

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 W MAIN ST, NEWARK, OH 43055

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER- Steve Layman Board Chair called the Thursday APRIL 25, 2024 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting to order.

Present:

George Carter	Zoning Inspector
Eddie Hunt	Member
Jack Gienger	Member
Phil Claggett	Member
Steve Layman	Board Chair

Absent: John Paul Member

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the March 28, 2024 meeting

Motion and second to approve minutes of March 28, 2024, motion passed by acclamation

3. OLD BUSINESS

There is none this meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

APPLICATION BZA-24-12

Applicant: Patrick & Beth Cooperrider
Owner: Patrick & Beth Cooperrider
Location: 905 Stewart St.
Project: Pole Barn
Reference: 16.7

Patrick Cooperrider, 905 Stewart St. – I'd like to build a pole building. The limit is 20 feet high. I'd like 16-foot side walls. Four twelve trestles are to peak at 23

feet. That's what I'd like to do. Get a variance to be able to do that.

Mr. Layman - Are you willing to combine your lots?

Mr. Cooperrider – Yes.

Mr. Layman – Anyone here to speak for or against this application?

**Motion to approve with the condition that the two adjoining lots be combined,
Second, Motion passed**

Mr. Layman – You have to visit the City Engineer's office to talk to either George or Brian Morehead, the City Engineer. I believe they can combine those lots administratively, so you wouldn't need a public hearing. OK? Thank you.

APPLICATION BZA-24-14

Applicant: Kevin Scott
Owner: Kscott Properties LLC
Location: 529 Ballard Ave.
Project: RV Campground
Reference: 150.7.3

Kevin Scott – I guess you were asking for an explanation of what I'm asking for. I purchased a business here in Newark. A mobile home park a few years ago. I've been trying to take it from what it was to where I want it to be. I want it to be a shining star of the Newark community. It takes months and I'm putting everything I got back into it, because I have a vision of someday having the local neighborhood and city fathers happy that they gave me a chance to show you what I can do. I have made progress in the last year. I think George would agree with me on that. If there was ever a request, I complied and did so in each case ahead of schedule. But, it's a mobile home park that was designed and built in 1953 when state of the art mobile home was 8 feet wide and 35 feet long. I got a lot of space in there that I just can't do much with. If I'm going to clean the place up, if I'm going to have people driving in there and say what I want them to say, which is "Wow, this place is nice. Someone is really taking care of this. Somebody cares". Which I do. Then I have to put new stuff in there. And some of these lots I can't because they just don't accommodate modern stuff. I got a call about a year ago, and it was one of the management folks at Intel. He says, "It's been seven years working on this project in Georgia and we're done, and they're taking it up to your area. Do you have a place for me?" I didn't realize this at the time, but this is a thing. They live in their campers. That's their home. It's permanent. More permanent than some of the people I have buying 16 x 80s that are here for 18 months and then gone. These guys are being told that Intel is going to keep them here for 2,5,7,10,15 years. They've got no place to go. He's living in an area where they provided a space for him down there, but there is 300 of them. I said, I don't know if I can do that or not. But, being a mobile home

