemken, if you could start us
- 22 off.
- 23 MR. WIEMKEN: Good evening, Board.
- 24 So first case on the Agenda is VA-22-18. The

- 1 Applicant and Owner is Mark Hrusovsky. The
- 2 site is 1874 Ivy Street, Lewis Center, Ohio
- 3 43035. Parcel ID number is
- 4 318-240-47-010-000. The current zoning on the
- 5 property is Single Family Planned Residential
- 6 District. And they are seeking an area
- 7 variance from Rezoning Case 12451, Estates of
- 8 Glen Oak, to allow for a residential swimming
- 9 pool to encroach into the rear-yard setback.
- 10 So going more in depth with the
- 11 Summary of the request. So they are
- 12 requesting to allow for the construction of a
- 13 swimming pool to encroach 14 feet and 2 inches
- 14 into the 35-feet rear-yard setback
- 15 requirement. The proposed pool would be fully
- 16 enclosed with a 60-inch aluminum fence with
- 17 self-locking mechanisms included at the gate
- 18 access points.
- 19 Surrounding the home to the north,
- 20 south, east and west is all Single Family
- 21 Planned Residential District. Land use is,
- 22 surrounding the property are single family
- 23 residences to the north, east and west. And
- 24 then to the south is HOA open space. Included

- 1 in the Staff Report is an aerial photo
- 2 provided by the Delaware County Auditor's
- 3 Website. Again, you can see the HOA open
- 4 space there to the south.
- 5 And then onto the Staff Review.
- 6 So again, the rear-yard setback requirement is
- 7 35 feet. The proposed swimming pool would
- 8 encroach 14 feet and 2 inches into the 35-foot
- 9 setback requirement. This is roughly a 40
- 10 percent variance request from Rezoning Case
- 11 12451, Estates of Glen Oak.
- There were no site photos provided
- 13 from Staff. There were a few provided in the
- 14 application from the Applicant themselves.
- 15 Also included by the Applicant was the HOA
- 16 approval. And then as far as public comment,
- 17 there was one public comment not in support of
- 18 the project. I had sent that out to you
- 19 folks. And that was to the property directly
- 20 to the east of the home. So this concludes my
- 21 Staff Report.
- The Applicant is here, if the
- 23 Board has any specific questions about the
- 24 application.

1 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Sir, would you

- 2 like to speak?
- 3 MR. HRUSOVSKY: Yes. If I
- 4 remember correctly, I'll state my name, Mark
- 5 Hrusovsky, 1874 Ivy Street. And I've been
- 6 sworn in.
- 7 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Thank you.
- 8 MR. HRUSOVSKY: Okay. Thank you.
- 9 First of all, I just wanted to thank you for
- 10 your time. I saw the public comment from our
- 11 neighbor. He shared the concern about safety
- 12 very much so as -- even more so than I think
- 13 they would understand. We have -- we're going
- 14 to be including a fence and taking all the
- 15 measures above that we're required to, you
- 16 know, with alarming the gates and so forth.
- We would also like to state that,
- 18 you know, we entered into this process first
- 19 understanding what we could do with our HOA
- 20 and the placement of the pool in our yard. We
- 21 worked with several contractors. We looked
- 22 into the design process. We entered into a
- 23 contract and then we entered into the
- 24 permitting phase when we learned about the

1 rear setback. So we are hopeful we can get

- 2 this variance approved or the substantial --
- 3 we would forfeit our 20 percent deposit and
- 4 then be on the hook for any other contract
- 5 costs that they've incurred at this point.
- 6 Lastly -- well, just safety, you
- 7 know, raising sort of a drowning without the
- 8 fence. I mean, there is a large -- you can
- 9 see in the aerial view in our response a
- 10 picture of that retention pond, which is
- 11 actually directly behind that neighbor's
- 12 property. So, that's all I have to say about
- 13 that. Thank you.
- 14 MS. NEFF: This is the retention
- 15 pond, correct?
- 16 MR. HRUSOVSKY: That is correct,
- 17 yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: So just to, and I
- 19 think Mr. Wiemken went over this, but a
- 20 five-foot fence that you're putting around the
- 21 pool.
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: Uh-huh.
- 23 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Self-locking
- 24 MagnaLatch is really self-locking gates. And

1 the gates will be alarmed, is that what you

- 2 said?
- 3 MR. HRUSOVSKY: Yeah. We were
- 4 going to have either the alarm -- sensors on
- 5 the gates so that we would be alerted on the
- 6 inside of our house. And we could even change
- 7 that to one that would be more audible, to
- 8 like if someone opened it, it would be -- you
- 9 could hear it as it was going off. Oh, and I
- 10 forgot. Ultimately, there would be one of
- 11 those sensors in the pool that could be
- 12 placed, and then when you're not using it, to
- 13 alert you if the water has been disturbed.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: What the -- one
- 15 of the concerns, that 40 percent, and that's
- 16 considered substantial. It's into the
- 17 setback. So, did you look at any other
- 18 options?
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: We did not,
- 20 because we were not aware of the setback
- 21 requirement for this was not on the plot plan.
- 22 We asked the contractor when we first engaged
- 23 them, and they were like we work in Orange
- 24 Township a lot and we're aware of how to get

1 the permits. But not until after we actually

- 2 submitted the permits did they come back and
- 3 tell us that, oh, there was a setback
- 4 requirement with that.

- 6 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Okay. I did
- 7 see the HOA letter, that the HOA letter says
- 8 pending.
- 9 MR. HRUSOVSKY: Yeah, telling me
- 10 it has to go to the Township.
- 11 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Yes, sir.
- 12 Other questions?
- MR. TREFZ: Yeah. In the diagram
- 14 that's shown there, there's a circle. Can you
- 15 explain to me what's in that circle?
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: Oh, it's just the
- 17 curve of the patio.
- MR. TREFZ: And so --
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: It's just -- so,
- 20 actually the patio is flat and it has a little
- 21 curved bump out there.
- MS. NEFF: Is this it?
- 23 MR. HRUSOVSKY: Correct. Yes.
- MR. TREFZ: Yeah.

