

APPEALS & REVIEW BOARD

Oak Lawn Municipal Center – Village Hall Auditorium
9446 Raymond Avenue Oak Lawn IL 60453
Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Minutes #2021-4

- I. ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- A.) Chairman: Matt Egan
- B.) Members: Jim Baker, *District 4* Jay Lurquin, *District 6*
Joe Cwiklinski, *At-Large (7:02)* Pat Pulver, *District 1(ABS)*
Matt Egan, *District 2* Andy Skoundrianos, *District 3*
Kai Grant, *District 6*
- C.) Staff: Kevin McGuinness, Village Planner
Deanne Adasiak, Recording Secretary

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Egan.

III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

A.) Regular Meeting #2021-03 – May 25, 2021

*A motion was made by Member Baker to approve the Meeting Minutes #2020-3 – May 25, 2021.
The motion was seconded by Member Lurquin.*

Roll call: Skoundrianos, yes; Lurquin, yes; Grant, yes; Egan, aye; Baker, yes.

Motion to approve carries: 5-0.

The Oath was administered by Chairman Matt Egan.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A.) Pet. #A-2021-9-Request for a Front Yard Variation to Allow for a Covered Porch @ 9207 Tulley Avenue, Scott, Dorencz, Petitioner

Mr. Scott Dorencz, 9207 Tulley Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

The petitioner explained that he purchased the subject property in 2010. He stated that it was a foreclosure. The petitioner stated that his father retired and that he has been assisting with property improvements since then. The petitioner explained that he would like to add a covered porch to the front of the house. According to the petitioner, the house currently has a front “covered” cement porch with a stairwell. The petitioner stated that he wishes to construct a covered wooden front porch at the same elevation as the existing porch. The proposed porch, according to the petitioner, will encroach an additional 6' into the front yard, leaving 18' between the porch and the front lot line.

The petitioner indicated that the house was built before the Ordinance change. He stated that he prefers the extra 6', but he is unsure whether the variance is due to the covered porch being prohibited or to

the difference in feet to the front lot line. Commissioner Baker explained the reason for the variance. He stated that the front yard requirement is 25', and that the proposed front porch would reduce it by 7', bringing it to 18' between the porch and the front lot line.

Mr. Gary Dorencz, 9207 Tulley Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Mr. Gary Dorencz stated that he spoke with Village Building Department staff and was told that he could have a 5' covered wooden porch but a 6' covered wooden porch would require a variance. Mr. McGuinness explained that Village code allows the encroachment into the front yard setback as long as they do not exceed 8' if uncovered and 6' if covered. Commissioner Baker indicated that the existing 1' encroachment of the home and the 6' encroachment of the porch necessitates a 7' front yard variation. Mr. McGuinness responded that is correct.

Commissioner Egan said what the petitioner is proposing for the covered porch will not come any further out than what exists now. The petitioner responded that is correct.

A motion was made by Member Cwiklinski to approve Pet. #A-2021-9-Request for a Front Yard Variation to Allow for a Covered Porch @ 9207 Tulley Avenue, Scott, Dorencz, Petitioner. The motion was seconded by Member Baker.

Roll call: Baker, yes; Cwiklinski, yes; Egan, aye; Grant, yes; Lurquin, yes; Skoundrianos, yes.

Motion to approve passes: 6-0.

V. OTHER BUSINESS BY:

A.) Chairman: *None.*

B.) Members: *None.*

C.) Staff: *None.*

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Lurquin and seconded by Member Grant.

Voice Vote: All in favor, Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.