guy, mobile home park, for my whole life, we're always governed by the state. The state of Ohio, Ohio Mobile Home Association, and whenever you had a questions, that's who you would call. That's just the way it's always been. I called them and asked, "What's your position on this?" And here is exactly what they said. This is a nationwide trend. The state of Ohio realizes they have to get their heads together and decide what to do about this sort of thing. Tiny homes? Camper trailers? And a different type of unit which isn't big in this area, but they're going to be coming on strong, called park malls are all smaller manufactured homes that are being used as permanent residences. And the state knows that. And it's a national trend because who can afford a half million-dollar house if you're a working guy. They said it's fine you can do it. We have no problem with it because it's too new to them, to all of us. I didn't know to contact George. That's on me. I made that mistake. I'm just used to dealing with the state. So, one came, and another came, and now I've got 8 or 9 out there. Suddenly, instead of me and two other guys, working 7 days a week trying to clean this park up, to turn it from a trailer park into a real community, suddenly I've got enough coming in that I can call a contractor and say hey come on down bring your guys. He gets more done in two weeks than me and my guys get done in 12 months. I promise that's what I want to do. Streets, trees, I mean it just hundreds and hundreds and thousands of dollars I've spent in the last couple years, and I've got a long way to go. If you guys can work with me and give me a shot, I promise you won't be disappointed. But I'm bringing these guys, Intel loves me because they need help. They're behind schedule and their guys have no place to go. The interpretation of the local ordinance which I really don't know, I guess George and I might differ on that one thing, although George is a great guy. I don't read it the same way he does, but no matter. The funny thing is, if I went out and got a 1959 8 x 35 and put it down in one of these lots, go to the river pick another one up and bring it up here, it would be perfectly legal. But I can't have a guy who spent \$180,000, 46-foot-long, 9-foot-wide camper trailer that he's lived in for 10 years. That's gotta go. And these guys, as you well know, hardworking, single guys. They don't have kids. They're not clogging up the schools. They're not clogging up the streets and the parks. They work. They lay their head down, and they go to work the next day. They're bringing their money into Newark. They're patronizing the local businesses. I don't see the sense of chasing them off. I'd like the chance to show you that this is a good thing for all of us. And I promise I'll keep it clean. I promise I'll only bring in good people. My office is right there. I'll keep an eye on it. I just see it as an opportunity for everyone. For local businesses. For the city. For the workers. They love it. If I tell them they have to leave, they're going to go to Muskingum county. Like I said to George, they're going to go to Knox county. They're going to go to Franklin county. They're going to go somewhere because there's nothing else around here. And there's thousands of them coming. Obviously, that doesn't mean anything to me cause I can only take a dozen of them. I think the language is, a very gray area. And for us to make it black and white, and say no these guys have to go, I don't think it serves a purpose for anyone. I don't know what else to say.

Mr. Layman - Thank you. Anyone here to speak for or against this application?

Brandy Nelson, 515 Arlington Ave. – I've lived there roughly 11 years. I'm a single mom with a special needs daughter. She's autistic. I wasn't too impressed when I bought the house originally. When the trailer park was back there. My neighbor behind me, and I put a fence up to stay away from it. So, I don't have to see it. It's an eye sore. I work in local law enforcement here in town, so I represent the city and the county. Unfortunately, the trailer park was an eye sore. I do appreciate the fact that you have cleaned it up. It does look way better. There's not people squatting back there, homeless. But, my fear is the RV park being right next to the school. I don't think it's safe for the kids at the school to have that. There are 9 trailers up there now. RVs I should say. They're all out of state plates. My working in law enforcement, out of state RVs, people with no priority of the city, they're just here temporarily, drugs, alcohol, people that don't belong up there. I fear for my daughter. I won't let her go out because I don't know who's coming in. It doesn't look good on the city to have the RV park. I don't want it in my back yard. I want to sell my house. I don't want to have to explain to someone trying to buy my house that there is an RV park next to a school, adjacent to my backyard.

Mr. Layman – Do you have specific knowledge of drug or alcohol problems?

Ms. Nelson – Previously, in the past yes. I have been up in there with people and took some video. In the past, with trailers there. Not recently, no. Not yet. But they're new. They've only been there a couple weeks to my knowledge. But I wasn't paying attention and I just looked up there one day, and they happened to be there. My daughter doesn't go to the middle school, she's in elementary. I have an 8-foot-high fence that runs through there. So, I can't.

Mr. Layman – So, you don't have any specific information or knowledge of problems?

Ms. Nelson – No. I don't live on that road. I live down, so I can only see from a distance, but it's the idea of an RV parked in my backyard. An RV park to me is somewhere you go to relax on vacation stuff like that. It's family friendly. There's no ponds, lakes. There's nothing. I mean, it's by a school on a dead-end road for people to set trailers on. And my fear is how much worse is it going to get? Is it going to back to what the trailer park was? Where there was people squatting in the abandoned trailers. Some of them catching on fire. Those things. Bringing in people that I don't want in the community.

Mr. Layman - Anyone else here to speak for or against this application?

Victoria Barkman, 530 Ballard – I'm across the street from the office for this mobile home park. Ballard Ave. is the only street that goes back to the park, and it's extremely narrow especially the first block. If you got one of those trailers coming through there, you cannot pass it. You have to park and wait until it comes through. It's a problem. There's also the fact that he is putting those RVs in there just as tight as he can. There's no green space. There's no extra space. He's trying to get as much money as he can out of the property. And once he gets his zoning, he can put anybody he wants back there, and we won't have anything to say about it. They cover the ground with rock and gravel, and I don't know if they put anything under

it, because if they didn't, when the weeds start to come up, there's no way you can take a mower over it. You need to actually drive through there and look at it. I counted at least 15 RVs last night. What exactly is the definition between a mobile home and an RV? Some of them look like extremely small, but they look like they're in there permanent. Once he gets approval for this, he can do whatever he wants. He's already put the sign up, moved all these people in, thinking nobody was going to question him. And I'm with her. It's right next to the middle school. Is he doing background checks on these people? Does he have any idea, or is he just out to collect the rent? I'm single. I'm deaf. I live by myself. Three years ago, I got broken into in the middle of the night. I don't want to have to worry about who he's putting into these RVs. Are they homeless people?