1 MR. HRUSOVSKY: Shown in that

- 2 picture there.
- 3 MR. TREFZ: It's kind of what I
- 4 thought it looked like, but --
- 5 MR. HRUSOVSKY: I don't know why
- 6 they drew it like a -- like you're getting a
- 7 hot tub, too, or something.
- 8 MS. NEFF: Like faucet.
- 9 MR. TREFZ: How many feet are
- 10 between the current edge of the pool now and
- 11 the edge of the existing patio, give or take?
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: Oh, 26 feet, the
- 13 patio is 16, maybe it's nine feet. If our
- 14 drawing, the building drawing is showing it's
- 15 26 from the edge of the house to the edge of
- 16 the pool, that patio is approximately 16 feet
- 17 off the house and that little bump out is four
- 18 feet off, so 20 feet to the pool.
- MR. TREFZ: So you've never
- 20 considered moving the pool right up next to
- 21 the existing patio?
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: I don't think that
- 23 would get us out of the easement. Like, we
- 24 would have to -- that would get us, what, six,

- 1 seven feet.
- 2 MR. TREFZ: Six, seven feet off of
- 3 the 14 feet that you want. Now you've greatly
- 4 reduced the amount of the variance.
- 5 MR. HRUSOVSKY: Are you suggesting
- 6 that I -- you would modify the patio so then
- 7 it's -- the patio is now a rectangle and then
- 8 the pool is right up against that rectangle?
- 9 MR. TREFZ: I am not suggesting.
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: Okay.
- 11 MR. TREFZ: I was asking a
- 12 question of whether you considered that or
- 13 not.
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: No, we did not.
- MR. TREFZ: Okay.
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: We were told it's
- 17 35 feet, get a variance by the contractor.
- 18 MR. TREFZ: Right. But the amount
- 19 of the variance really affects our decisions.
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: Okay.
- 21 MR. TREFZ: Everything else being
- 22 equal.
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: Yes.
- MR. TREFZ: So.

1 MRS. HRUSOVSKY: Remember the pool

- 2 builder showed us this sketch, if we moved it,
- 3 it had to be ten feet away from the house.
- 4 MR. HRUSOVSKY: If we were -- if
- 5 we were to move it -- if we moved it closer to
- 6 the patio, I mean, it would be -- it would be
- 7 taking the patio out or --
- 8 MRS. HRUSOVSKY: The builder only
- 9 --
- 10 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Ma'am.
- 11 COURT REPORTER: She needs to come
- 12 closer. I can't hear her at all.
- 13 MRS. HRUSOVSKY: Sorry. Rebecca
- 14 Hrusovsky, 1874 Ivy Street and I've been sworn
- 15 in.
- 16 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Thank you.
- MRS. HRUSOVSKY: So when we first
- 18 became aware of the variance, the builder --
- 19 the builder gave us one option just to show us
- 20 to get out of the variance, they would have to
- 21 move the pool all the way up to get it out of
- 22 the 35 feet. They would have to cut out a
- 23 substantial portion of the patio to also stay,
- 24 I think they said it had to be -- the pool

- 1 couldn't be any closer than ten feet to the
- 2 residence, so it would be ten feet from that
- 3 and then fit the pool, it was just barely
- 4 going to fit. I think we were still going to
- 5 be partially encroaching it. But at that
- 6 point, we would have to tear out a significant
- 7 portion of our entire patio at that cost and
- 8 then it would definitely have to change in
- 9 what the concrete would look like and things
- 10 to come back around to the pool decking. And
- 11 I think that also would be a hardship. Then
- 12 I'd have 35, 40 feet of a backyard that we're
- 13 just looking at in grass with a super,
- 14 scrunched-in, you know, pool and design. And
- 15 there is actually also a gazebo on that back
- 16 patio that covers the right side of it, and
- 17 it's a full like 16 by 16 gazebo. I'm not
- 18 sure if it's in the picture.
- MS. SUNDAR: The existing one?
- 20 MRS. HRUSOVSKY: Yeah. And so, to
- 21 do that we would also have to forfeit our
- 22 gazebo and come up with another option there,
- 23 so I just felt like we wanted to pursue this
- 24 as an option before we tried to make any

1 significant modifications and additional costs

- 2 to do that.
- 3 MS. NEFF: Are setbacks the same
- 4 regardless of the properties that abut, like
- 5 the electric line versus houses?
- 6 MR. WIEMKEN: Yeah. In that
- 7 specific development text, it's 35 feet for
- 8 rear yards across the whole development.
- 9 MS. NEFF: Regardless.
- 10 MR. WIEMKEN: Yeah. Even if it
- 11 abuts open space or just another residence.
- MS. NEFF: Okay. How much do you
- 13 -- does anyone know, how much open space that
- 14 is between the houses that is the electric
- 15 line area?
- MR. WIEMKEN: I can give you an
- 17 approximation using the Auditor's website real
- 18 quick. I think Andrew has got it up there.
- 19 So for -- yeah, for -- are you talking about
- 20 just the power lines or the property lines?
- MS. NEFF: I'm just curious, like,
- 22 how far that is between the two houses.
- 23 MR. WIEMKEN: Sure. Yep. So from
- 24 the --

1 MR. KOENIG: This distance here?

- MS. NEFF: Yes.
- 3 MR. WIEMKEN: Yeah, I think it's
- 4 around like 250, 245.
- 5 MS. NEFF: Okay.
- 6 MR. KOENIG: 250 feet.
- 7 MS. ROSS: When we consider a
- 8 variance, the percentage is important to us as
- 9 one of our deciding factors, and 40 percent is
- 10 considered significant, just something that we
- 11 have to consider in our decision. So I
- 12 believe that's why Mr. Trefz was asking if you
- 13 had considered moving it a little closer to
- 14 the existing patio because that changes that
- 15 percentage.
- MRS. HRUSOVSKY: Yeah, the pool
- 17 builder only showed us if they could get it
- 18 out of the variance and what that looked like
- 19 and that definitely seemed to be significant
- 20 and totally changed the use and potentially
- 21 even our decision to have entered into the
- 22 contract to do that in the first place. It's
- 23 just not, you know, the design and use that we
- 24 had in mind. I don't know, right, like, to go

- 1 back and ask where we can end up at a lesser
- 2 percentage as to what would be more acceptable
- 3 right now.
- 4 MS. SUNDAR: I'm just trying to --
- 5 I'm not trying to suggest because we are not
- 6 supposed to suggest anything. I think it's
- 7 your choice whether you're going to more focus
- 8 on the pool or the extra space, wherever you
- 9 could, you know, redesign, the gazebo or the
- 10 patio, you know, that all three could fit in
- 11 and still be in this variance so that you can
- 12 get it approved. That's how I could see the
- 13 potential of it.
- MRS. HRUSOVSKY: Sure.
- MS. SUNDAR: Because I can see the
- 16 gazebo and the patio, you know, that is
- 17 something you can work on it, but the variance
- 18 is more -- 40 percent is more.
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: The patio
- 20 measures, is it 16 by 38, so it's 16 feet off
- 21 the back of our house. And that little curve
- 22 there is an additional four, so the furthest
- 23 point the patio leaves the house is 20 feet.
- 24 If we move -- so moving the pool to the edge

