

ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF
THOMAS MARSH
FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION**

*** Case No.: 964**

*** Hearing Date: 10/07/2020**

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FINDINGS

This case came before the Allegany County Board of Zoning Appeals (the “Board”) upon Thomas Marsh’s request for a special exception for a storage building greater than 1200 square feet in the “R-1” - Residential Zoning District.

A field inspection of the subject property was conducted by the members of the Board on October 1, 2020. The purpose of the field inspection was to familiarize the Board members with the site layout in order for them to develop an understanding as to where the proposed use would be located and as to whether the proposed use would be constructed in compliance with the terms of the Zoning Ordinance.

At the hearing on October 7, 2020, the Board considered the attached list of exhibits which consisted of information gathered by the Division Chief and information provided by other agencies and individuals.

The proposed use will be located on the south side of Stoney Run Road; 400’ south west of Brashear Lane, and more specifically known as 24422 Stoney Run Road, SW, Westernport, Allegany County, Maryland. The Applicant’s home is located on the same property as the proposed use.

The proposed use is 30’ x 50’ storage building. The Applicant plans to use the garage to store personal use vehicles and other items, as necessary. No commercial activities shall be conducted on the site.

The Board considered testimony presented at the hearing in order to ascertain whether the proposed use would meet the standards and criteria of the Zoning Ordinance. The Board’s findings are as follows:

1. A detached garage greater than 1200 square feet in first floor area is a special exception use in the “R-1” Zoning District in accordance with Section 360, Attachment 2, Table

1, of the Ordinance.

2. The lot size is approximately 7 acres.
3. The proposed use meets all the requirements of the existing zoning code in regard to set back requirements found in Code Section 360-125.
6. The garage will be approximately 20 feet high.
7. The buildable site has a slope of less than 25 percent.
8. There are no streams within 50 feet of the site upon which the proposed use will be placed.
9. There are no designated wetlands or habitats for threatened or endangered species within 50 feet of the site where the proposed use will be located.
10. The Applicant does not plan to utilize any billboards. The Applicant does not plan to use any exterior lighting other than normal exterior lighting.
11. The Board found that a standard site plan is required for this use due to the fact that the use would not involve the construction of a building larger than 2,500 square feet, the movement of 250 or more cubic yards of earth, and/or the disturbance of 20,000 square feet of surface area. Having made that determination, the Board applied the criteria of Section 360-143 of the Ordinance to the site plan which was submitted by the Applicant. The Board found that the site plan met those criteria.

Based upon the foregoing findings, the Board found that the Applicant will comply with the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance. Having made that determination, the Board next considered whether “the facts and circumstances indicate that the particular special exception use and location proposed would cause an adverse effect upon adjoining and surrounding properties unique and different, in kind or degree, than that inherently associated with such a use, regardless of its location within the zone...”. Brandywine Enterprises v. County Council for Prince Georges County, 117 Md. App. 525 (1997).

No witnesses appeared nor evidence was presented in opposition to the request for special exception. Based upon the evidence presented by the applicant and the site visit, the Board found no evidence of a site-specific adverse impact.

CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the findings set forth above, the Board voted at the conclusion of the hearing of October 7, 2020, 3-0 in favor of granting the Applicant's request for a special exception for a detached garage greater than 1200 square feet in first floor area in the "R-1" Zoning District. As a condition to the granting of the Board's approval, the Applicant will be required to comply with the terms and criteria of the Zoning Ordinance at all times. The Applicant must also obtain the approval of all State, County, and municipal agencies whose approvals are required for the conduct of the proposed use, including, but not limited to, Soil Conservation District, Allegany County Health Department, ACDPW Roads Division, Zoning Certification, Building Codes Compliance, House Numbering, Floodplain Management, Subdivision Review and Structural/Electrical Inspection Agency.

ATTEST

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

 By: 
Mark Farris, Chairman

Copies to: See Attached List
Attachment: Exhibits List

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FOR ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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OCTOBER 7TH, 2020

EXHIBITS LIST

FINAL

- A. An Allegany County *Land Use Permit Summary* covering a *Land Use Permit Application* and assorted administrative documents (i.e. invoice(s), receipts, etc.)
- B. Site Plan (ASCD approved 07/24/2020).
- C. Completed *Petition for a Special Exception*.
- D. Photocopy of an Allegany County Tax Map for property identification.
- E. An *Adjoining Property Owners List* completed and signed by the Applicant.
- F. A *Notification of the Hearing*, with attached distribution list, dispatched to adjoining and adjacent property owners by the Secretary of the Board.
- G. *Notification of Hearing* dispatched to the Applicant by Secretary of the Board
- H. *Inter Office Memo*, prepared by the LDS office, distributed to the necessary *release agents* notifying them of this Case, date, time and requesting comment.
- I. *Public Notification*, dispatched to the Cumberland Times/News, for the purposes of notifying the general public of the hearing date, time and location.
- J. *Page 6B* of Saturday, September 12th, 2020, edition of the Cumberland Times/News, verifying that the *Public Notification* for Case 964 was published.
- K. Returned *Inter-Office-Memo*, dated September 15th, 2020, from Mark McKenzie - SHA, with comment; “.. no comment...”
- L. *Memorandum* dated October 7th, 2020, from James A. Squires Jr., Division Chief, to the Allegany County Board of Zoning Appeals, regarding site development plan requirements.
- M. Orthophoto of subject property depicting property boundaries.
- N. Ariel photo of Marsh dwelling (upon subject property).
- O. Photo-Location of subject project
- P. Photo-Front/side yard of subject property.
- Q. Photo-Driveway of subject property (property access).
- R. Photo-Sunset (view from subject property).
- S. Sales document: “Concept” photo of proposed project.

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