Mr. Layman – Do you have knowledge of any problem with his existing tenants?

Ms. Barkman – No. Once he gets approval for this, we don't know what's going to happen. Are we going to be able to solve it once we have a problem? You really need to drive through there and look at what he's done. He's jammed as much into the space as he can. It doesn't look pretty. It doesn't look welcoming. It does not look like something that you want in your backyard.

Mr. Layman – Thank you.

Jim Hall, 604 Garfield Ave. – I own 3 ½ acres, and it's adjacent to his property. Backs right up to him. My biggest concern, this is all my property here. This is Mack and Alleys apartments. There's kids every morning, I watch them before I leave for work. They walk straight up this hill, through here and right through this to go to the school. That's where the school is. Right next to it. You can see these things are permanent. These aren't overnights, weekend, you know. These things are permanent. There is several of them up there. My concern is the plumbing. Do you have, are you hooked to city sewer? Then how are you getting this one up 30 feet? This trailer is all the way down by the bottom of your property. It's got to go up 30 feet. That's my concern. I have water running outside of the hill down on my property. The city put storm sewers down our street 10 years ago maybe. They had to come back and put a dry well in just for this water that runs off your property down mine. But, that's my big concern. What is that? But, if you go back to the beginning, where it says Towns Mobile Home and RV Park. The difference between an RV and a camper, RV is self-contained. It's got a steering wheel. I don't want it there. I fought this thing for 25 years. I've lived here. This trailer park. Every snot nosed kid who ever lived there came down and destroyed trees on my property. I had a big, beautiful pine tree. They came and broke every branch. That's just what I dealt with over the years. Now this. I'm 63 years old. I'm tired of fighting. If you can help us, we'd appreciate it.

Mr. Layman – Anyone else here to speak for or against this application?

Theresa Schadel, 495 Ballard Ave. - I don't know you. You seem very nice. And I will say, we bought our house two years ago in June, and we would not have bought it. We knew the mobile home park was there, but when we came to drive around, it looked like there were hardly anything there that was not anything right next to our house, so we went ahead and bought it. Over the last 6 months, I think

it was, maybe last fall, he's put in a trailer 15 feet from my property. Which is supposed to be 50 feet. It's very hilly. The trailer is probably this far off the ground. It looks like it's going to fall over. It's blocking the sun from my yard now because it's up so high. I don't know how long you've had it. I looked online and it said 2018 but who you bought it from seemed like the same family. I feel like if you put in the campers without getting permission or knowing they were allowed, or put in this mobile home without having anyone inspect the sewer lines the water lines that were digging up. If you had inspectors or anyone from the city, I'm sure they would have told him he can't put it that close to our fence and our property. I'm just afraid that if he puts all these people in there, he's not going to follow the rules. He hasn't been following the rules.

Unknown man – The sidestep to the mobile home 3 feet from my fence. And it's probably 20 years old. It's got mold growing on it. I've only been there 2 years. He did a good job. We saw the shit hole that was down the hill. Working with you guys he moved it out, but now we're putting in people that will be there 1-2 years. Is it a KOA campground?

Ms. Schadel - And after the Intel people move out, those spots are pretty much designed for this, will there be 1980's pop up campers there? And since these people have been there, we have kids walking up and down from the school and playing in the street. Everyday there are people flying, and our street is 25, they've got to be going 35-40 down the street, just peeling out and flying down the street. Everyday people are yelling at them to slow down and stop speeding. I'm just afraid it's going to get worse.

Unknown man – And that school is right there. The kids walk home, you guys have been there. The alleys. Everything is right there. You can't see. You gotta creep to go anywhere. They come flying out there in a flash.

(Conversation in the crowd)

Unknown woman, 418 Ballard Ave. – My concern is I thought that once you had a trailer and you took it off, I thought that was it. You couldn't put a trailer back there. I thought that was the ordinance. Am I wrong?

Unknown man – On a city lot, in a neighborhood, if you took it out. Not in a trailer park.

Unknown woman – Yeah, but I never knew it was called a trailer park. It just seemed like a trailer dump.