- 1 of that ground, moves it I think only three,
- 2 four feet, if the pool is now right up against
- 3 where the patio is. If we cut in more, then
- 4 that's -- yeah, it was not an option that we
- 5 were shown. It was either tearing out the
- 6 patio or going forward with the variance. I
- 7 believe that they proposed the tearing out the
- 8 patio as well. We'll just submit the plans
- 9 this way and you don't have to worry about the
- 10 variance.
- 11 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: And there's not
- 12 much space now between the existing patio. Is
- 13 the existing patio pavers?
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: No. It's stamped
- 15 concrete.
- 16 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Stamped
- 17 concrete, okay. And so there's not -- you're
- 18 saying there's about three feet between the
- 19 existing patio and the pool deck?
- 20 MR. HRUSOVSKY: It shows it on one
- 21 of the plans here.
- MR. WIEMKEN: I pulled up their
- 23 plans that they had submitted in our scaling
- 24 software. So the existing patio right now

- 1 from the edge of the home to the edge of the
- 2 rectangular portion is 16 feet. And then that
- 3 circular portion from the center of the circle
- 4 to the edge is about five feet. And then from
- 5 the edge of the circle to the property line is
- 6 about 40-and-a-half feet.
- 7 MR. TREFZ: So you're gaining
- 8 essentially six feet if you move the top side
- 9 of the pool even with the bottom side of the
- 10 patio, the way we're looking at it?
- 11 MR. WIEMKEN: I think that, yeah,
- 12 that adds up. Currently, as proposed, between
- 13 the edge of the rectangular portion of the
- 14 existing patio and the edge of the patio
- 15 surrounding the pool is about six-and-a-half
- 16 feet.
- 17 MR. TREFZ: Okay.
- 18 MS. NEFF: And so that would take
- 19 their encroachment about eight feet into 35
- 20 instead of 14?
- 21 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Right.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Uh-huh.
- MR. TREFZ: That's correct.
- 24 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: It's not quite

- 1 half, but it's close.
- 2 MR. TREFZ: Nope. It's closer.
- 3 MRS. HRUSOVSKY: We also had
- 4 thought, from a safety standpoint, I didn't
- 5 want the pool as close to the house to have --
- 6 you know, where you're just walking right now
- 7 and into it. Between the kids and the dogs, I
- 8 was actually quite looking forward to having
- 9 it further away from the house, thinking about
- 10 just the backyard space and how we would
- 11 utilize that. Just wintertime, keeping that
- 12 grassy space there for the dogs and that sort
- 13 of thing, besides trying to go across a
- 14 concrete that's now 16 feet, plus a pool deck
- 15 and then my dogs getting around to the back of
- 16 the house. I don't know, it's just -- an area
- 17 that crossed our mind when we were
- 18 intentionally not incorporating the pool deck
- 19 to the existing patio, of course before we
- 20 were aware of the setback.
- 21 MS. NEFF: Is it the norm that
- 22 houses have the same setback regardless of
- 23 where they sit like this? In other
- 24 neighborhoods, would they have had more of a

- 1 setback?
- MS. SUNDAR: Yes.
- 3 MR. WIEMKEN: Yeah, so it kind of
- 4 depends on the development text. For this
- 5 subdivision in particular, all the homes just
- 6 have a straight 35 feet rear-yard setback for
- 7 both primary and accessory structures.
- 8 There's some other subdivisions where in their
- 9 development text it specifies 35 feet for the
- 10 primary structure and then five feet for any
- 11 accessory structures.
- MS. NEFF: Okay. But does that
- 13 vary because of them sitting next to the power
- 14 lines and stuff?
- MR. WIEMKEN: Oh, next to the open
- 16 space?
- MS. NEFF: Yeah. Would that give
- 18 them more space than other areas in the
- 19 Township?
- 20 MR. WIEMKEN: No. And sometimes
- 21 -- there was a case last year where they
- 22 abutted a golf course and actually the
- 23 rear-yard setback was stricter. It was 40
- 24 feet instead of 30 feet, just because it

- 1 abutted the golf course.
- MS. NEFF: Gotcha. Okay.
- MR. WIEMKEN: But again, that just
- 4 depends on the development.
- 5 MS. NEFF: Depends on the -- okay.
- 6 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Any other
- 7 questions?
- 8 MS. SUNDAR: Yeah, just one. I
- 9 want to confirm already Mr. Trefz here asked
- 10 you. Have you ever thought about keeping the
- 11 existing patio just the way it is and then --
- MRS. HRUSOVSKY: What was the
- 13 question? I'm sorry.
- 14 MS. SUNDAR: Just keeping the
- 15 existing patio just the way it is and just
- 16 doing more on the patio on the other side.
- 17 Then you would have a space what you think
- 18 about in the safety point, like, there would
- 19 be patio and then the pool, so that the house
- 20 is not too close to the pool. Have you ever
- 21 given that a thought?
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: We have not -- I
- 23 just ask Mr. Brett. I forgot his last name.
- 24 So the distance from the curve to the edge of

- 1 the pool is five-and-a-half feet, so yeah, I
- 2 mean, we did not consider that, but you know,
- 3 moving it would move it out of the setback
- 4 five-and-a-half feet, which, I don't know. I
- 5 can't do the math in my head. But I don't
- 6 think that would -- I mean, that --
- 7 MR. TREFZ: It won't get you out
- 8 of the 35.
- 9 MS. NEFF: But it's less
- 10 substantial.
- MR. TREFZ: Yeah.
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: We would be a
- 13 little, you know, 36 something in there.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: I think it's
- 15 less than 36.
- 16 MS. NEFF: It would be more like
- 17 25, wouldn't it?
- 18 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Yeah, I think
- 19 it's --
- MS. NEFF: Closer to 25 or so.
- 21 MR. HRUSOVSKY: I'm trying to do
- 22 the math in my head, too.
- 23 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: It puts you
- 24 under ten feet. And that's -- again, that's

