

CITY OF GERMANTOWN
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Jodie Bowden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum: Lillian Haddock called the roll and established a quorum.

Members Present: Jodie Bowden; Frank Uhlhorn; Vice Mayor Mary Anne Gibson; Andrew Bland; Laura Meanwell; and Richard Towne.

Staff Present: Director; Sheila Pounder, (ECD) Assistant Director; Lillian Haddock, Planner Technician; and Josh Whitehead, Assistant City Attorney.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Frank Uhlhorn moved to approve the Board of Zoning and Appeals minutes of January 10, 2023, seconded by Richard Towne.

ROLL CALL:

Bland – Yes
Meanwell – Yes
Uhlhorn – Yes
Towne – Yes
Gibson – Yes
Bowden - Yes

MOTION PASSED 6-0-0

4. Regular Agenda

A. Case Number:	(23-008)
Location:	7988 Poplar Pike
Property Owner/Applicant:	Paige Darnell & Jacob Bray
Zoning District:	“R” Low-Density Single-Family Residential
Request:	Approval of a Variance to Allow a Parking Pad in the Required Front Yard Setback on an Interior Lot

*Refer to complete application, plans and staff report on file.

Sheila Pounder, Asst. ECD Director, made a staff presentation.

The Board questioned staff about the variance request.

The agent, David Darnell of 1735 Ghost Creek Drive, Collierville, TN, made a presentation on behalf of the property owners and answered the Board’s questions.

Chairman Jodie Bowden opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in support of this item:

No one spoke in opposition of this item.

Staff announced that there were no letters received in support or in opposition to this application.

Chairman Bowden closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Frank Uhlhorn moved to approve a variance to allow a parking pad in the required front yard setback on an interior residential lot (as it exists), subject to the Board's discussion, staff comments noted in the staff report (with no reduction in size), and the site plan submitted with the application., seconded by Richard Towne.

Chairman Jodie Bowden led the Board in a discussion and then called for a vote.

ROLL CALL:

Bland – No, because alternations should be made to change the size.

Meanwell – Yes, by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape of the property resulting in undue hardship

Uhlhorn – Yes, due to the peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties.

Towne – Yes, due to exceptional narrowness but with the reason exceptional topography and other changes over the years on the street with other pads and traffic changes since 1971

Gibson – Yes, due to the exceptional situation pertaining to the traffic

Bowden – Yes, due to the reasons previously mentioned

MOTION PASSED 5-1-0

6. Old Business

Chairman Jodie Bowden asked if there was any old business. There was none.

7. New Business

Chairman Jodie Bowden asked if there was any new business. There was none.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, comments or questions by the Commission, Chairman Jodie Bowden adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Chairman Jodie Bowden
Board of Zoning Appeals