Unknown man – Well, it was put in, like we said, in the 50s.

Unknown woman – Why don't they put in some nice houses?

Mr. Layman – Talk to us.

Unknown woman – Why don't they put in some nice houses in back there? I mean, and the kids walk up and down through there all the time. People speed up and down our road constantly. They jump Ballard Ave. over on the other side of Essex the kids do. They think it's fun in their cars. Some have landed in my garden. I took the trees down so they wouldn't hit the trees. I mean, I have no problem with RVs, but I really don't understand why we need an RV park. Plus, in Johnstown, they have places set aside down there for these trailers for the people that's going to be

working on the buildings and stuff for this, because my brother-in-law is complaining. My husband's lived there since he was 16 and he's 77 years old now. There's a lot of traffic through there. Kids. I don't know. I'm just not really thrilled.

Mr. Layman – Anyone else to speak for or against this application?

Paula Cook, 566 Garfield Ave. – We'll been there 3 years this May. I'm really concerned about property value. Like she had stated, to back an RV park. I'm also scared when you have somebody move into your neighbor they have a sexual registry that they have to be on. If you're in an RV park, how do I have the safety to know that who's living in there, because there's no timeline they don't have a lease. They're just there. I don't have a right to know if somebody like that's going to be in that neighborhood. Also, right now I-we're pretty close to the schools so the kids are always cutting through. I guess it's your property into our property. There are kids hanging out there. Trashing. You're out there picking up your trash. I don't know the noise. Is there any money for the transportation infrastructure? The roads are bad. People on my road go 50 mph. I'm out trying to mow my lawn taking care of our yard and worried about getting hit by somebody speeding up the road. So, are they going to improve the roads around there if you guys do approve that? The noise, the traffic is already bad like she had stated, and I'm afraid of adding on to what we already have.

Mr. Layman – Kevin, how many pads do you have?

Mr. Scott – I'm licensed for 55.

Mr. Layman – And how many trailers do you have on the site?

Mr. Scott – When I bought the park there were only 9.

Mr. Layman – How many trailers do you have now? You had 9 when you bought it?

Mr. Scott – Yeah. Two dozen.

Mr. Layman – We're not talking about RVs. We're talking about campers. We're talking about trailers. How many mobile homes do you have?

Mr. Scott – There wouldn't be that many mobile homes. There'd probably be say 16. Approximately.

Mr. Layman – So, you bought a mobile home park that was not in very good condition. That was set up for 52 campers. 55 campers. Not campers. 55 mobile homes. 55 pads for mobile homes. With water and sewer there for 55.

Mr. Scott – Yes, sir.

Mr. Layman – How many total units do you have now? RVs and trailers?

Mr. Scott – I don't know. If I may, I don't want to waste a lot of time sitting here thinking about all the people. Say 36. Let's run with that. 3 dozen.

Mr. Layman – The reason I ask these questions is, I know you live in the neighborhood, and I know you don't like your neighbors. We get that. He's got a legal right to be there. We can deny him the ability to put RVs there. We can say no. You still have the trailer park with the capacity for 52 trailers, mobile homes. The language in the ordinance is unclear. He's got the right to have 55 manufactured homes. Is that what you want? Right now, he is giving you the opportunity to put some controls on what he does. As a board, we can grant, and what we're talking

about here is an interpretation of the code to say that an RV is essentially the same thing as a trailer. That's what he's asking for.

Ulysses Collins, 640 Garfield Ave. – I had an RV. An RV is not the same thing as a mobile home.

Mr. Layman – Nobody says it is.

Mr. Collins – You just said that.

Mr. Layman – No. We can interpret under the zoning ordinance if they could be considered the same thing. Not that it is. It would just be considered under the zoning ordinance. An RV or manufactured home could be considered a similar use on a pad.

Mr. Collins – A camper is a camper regardless of how you look at it.

Mr. Layman – Ok. Let me back up and try again. He's giving you the opportunity to put conditions on what he does with his application. If we grant him the ability to put RVs there, by interpreting the code to say that an RV is similar under the code to manufactured house. We can make it conditional. We can put a certain set back on it. We can put landscaping requirements. We can do stuff like that. That's your choice. You can either ask us to say no, and then you're stuck with whatever he does there with manufactured housing. Or, you can say we'll take RVs if you have these restrictions. Such and such landscaping. Such and such set back. If somebody is complaining about having a trailer 15 feet from their house, ok. Was there a pad there? Ok. So, he's got the right to put the trailer there.