- 1 our -- the reason we're having this discussion
- 2 is because of the 40 percent.
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: Yes. I got that.
- 4 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: And that's a
- 5 substantial encroachment into the setback so
- 6 that's the reason that we're having the
- 7 discussion that we're having.
- 8 MR. HRUSOVSKY: Personally, I
- 9 don't think it's a problem. It's just
- 10 reshaping it, but yeah.
- MRS. HRUSOVSKY: Well, I think --
- 12 part of the design is -- so the pool deck is
- 13 designed as just a brushed concrete finish
- 14 versus the existing as a stamped colored
- 15 concrete. So we weren't trying to connect
- 16 them because the thought was they won't match
- 17 and how would we get those two things to blend
- 18 and look nice, so that was also kind of into
- 19 that design to just that it was a separate
- 20 structure and pool deck and that the concrete
- 21 would be different. So it would -- I think
- 22 we'd have to go back and revisit the overall
- 23 design of the pool to try to make it, if it
- 24 was going to pull all the way up to that

- 1 existing patio.
- 2 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Did you do the
- 3 math on that, Brett?
- 4 MR. WIEMKEN: Yeah, so if they --
- 5 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: I saw you
- 6 working on it.
- 7 MR. WIEMKEN: -- had moved the
- 8 edge of the pool to the bottom of the circular
- 9 part, that would reduce their request down to
- 10 an eight foot eight-inch request, which I
- 11 didn't do the percentage, I guess. So that
- 12 would be about 24, 25 percent request, just
- 13 under 25, so.
- 14 MS. ROSS: Would they have to come
- 15 back -- table tonight or continue to another
- 16 meeting and come back with a different --
- 17 MR. TREFZ: Careful.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Yes. So --
- MS. ROSS: No, I mean, if that was
- 20 -- if they make a change to this plan, is that
- 21 what they have to do?
- MR. WIEMKEN: Sure. They could
- 23 request to continue this application.
- MR. TREFZ: There you go.

1 MR. WIEMKEN: To the next meeting

- 2 date in February, or however long it takes
- 3 them, if they wanted to modify their plans.
- 4 MS. ROSS: Yes, if they wanted to
- 5 modify the plan in anyway.
- 6 MR. WIEMKEN: Yep. And that would
- 7 be their decision. They would have to ask for
- 8 a continuance.
- 9 MS. ROSS: Right.
- 10 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Right. And
- 11 that gets it to the 25 percent, or below 25
- 12 percent, perhaps, which takes it out of the
- 13 substantial category.
- MS. SUNDAR: But we're not
- 15 guaranteeing it.
- MR. TREFZ: No, we can't guarantee
- 17 it.
- 18 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: No, no.
- 19 MR. TREFZ: Brett, would you
- 20 explain the difference between table and
- 21 continue?
- MR. WIEMKEN: Well, one of the
- 23 other factors is cost. There is a tabling
- 24 fee, where it's free to continue. But you can

- 1 continue to a date time certain, which we have
- 2 our calendar available online, but the next
- 3 meeting date would be February 16th, next
- 4 month. So if you were to modify your plans,
- 5 then you could submit that change to the
- 6 Zoning Department. We share that with the
- 7 Board. And you'd be on the agenda.
- 8 MR. TREFZ: But that request has
- 9 to come from you.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Right. Yes.
- 11 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Right, you have
- 12 to request to continue.
- MRS. HRUSOVSKY: And if we say
- 14 okay, we want to see how the Board feels and
- 15 then there would be -- so if we don't table,
- 16 there's a vote, then if it's denied, then
- 17 there's a different appeal process that would
- 18 happen, if want to then modify and ask or
- 19 what?
- 20 MR. WIEMKEN: So, yeah, if -- so
- 21 if it were acted on and the decision was made
- 22 to deny, then you would have to -- well, and
- 23 then your zoning permit would be denied. So
- 24 then to come back for another variance, you

1 would have to substantially modify your plans

- 2 in order to come back for another variance.
- 3 That process kind of helps vent from folks
- 4 reapplying for the same thing over and over
- 5 and over. So if they substantially modify
- 6 their plans, then you'd be eligible to reapply
- 7 for a variance.
- MR. TREFZ: What's the cost on
- 9 that?
- 10 MR. WIEMKEN: It would be the same
- 11 fee.
- 12 MR. TREFZ: Again?
- MR. WIEMKEN: Again.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: If you continue
- 15 it --
- MR. TREFZ: So like I said, I
- 17 wanted to make sure they had the information.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Correct. Yeah.
- 19 MRS. HRUSOVSKY: Tabling and
- 20 modifying -- or continuing and modifying.
- 21 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Continuing
- 22 tabling and continue with the new modifying
- 23 is.
- MR. TREFZ: Continuing.

1 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Tabling and

- 2 continuing.
- 3 MR. WIEMKEN: Continue and
- 4 modifying is --
- 5 MRS. HRUSOVSKY: Continuing and
- 6 modifying is still not a guarantee that there
- 7 is an approval vote next time, it's just that
- 8 it might be me more favorable because there's
- 9 less of it.
- 10 MR. TREFZ: There's never a
- 11 guarantee.
- MRS. HRUSOVSKY: Sure.
- MS. SUNDAR: On both the
- 14 scenarios.
- MR. TREFZ: Yes.
- MS. SUNDAR: It's just like you
- 17 have to work with the cost more to do that and
- 18 the steps may be -- Mr. Brett could explain
- 19 you in detail.
- MR. WIEMKEN: And I'm pulling up
- 21 the calendar here, just in case you know, if
- 22 one month isn't enough time. The next hearing
- 23 date in March would be March 16th as well, so.
- 24 MRS. HRUSOVSKY: And that time is

- 1 the time for us to revise and resubmit?
- MR. WIEMKEN: Uh-huh. So that
- 3 would be where you could talk to your
- 4 contractor, potentially modify plans.
- 5 MRS. HRUSOVSKY: what would be the
- 6 deadline to get that in to you to be able to
- 7 submit for the February date?
- 8 MR. HRUSOVSKY: Right now,
- 9 tonight.
- 10 MR. WIEMKEN: Well, usually it's
- 11 tonight, but you can continue to a time date
- 12 place certain and then we would -- we always
- 13 try to get materials out to the Board Members
- 14 in advance so at least they're aware that the
- 15 case is on the agenda, since it was continued
- 16 to that date certain. So we would ask
- 17 probably a week and a half, two weeks would be
- 18 best for us. That way we have enough time to
- 19 distribute those materials to the Board, so.
- 20 And we can work with you on that as well.
- 21 MR. HRUSOVSKY: If we ask for a
- 22 continuance, is that we won't have a decision
- 23 until February, the next full meeting?
- MR. WIEMKEN: Uh-huh. Correct.

