

Shaftsbury DRB Special Meeting
September 8, 2020

The meeting came to order remotely via the platform GoToMeeting at 4:15 p.m. Present were board members Tom Huncharek (chair), Lon McClintock, and Michael Day; applicant representatives Stephanie Lane (executive director Shires Housing) and Jeff Goldstone; and zoning administrator Shelly Stiles.

No conflicts of interest were reported.

The DRB opened the hearing on application "18-10032 revised 9/8/20" (a name chosen and agreed upon later in the meeting), a proposal to construct a picnic deck of a little less than 300 s.f. near the center of the Lake Paran Village property. Mr. Goldstone reprised his description of the picnic deck given at the August 19, 2020 DRB meeting, incorporated by reference in these minutes.

Mr. Huncharek moved to waive site plan review. Mr. McClintock seconded the motion, which upon roll call vote passed 3-0-0.

Upon questioning, Ms. Lane said the deck could probably hold up to ten children, but more typically three-four persons would occupy it. Mr. Goldstone said the nearby building would overlook the deck, but that sound insulation in the building is so good that passing trains can't be heard from inside it. He said a tree near the proposed location would be moved about twenty feet.

Ms. Stiles could not produce the applicant's abutters' notice testament though she felt certain she had seen it. All agreed its presence could be listed as a condition of any permit.

Mr. Huncharek moved to close the hearing. Mr. McClintock seconded the motion, which upon roll call vote passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Huncharek described the next steps to the applicants.

Mr. Huncharek moved to enter private deliberative session. Mr. Day seconded the motion, which upon roll call vote passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Huncharek moved to leave private deliberative session. Mr. Day seconded the motion, which upon roll call vote passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Huncharek moved to approve the application with the following conditions:

- That the applicant's testament that abutters had been timely notified be submitted;
- That the tree referenced in the site plan could be relocated, but that trees or shrubs should be planted near the picnic deck to provide shade and a noise buffer;
- That other plantings shown in the site plan be installed as proposed.

All present found themselves confused as to what the log number for the subject application was. Mr. McClintock moved to consolidate two permit numbers used to describe the application. Upon investigation it was learned that indeed two numbers had been originally assigned, one for the subdivision application (18-10031) and one for the site plan (18-10032). It was agreed that the permit which was the subject of the afternoon's hearing should be identified as "18-10032 revised 9/8/20." Mr. McClintock withdrew his motion. Mr. McClintock seconded Mr. Huncharek's motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed 3-0-0.

The zoning administrator reminded the board of the September 16 hearing.

Mr. Huncharek moved to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. Mr. McClintock seconded the motion, which upon roll call vote passed 3-0-0.

Notes by ZA Stiles.