Unknown man – So why is there a variance then in 2009? I mean, there's a code.

Unknown woman - There hasn't been a trailer there for a while.

Mr. Layman – It's preexisting.

Unknown man – They took it away. You're saying that's always going to be grandfathered even though it's packed up and moved?

Mr. Layman – Yeah, and the pad is there. The pad is what was grandfathered.

Unknown man – So, you're trying to find the lesser of two evils for us to deal with him. Cause you're saying, well, you can either deal with RVs or you can deal with a bunch of mobile homes.

Mr. Layman – What I'm saying is, we can put restrictions upon him that he doesn't have now. If you don't want (inaudible) we don't have to. We could say that no pad could be closer than 50 feet to any neighboring property. That can be a condition of the approve. OK? It is what it is. We can talk about RVs all you want. You can kick all the RVs out. You're still living next to a very dated, well worn, trailer park. We can effectively put restrictions on how he operates his business that could benefit you. Or, we can deny him and he does what he wants to do with the pads, and you're stuck with a camper or a trailer. You're stuck with a manufactured home pad.

Unknown man – Is that something the neighborhood can discuss on? It sounds like you're wanting him to go ahead and let the RVs come in. I would rather have 50 mobile homes up there than any camper because some dirtbag can drag a camper in with 20 people living in it. They're going to be in my backyard.

Mr. Layman – We can put restrictions on it.

Unknown man – Restrictions don't count. You got to have a cop up there and watch that. That's what it would take.

Mr. Layman – The penalty for violating the zoning ordinance is like \$500 a day.

Unknown man – This was all done without going through the zoning.

Ms. Barkman – Does he have to have those, even the mobile homes, don't they have to be fastened down? I mean, isn't there anything in the state of Ohio that says you have to have a mobile home that's anchored. Cause these lots that I've seen, they haven't done anything to anchor these trailers they're bringing in. And then what happens when we have a tornado come through? Is there any kind of a structure that these people can go to to be safe? This is something he needs to be made to see to it there's some place for these people to go. When you got a tornado warning, it's up on top of the hill.

(conversation in the crowd)

Mr. Layman – Alright, speak to us.

(conversation in the crowd, yelling)

Mr. Layman – Hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey. Speak to us.

Mr. Scott – To his point, this extra income is enabling me to hire people to get it done faster. I used the example of the contractor friend. In two weeks time, we got more done than I could get done in a year. If I can continue to take that in, I'll hire a second contractor and it will happen even faster. That's all I want to do. And to look at these guys working at Intel, and to assume that they're all sexual predators is ridiculous!

Unknown man – I didn't assume everybody there is a sexual predator. I'm saying, if you got an RV park, and you're allowing campers to come in there at any time, anybody's got \$550 a month can stay there, because that's what you charge.

Mr. Scott – What I charge is what it takes to pay the bills.

(conversation in the crowd)

Mr. Layman – Alright, hold it, hold it, hold it, hold it. Whoa, whoa, whoa. Time out. Just hang on for a minute.

(conversation in the crowd)

Mr. Layman – We could be here for another two hours, and not resolve this. Let me try this. Before we get a motion here, because there is one ready to be made. Let me try one more time. For the neighborhood, if we grant him the ability to do this, we could put all, whatever restrictions you want on that. OK? Now, he's got to be able to do some things, but setbacks, landscaping, fencing perimeter, whatever. We can put regulations on his operation. As it exists and as it goes forward. If we deny him, he can operate the way it's (unintelligible). I'll give you a chance. We can table it. You guys can talk about it. Figure out what would make you happy. I know making it go away would make you the happiest, but it's here. It's real. He can ask to table it. You can talk. You can come back and say, look, we can live with this if this, this, this, this, this happens. Ok? We can do that. And now you have a voice in what happens in the future, because you set the guidelines. If he violates the guidelines, he's in violation of zoning ordinance. The penalty for violation of the zoning ordinance is severe. It's \$500 a day once he's been convicted of it.

Unknown man – I vote we table it. Let us all get together and try to talk about it.

George Carter – I will say for procedural purposes the applicant will have to table it.

Mr. Layman – He has to ask. But, if you are willing to give him an opportunity to react to the rules that you want to set, we can vote on it next month. We can table it, or you can say it doesn't matter what he does, we're against it.

Unknown woman – Can I ask a question? If we table it for a month, if you want to table it for a month, can he bring plans to us as a group that shows what he's actually looking at? And if he wants to move anything else in?