1 MRS. HRUSOVSKY: We have a pool

- 2 manufacturer that's going to be delivering
- 3 this thing to our house at the end of March,
- 4 so we did not do this in the right order.
- 5 MR. HRUSOVSKY: Can we have a
- 6 moment?
- 7 MRS. HRUSOVSKY: Yeah, can we have
- 8 a moment?
- 9 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Oh, certainly.
- MR. TREFZ: Sure.
- 11 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Absolutely.
- MR. TREFZ: You can go over in the
- 13 corner or go out in the hallway and talk for a
- 14 minute.
- 15 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Absolutely.
- 16 (Applicants in hallway meeting.)
- MS. SUNDAR: So many of my
- 18 neighbors, I'm hearing that the contractors
- 19 are not telling them in the first place that
- 20 they need to check of all the ways and stuff.
- 21 COURT REPORTER: Are we off the
- 22 record or on the record? I'm just asking.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Well, it is being
- 24 recorded, so.

1 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Everything is

- 2 being recorded so we can't be off the record.
- 3 COURT REPORTER: Okay. Well, I
- 4 didn't know if you were --
- 5 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: No.
- 6 MR. TREFZ: No, no. They haven't
- 7 called time out. They were going over there
- 8 to debate.
- 9 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Right.
- 10 MS. SUNDAR: But anybody would
- 11 have said this.
- 12 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Well, we do
- 13 have to be careful of conversations that we
- 14 have.
- MR. TREFZ: Yes. We just want to
- 16 talk about what we can talk about.
- 17 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Right.
- 18 MR. TREFZ: Hope the difference
- 19 between a continuous and a tabling makes a
- 20 huge difference to everybody.
- 21 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Okay.
- MR. TREFZ: Yes, sir.
- MR. HRUSOVSKY: To clarify, so the
- 24 continuance, we would ask for a continuance

- 1 and we would still be allowed to submit a
- 2 slightly-modified plan?
- 3 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Yeah.
- 4 MR. TREFZ: Yes.
- 5 MR. HRUSOVSKY: As long as we're
- 6 well within before the next meeting of the
- 7 16th of February?
- MR. WIEMKEN: Correct. Yeah.
- 9 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Yes.
- 10 MR. HRUSOVSKY: Okay. In that
- 11 regard, I would like to request a continuance.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Okay.
- 13 MR. TREFZ: Do we have to vote on
- 14 that?
- 15 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: We do have to.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Yeah.
- MR. TREFZ: We have to vote, okay.
- 18 MR. WIEMKEN: So, Motion to
- 19 Continue to and then it would February 16th at
- 20 6:00 here at Township Hall.
- MR. TREFZ: So moved.
- MS. ROSS: I'll second.
- 23 MR. WIEMKEN: A Motion to Continue
- 24 Variance Application VA-22-18 to February

1 16th, 2023 here at Township Hall, 1680 East

- 2 Orange Road at 6:00 in the evening; Motion by
- 3 Mr. Trefz, seconded by Ms. Ross. Those
- 4 voting:
- 5 MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Neff.
- MS. NEFF: Yes.
- 7 MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Ross.
- 8 MS. ROSS: Yes.
- 9 MR. WIEMKEN: Mr. Shipley.
- 10 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Sundar.
- MS. SUNDAR: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: And Mr. Trefz.
- MR. TREFZ: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Okay.
- 16 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Thank you.
- MR. WIEMKEN: You guys don't have
- 18 to stick around.
- MS. HRUSOVSKY: I kind of want to
- 20 see where this goes. (Laughter.)
- MR. TREFZ: You're welcome to
- 22 stay.
- 23
- 24 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: All right. Our

- 1 next case is Variance Case VA-22-19.
- 2 MR. WIEMKEN: Okay. Starting with
- 3 the Staff Report. Variance Case VA-22-19, the
- 4 Applicant and Owner is Scott Blanchard. The
- 5 site is 6950 Greenspire Drive, Lewis Center,
- 6 Ohio 43035. The Parcel ID Number is
- 7 318-240-22-026-000. It's currently zoned as
- 8 Single Family Residential District. They are
- 9 also seeking an area variance from Rezoning
- 10 Case 12451 Estates of Glen Oak to allow for a
- 11 residential swimming pool to encroach into the
- 12 rear-yard setback.
- So, a more detailed summary, they
- 14 are seeking an area variance to construct a
- 15 swimming pool that would encroach 12 feet into
- 16 the 35 feet rear-yard setback in an area zoned
- 17 Single Family Planned Residential. The
- 18 swimming pool is also proposed to have a
- 19 five-feet tall aluminum fence, as well as an
- 20 automatic safety cover. The decking material
- 21 around the pool is proposed to be brick
- 22 pavers.
- 23 Surrounding the area to the north,
- 24 south, east and west is all zoned Single

- 1 Family Planned Residential District. The Land
- 2 Use to the north, east and west is single
- 3 family residences and to the south is HOA open
- 4 space. Also provided is the Staff Report is
- 5 an aerial photo from the Delaware County
- 6 Auditor's Website.
- 7 And then on to the Staff Review.
- 8 So, the proposed swimming pool would encroach
- 9 12 feet into the 35-foot rear-yard setback.
- 10 This is roughly a 34 percent variance request
- 11 from Rezoning Case 12451 Estates of Glen Oak.
- 12 Provided in the Staff Review is a site plan,
- 13 just kind of showing some of those
- 14 measurements there.
- 15 And then Staff was able to go out
- 16 and take some photos there. So the cone that
- 17 is shown in the photos is 41 feet away from
- 18 the edge of the home. This is where the edge
- 19 of the pool would go, the very southern edge,
- 20 to clarify. There's a few photos there, shows
- 21 the HOA open space there to the south of the
- 22 property.
- As far as public comments, so
- 24 there was three emails that I received. Those

1 three properties in proximity to the subject

- 2 property were to the east, the west and
- 3 directly north, so all the surrounding
- 4 neighbors there. And the Applicant also did
- 5 provide the HOA approval for this project.
- 6 That includes all that I have. I
- 7 believe the property owner is also here as
- 8 well, so in case you guys have any more
- 9 questions or comments.
- 10 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Sir, would you
- 11 like to add anything?
- MR. BLANCHARD: Again, thank you
- 13 Board for looking at our stuff here. My name
- 14 is Scott Blanchard. I'm the resident at the
- 15 address 6950 Greenspire Drive. And I have
- 16 been sworn in.
- 17 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Thank you.
- 18 MR. BLANCHARD: So in essence, my
- 19 wife and I, we are looking at doing an
- 20 in-ground pool with the details that Brent had
- 21 given here in the report to the in-ground,
- 22 automatic pool cover, the fence with
- 23 self-closing. The neighbors around have no
- 24 issues with that. Just looking at layout, we

1 looked at some different designs. We currently

- 2 have an existing patio that was a paver patio,
- 3 but it was not built very well, so the process
- 4 of demoing our current, existing patio and then
- 5 relaying, redoing essentially everything to what
- 6 you guys do see here is what we are requesting.
- 7 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: So I'm trying to
- 8 get a good picture of the back of the house.

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- MR. BLANCHARD: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: And where that
- 13 pool begins. So how much -- so the patio
- 14 you're taking out, the paver patio, and then
- 15 how much space is between the back of the
- 16 house and the beginning of the pool deck?
- MR. BLANCHARD: I think there's a
- 18 little less than ten feet from the back of the
- 19 --
- 20 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Is that the --
- 21 MR. BLANCHARD: The furthest most
- 22 point of the house.
- 23 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Okay. So
- 24 that's the 9.6. Okay.

1 MR. BLANCHARD: That's the 9.6,

- 2 yes, sir.
- 3 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: And then
- 4 there's 13 feet of patio before you get to the
- 5 pool; is that correct?
- 6 MR. BLANCHARD: That is correct.
- 7 Yep, on the northern side of the pool.
- 8 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Okay. And it's
- 9 all pavers around the pool?
- 10 MR. BLANCHARD: That is correct.
- 11 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: So the obvious
- 12 question, I guess, what options have you
- 13 looked at? Have you looked at other options?
- 14 Thirty-four percent is a substantial variance.
- 15 Have you looked at other options?
- 16 MR. BLANCHARD: So, in trying to
- 17 move things closer, and I can tell you from
- 18 two experiences why we did not want things up
- 19 as close. Well, there's a couple of factors.
- 20 Part of having the -- where you can see the --
- 21 where the potential loungers would be is on
- 22 the northern side of the pool to be able to
- 23 face the south, versus if you're out there and
- 24 you're trying to sun to not have to turn the

- 1 chair all the way completely around away from
- 2 the pool away from where kids and other people
- 3 would be. So we wanted it on the northern
- 4 side of the pool. The south side in our yard
- 5 every year when the sun is at certain
- 6 directions, it actually -- the energy
- 7 efficient windows, it will actually scorch.
- 8 You can see lines in our yard where it will
- 9 actually burn in the grass. It will actually
- 10 -- and my neighbor next door, who has had a
- 11 variance approved for a pavilion, he's had his
- 12 patio furniture catch on fire from these
- 13 windows.
- So, there is -- and if you put
- 15 your hand out in the sun under this, it's hot,
- 16 so I don't want anybody sitting, laying
- 17 directly underneath where that space is. So
- 18 for moving things around to not put the chairs
- 19 on the south side to not have to flip things
- 20 around, that's what we wanted to keep it on
- 21 the north side and keeping that space of where
- 22 we typically have that damage done to our yard
- 23 every year, that I have to reseed and fill
- 24 back in.

1 MS. NEFF: In the drawing, is this

- 2 your house?
- 3 MR. BLANCHARD: Yes, that is our
- 4 home. Yep.
- 5 MS. NEFF: And so the patio comes
- 6 around to the home in this section?
- 7 MR. BLANCHARD: Correct. There's
- 8 a sliding door off of that kind of south, I
- 9 guess, west corner of the home and so it kind
- 10 of extends out and then around, which is our
- 11 current kind of patio layout. It's just
- 12 extending to where the pool is.
- MS. NEFF: Okay. So my
- 14 calculations, which might be wrong, but it
- 15 looks like it's about three feet difference
- 16 between being substantial and less than the 25
- 17 percent.
- 18 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: I'm not doing
- 19 the math in my head, but that's probably
- 20 pretty close.
- MS. NEFF: Yeah, because it would
- 22 be nine, nine out of 35.
- 23 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Right. Right,
- 24 probably pretty close.

1 MS. NEFF: So pretty close. But

- 2 you're saying that moving it three feet in, so
- 3 you would hit that sun line?
- 4 MR. BLANCHARD: That's right. If
- 5 we move that in, what we're trying to avoid is
- 6 where that damage is done. I would rather
- 7 have landscape or if I have to put rocks in
- 8 there or something of that nature to hard
- 9 scape around that area, something that can
- 10 take the abuse of the sun, that isn't
- 11 essentially going to catch on fire or
- 12 essentially die repetitively, ideally.
- 13 MR. TREFZ: Are there windows on
- 14 the east side there where you've got the
- 15 little round picnic table or whatever?
- 16 MR. BLANCHARD: On the east side
- 17 of that, we have a large sliding door. That
- 18 is the only thing we have in where the -- and
- 19 used to picnic at that point in time. But
- 20 that right -- sorry. Looking out to the
- 21 patio, it's a sliding. But if you go to the
- 22 east side of the house -- is that what you're
- 23 asking?
- MR. TREFZ: No. I was asking

1 about the north side of the house but on the

- 2 east end of that. It comes in, out and back.
- 3 MR. BLANCHARD: Correct.
- 4 MR. TREFZ: I'm concerned with
- 5 this.
- 6 MR. BLANCHARD: Where that comes
- 7 in, that is where there's just a sliding door
- 8 out there.
- 9 MR. TREFZ: Okay.
- MR. BLANCHARD: It goes out to the
- 11 backyard. That's the only entry point from
- 12 the house to the backyard.
- MR. TREFZ: We obviously have the
- 14 same issue as we had on the last case. There
- 15 are design options I think could be pursued.
- 16 I can't tell you what to do on that, but 34
- 17 percent is well over our mark of 25. And it
- 18 is different each case. We could have nine
- 19 neighbors right in a row and everybody's case
- 20 is different. Some of them we may grant, some
- 21 of them we may not. If it's a gazebo not in
- 22 ground with no foundation, that's a whole
- 23 different story. So, the measurement of the
- 24 pool, which is the -- that's why the

1 measurement goes from the line to the edge of

- 2 the pool, not to the concrete around the pool.
- 3 Because the concrete or pavers, whatever you
- 4 have, aren't on a foundation.
- 5 MR. BLANCHARD: Right.
- MR. TREFZ: So that's not where we
- 7 go.
- 8 MR. BLANCHARD: Correct.
- 9 MR. TREFZ: Okay.
- MR. BLANCHARD: Correct.
- MR. TREFZ: And I'm just saying,
- 12 there might be a different configuration that
- 13 does everything you want it to do and yet
- 14 gives a little more -- you're asking for a
- 15 little less of a variance.
- 16 MR. BLANCHARD: So when you say a
- 17 little less of a variance, what are the
- 18 parameters? What's the scale or percentage
- 19 that you guys are looking to have?
- 20 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: It's not that
- 21 we're looking for a specific, but anything
- 22 over 25 percent is considered substantial.
- MR. BLANCHARD: Okay.
- 24 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: And like Mr.