Mr. Layman – The best idea would be to take all the heat out of it, is just to have a public meeting with you and him. He's trying. You may not like what he's trying. I take people at their word. He seems sincere. He's trying. You guys want what's best for the neighborhood, that's very clear. You're unhappy with what you have now. That's very clear. If you sit down and talk, and say I can't do this but I can do that. I'll do this, I'm willing to do this, I'm willing to do this. Here's how we'll police it. And if you can come to an understanding, we can go forward. If you can't, we'll have a vote. You want to table this?

Unknown man – I got one thing before we table it. While this is tabled, what keeps him from towing anything else in there? While it's tabled, does he have to freeze what he's doing?

Mr. Layman – No, no, no, no. If he's denied, he has no ability to put a camper, and any camper there has to come out.

(multiple people talking in the crowd)

Mr. Layman – We are talking about 30 days. Alright, here we go. As a condition of tabling it, he can't add any more mobile homes, trailers until the next meeting. So, the question, Mr. Scott, are you willing to table?

Mr. Scott – So, a local dealer comes to me and has a double wide they want to put on the lot, I have to tell them no?

Mr. Carter - No, we're talking about campers. You still have a legal right to bring in mobile home, manufactured home as a mobile home park. So, we're talking strictly the RV.

(conversation in the crowd)

Mr. Scott – Yeah, I guess table it I suppose.

Mr. Layman – Ok. Before we vote on that, sir.

John Predmore, 574 Garfield Ave. – There about 20 years. Between the trailer park. I can walk out my back door, we can see the tree line. We can see the trailers from our house, and over the years, garbage galore. Propane tanks and trash. They all get thrown into the woods. Well, that woods belongs to Jim. And he gets aggravated. He's got the nicest house on the block. His yard is cut like a golf course. He's got a \$300,000 house in a \$100,000 neighborhood. He takes care of his stuff. I've seen kids, I don't know if they are trailer park kids, or who they are, but there's furniture, there's burn piles, there's people scouring through the woods. The dogs raise 8 barrels of heck because they know that they should not be there. So, his concern is legitimate because his place is decent, and of course, we keep our houses if we keep our stuff picked up and cleaned up and try to make it as nice as

we can. You look out there in the woods all those years people throwing their s-h-i-t into the woods, we don't want more of that. The pads that are currently up there, are they set up, so I want to bring a modular or whatever, is it set up with adequate sewage and water so it doesn't run into my back yard? Because, like Jim said, he showed me one day. We went up there in the woods. There's a hole in the ground, and the water is just cranking. We've had a lot of water issues. I just had some work done on the back of my house because the house was built in '45. The water runs towards the house. I paid \$80,000 for it 20 years ago. I can't put \$100,000 in it. I'm trying to clean up the basement. I'm trying to finish the water problems there. Is there adequate sewage, or am I going to have to go outside and deal with sewage running down into my yard, or more trash, or more crap? We're all concerned. I know we live in the east end. It's not Morgan Manor or Granville, but it's our home.

Mr. Layman – I know you don't necessarily like this, but the reason the Chair has worked to give you the understanding this is your chance to have a say on how that park lives in the future. If a vote was taken today, it would be denied. I know that. You now lost any chance to fix your drainage. It's what it is. It's been that way. I understand you don't like it, but if he requests to table, which I think you've done, and if you guys take the next 30 days, sit down with each other. Are you willing to sit down with him? You guys figure it out. Figure out what you want. Figure out what he can live with, and at the end of the day, it may get denied, because he can't live with what you want. If that's what happens then you know you've taken your best shot at improving the situation. That's all.

(Unknown man speaking in crowd)

Mr. Layman - If we deny him, you're stuck with the status quo. Will somebody act as, not a spokesperson, but sort of a quarterback from the neighborhood to set up a meeting to get all the neighbors together?

(conversation in the crowd)

Mr. Layman – Alright, we got a quarterback. You guys talk, figure out when you want to meet.

Motion to table. Second. Motion to table the application passed.

Mr. Layman – You won't get notice. You'll be first on the agenda. You're not going to get anything in the mail. Talk to each other. Reason it out. If you can't, you're stuck with status quo. If you can, we'll try to structure something that's a win, win, win. Fair deal?

THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024 5:30 P.M. THE DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL IS MAY 1, 2024, 4:30PM.

5. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn, second, passed by acclamation

Chairman, Board of Zoning Appeals

Secretary, Board of Zoning Appeals