- 1 Trefz said, every case is looked at
- 2 separately. There's different circumstances
- 3 in every case. But anything over 25 percent
- 4 is considered substantial. Those are
- 5 discussions that we have, other options. Are
- 6 there other options that could be? And
- 7 sometimes there's not, but that's kind of
- 8 where that comes from. So there's -- we would
- 9 be remiss just to -- it would be wrong to say
- 10 there is a standard, there's a line, we can't
- 11 do that. Anything over 25 percent is
- 12 considered substantial.
- MR. TREFZ: And that's one of
- 14 seven conditions that we look at.
- 15 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Exactly right.
- 16 Yeah, thank you.
- 17 MR. TREFZ: Okay. And when I
- 18 personally evaluated this project, you didn't
- 19 have many positives. Okay. Brett, did we
- 20 ever show them that?
- 21 MR. WIEMKEN: It's included in the
- 22 last page of the Staff Report.
- MR. TREFZ: Yeah, I know it is.
- MS. NEFF: But do they get that?

1 MR. TREFZ: But do they get a copy

- 2 of that?
- 3 MR. WIEMKEN: Yeah, they are sent
- 4 the Staff Report. It's the same questions
- 5 that in theory they would answer on the
- 6 application as well.
- 7 MR. TREFZ: Yeah. Right. It's
- 8 similar or the same, but -- everybody says,
- 9 oh, I didn't know about the zoning
- 10 requirement. Well, you may not have, but --
- 11 MR. BLANCHARD: We knew. I mean,
- 12 we -- that's why we haven't moved forward with
- 13 anything because -- and I even told our
- 14 builder that I want to have the approval.
- MR. TREFZ: Sure.
- 16 MR. BLANCHARD: Before we move
- 17 forward. But I guess my -- with the neighbor
- 18 next door, what my hope was that with where we
- 19 are putting things, who has been granted a
- 20 variance, at least in line site, when I look
- 21 at towards the back of approximately, now
- 22 granted it's not hard set perfect down to the
- 23 exact inch, but in line site if you look
- 24 across where he's been granted a variance for

- 1 building a whole concrete foundation for a
- 2 pavilion, it's pretty close to where we're
- 3 looking for the back edge of the pool.
- 4 There's a retention pond behind us. Nobody is
- 5 going to be behind us. So I guess I see
- 6 what's the -- such a tight restriction. I
- 7 mean, there's certain reasons why I'm sure you
- 8 guys know those things, but if there's nobody
- 9 -- we're out on the utility easement, you
- 10 know.
- 11 MR. TREFZ: Well, whether it's
- 12 your house that's next to the open land or
- 13 across the street, which is next to back doors
- 14 to neighbors, makes no difference because of
- 15 the setback is the same for all of the lots.
- 16 You may -- it may look like you have a lot
- 17 more land behind you.
- MR. BLANCHARD: No, I agree. I
- 19 know it may look like that. I guess what's
- 20 the likelihood of needing that space that is
- 21 still within our property behind this pool, you
- 22 know, I guess is my mindset. You know, what's
- 23 the likelihood of needing that additional space
- 24 to go into their, especially

- 1 if we're out of the utility easement.
- 2 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Right. We
- 3 still have to work off of the setbacks.
- 4 MR. BLANCHARD: Sure. So my
- 5 question then, I guess, would be, what is the
- 6 -- what would be the required footage to move
- 7 closer to the home to be within 25 percent?
- 8 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Again, I can't
- 9 do that math in my head.
- MS. NEFF: It's about three feet.
- 11 Because if you look at -- so to do the
- 12 calculation, you take the amount you're
- 13 encroaching, which is 12 feet and divide it by
- 14 35. So 12 divided by 35 is what, the 33
- 15 percent?
- 16 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Correct.
- 17 MR. TREFZ: Yeah.
- 18 MR. WIEMKEN: Twenty-five percent
- 19 is right at nine feet, so it would be --
- MS. NEFF: Yeah. So you're three
- 21 feet-ish away.
- 22 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: It would be
- 23 about three feet.
- MS. NEFF: That being said, that

1 doesn't mean it will be approved, I mean. But

- 2 that takes it out of substantial.
- 3 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Takes it out of
- 4 the substantial category.
- 5 MS. NEFF: That's why I was asking
- 6 about that -- the --
- 7 MR. BLANCHARD: I mean, I'll go
- 8 out because I probably have areas where I --
- 9 and I'll remeasure where I probably can see
- 10 where grass seed is growing in from last year
- 11 because it's probably still greener than the
- 12 rest of it. So I can go look and see and make
- 13 sure that it's -- I tried to stake it out as
- 14 best I could with the measurements. But I
- 15 also know measurement-wise I think right where
- 16 you place, where I thought the last area of
- 17 the back edge of the patio is, is where I
- 18 think that cone is, is where the pool is. So,
- 19 if I go back out and look at that, then that
- 20 may be something to consider to see were my
- 21 measurements digitally also not as accurate.
- 22 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Does anybody --
- 23 do you have any questions? Does anybody else
- 24 have any questions?

1 MS. SUNDAR: No. Does he want to

- 2 continue or?
- 3 MR. BLANCHARD: I think at this
- 4 point for a potential three feet that may be
- 5 hopefully, you know, if the yard is not in
- 6 that zone then negligible, then I think I
- 7 would say continue at this point, which would
- 8 mean to just resubmit to you again, I guess, a
- 9 newer design, if we're going to go that route;
- 10 is that correct? If I'm understanding that
- 11 process, is that what --
- MR. WIEMKEN: For a continuing,
- 13 yes.
- 14 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: For a
- 15 continuance, yes.
- MR. BLANCHARD: For continuing,
- 17 correct. And that doesn't require us to pay
- 18 the additional \$600 again to be there,
- 19 correct?
- 20 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Not a
- 21 continuance.
- MR. BLANCHARD: Correct. So I
- 23 think at this point for a potential three
- 24 feet, I think let's look at it and get a

- 1 continuance.
- 2 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Okay.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Is there a Motion by
- 4 the Board to continue to February 16th here at
- 5 Township Hall?
- 6 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: I'll make a
- 7 Motion based upon the Applicant's request for
- 8 a continuance to continue to February 16th.
- 9 MS. NEFF: Second.
- 10 MR. WIEMKEN: Okay. Motion to
- 11 continue to February 16th located here at
- 12 Township Hall at 6:00 p.m. Motion made by Mr.
- 13 Shipley, seconded by Ms. Neff. Those voting:
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Neff.
- MS. NEFF: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Ross.
- MS. ROSS: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Mr. Shipley.
- 19 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Sundar.
- MS. SUNDAR: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: And Mr. Trefz.
- MR. TREFZ: Yes.
- 24 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Thank you,

- 1 folks.
- MR. BLANCHARD: Thank you.
- 3 - -
- 4 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: All right. The
- 5 next item on the Agenda is the approval of the
- 6 Minutes from November 10th, and December, I
- 7 think. November and December Minutes, right?
- 8 MR. WIEMKEN: Uh-huh. Okay. We
- 9 can start with the November ones. There's a
- 10 few corrections that everybody had submitted,
- 11 so let me pull these up here. Okay.
- So, there's a list here, so please
- 13 bear with me. So for the November 10th, 2022
- 14 Minutes: corrections on page 4 line 7, the
- 15 word feet should be foot; page 5 line 14,
- 16 remove the word the, it makes more sense
- 17 there. On page 6 line 15, remove of; page 8
- 18 line 1, where should be is; page 12 line 4,
- 19 capitalize the a in as; page 14 line 1,
- 20 capitalize the a in and; page 16 line 7, there
- 21 should be they; page 16 line 12, well should
- 22 be will; page 16 line 22, add a period after
- 23 the word yes; page 19 line 3, came should be
- 24 can; page 19 line 4; requested should be

- 1 request; page 21 line 1, pass should be past,
- 2 p-a-s-t; page 26 line 6, Ms. Sundar should be
- 3 Ms. Ross.
- 4 And there's a few others here, so
- 5 let me make sure I don't duplicate them here.
- 6 So page 9 line 2, rent should be changed to
- 7 current; page 9 line 11, I'll be it, should be
- 8 albeit, one word. Page 9 line 24, instruction
- 9 should be changed to construction; page 10
- 10 Line 1, impingement should be infringement;
- 11 page 16 line 12, really well should be really
- 12 are; page 17 line 16, teared should be tiered;
- 13 page 25 line 24, give should be gave and then
- 14 page 29 line 2, just a correction on the time
- 15 from 6:14 to 6:30 p.m. I don't remember it
- 16 being that short of a short.
- MR. TREFZ: It was short, but not
- 18 that short.
- 19 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: I saw that. I
- 20 thought that was kind of short.
- 21 MR. WIEMKEN: So that's it for the
- 22 November Minutes.
- 23 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Do you need a
- 24 Motion specifically for November?

1 MR. WIEMKEN: Yes, please. Just a

- 2 Motion as corrected.
- 3 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Does anybody
- 4 else have anything to add?
- 5 MR. TREFZ: No.
- 6 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: All right.
- 7 I'll make a Motion that we approve the
- 8 November Minutes as corrected.
- 9 MS. ROSS: I'll second.
- 10 MR. WIEMKEN: Motion to approve
- 11 the November 10th, 2022 Minutes as amended
- 12 made by Mr. Shipley, seconded by Ms. Ross.
- 13 Those voting:
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Neff.
- MS. NEFF: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Ross.
- MS. ROSS: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Mr. Shipley.
- 19 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Sundar.
- MS. SUNDAR: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: And Mr. Trefz.
- MR. TREFZ: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: On to the December

- 1 Minutes. So for December, page 4 line 14,
- 2 unless should be since; page 9 line 20, lot
- 3 should be light; page 12 line 10, add is to
- 4 the applicant is requesting; page 23 line 4,
- 5 the first name of the individual is spelled
- 6 incorrectly. It should be Ramakrishna, which
- 7 is R-a-m-a-k-r-i-s-h-n-a. And then on page 1
- 8 it lists Stacey Neff present, but on page 2
- 9 throughout the minutes Ms. Foster was noted in
- 10 the roll calls and discussion. It was Ms.
- 11 Foster that was there in attendance. Page 6
- 12 line 22, that should be than; page 9 line 8,
- 13 any way should be corrected to just one word;
- 14 page 12 line 14, feet should be foot; page 17
- 15 line 17, sweep like, that doesn't make sense.
- MS. ROSS: It reads, background is
- 17 like a sweep like in the area.
- 18 MR. WIEMKEN: Yeah, and I caught
- 19 that, too. When listening to it, I couldn't
- 20 come up with any other word that would really
- 21 fit it well, so.
- MR. TREFZ: Hey, we say weird
- 23 things sometimes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Yes, yes, so. And

- 1 then on page 25, it should be Ms. Foster
- 2 seconded rather than so moved. So those are
- 3 all the corrections that we have for December
- 4 Minutes.
- 5 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Does anybody
- 6 have anything to add? All right. I'll make a
- 7 Motion that we approve the December Minutes as
- 8 corrected.
- 9 MS. ROSS: I'll second.
- 10 MR. WIEMKEN: A Motion by Mr.
- 11 Shipley to approve the December 15th, 2022
- 12 Minutes as corrected, second by Ms. Ross.
- 13 Those voting:
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Neff.
- MS. NEFF: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Ross.
- MS. ROSS: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Mr. Shipley.
- 19 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Ms. Sundar.
- MS. SUNDAR: I abstain.
- MR. WIEMKEN: And Mr. Trefz.
- MR. TREFZ: Yes.
- MR. WIEMKEN: Okay. That's all we

1 have on the Agenda tonight. I would like to

- 2 officially welcome Stacey. Her first big-time
- 3 meeting as a regular Member.
- 4 (Applause.)
- 5 MR. WIEMKEN: And then also
- 6 Andrew, he is our new Zoning Inspector, so
- 7 give a shout out to him as well.
- 8 (Applause.)
- 9 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Welcome Andrew.
- MR. KOENIG: Thank you.
- 11 MR. WIEMKEN: It's his first Board
- 12 of Zoning Appeals meeting ever, sp.
- MR. TREFZ: They're not always
- 14 easy like this.
- MR. WIEMKEN: So, as far as next
- 16 month, we now have three cases on the Agenda,
- 17 the two that were tonight and there's also a
- 18 Conditional Use Application as well, so. You
- 19 guys will be hearing from me soon with those
- 20 materials, as well.
- 21 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: Does anybody
- 22 have everything else?
- MS. SUNDAR: No.
- 24 CHAIRMAN SHIPLEY: All right.

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