# West Long Branch ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Meeting Minutes <br> July 25, 2019 

Mr. Venezia called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM \& Mr. Venezia read the following statement:
This is the July 25, 2019 regular meeting of the West Long Branch Zoning Board of Adjustment. This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting was listed in the Notice of the annual schedule of the regular meetings of this Board, sent to both ASBURY PARK PRESS AND STAR -LEDGER. Said Notice was also posted on the bulletin Board in Borough Hall and had remained continuously posted there as required of such notices under Statute.
In addition, a copy of said Notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. A copy of said Notice has also been sent to such members of the public as have requested such information in accordance with the Statute. Proper notice having been given; the Board Secretary is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

1. Roll Call, Members Present: Mr. Robert Venezia

Mr. Michael Schulz
Mr. Scott LaMarca
Mr. Mark Engel
Members Absent:
Mrs. Pamela Hughes
Mr. Gregg Malfa

Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Items of Business: See attached Transcript of the proceedings incorporated herein by reference.
4. Adjournment: 9:06 PM


Chris Ann DeGenaro
Recording Secretary

MR. VENEZIA: On the Mount Drive matter, can you come up?

MR. IRENE: Alright. Mr. Chairman, the next application is Sam Chira, 32 Mount Drive. I've reviewed the Notice materials. They appear be to in order. The only thing is, one of the Notices for the property address is not addressed to Mr. Chira. It's addressed to an LLC. Is the property in the name of an LLC? MR. CHIRA: SNC, LLC. MR. IRENE: Sam Nathan Charles, SNC, LLC is the property owner? Are you Mr. Chira? MR. CHIRA: Yes, I am. (Sam Chira, sworn.)

MR. IRENE: Mr. Chira, you are the principal in the LLC?

MR. CHIRA: Yes, I am.
MR. VENEZIA: Have a seat, sir.
MR. IRENE: So as I indicated, the
Notice materials were in order. Does anybody have any issue with the Notice? Not the merits of the case, just the Notice. Let the reflect no response. We are going to swear in our Engineer Gregory Gitto.
(Gregory Gitto, P.E., sworn.)

MR. IRENE: With the application, Mr.
Chairman, we received a Survey prepared by
Christopher J. Blufforad, B-L-U-F-F-O-R-A-D, PLS of Newlines Engineering and Survey dated November 17, 2015, revised through April 28, 2018. And, Mr. Chira, that Survey continues to remain accurate?

MR. CHIRA: Yes, it is.
MR. IRENE: We are going to mark that, Chris Ann, as A-1, please?

MS. DEGENARO: A-1, you got it.
MR. IRENE: Ma'am, I'm sorry. I didn't realize you were up there to testify. Would you give us your name also, please?

MS. RICHTER: Krista R-I-C-H-T-E-R.
MR. IRENE: We are going to swear you in and then you are going to tell us who you are.

MS. RICHTER: Sure.
(Krista Richter, sworn.)
MS. RICHTER: I am the project manager
on the property with the renovations that we had done initially purchased.

MR. IRENE: You are the project manager for Mr. Chira?

MS. RICHTER: Yes.

MR. IRENE: Okay. Who wants to go first and tell the Board what it's all about?

MS. RICHTER: Basically, we are just looking for a variance installing a fence that is on the Baker side of the property. I am being told that would conform to the front yard setbacks. We've conjoined it to the neighboring fence to go along the back end of the property to add for privacy.

MR. IRENE: Well, couple of things, and I don't mean to coop the conversation, but when you raise an issue, so and $I$ don't know where my copy is, and I'm going to share here. When you are running it outside the property line, we don't have authority to project the fence outside of the property. Do you know what $I$ am saying?

MS. RICHTER: Well, it is on the property. It is within the front yard setback.

MR. IRENE: I understand that. Is the fence going to be entirely within this property or run into a neighboring property?

MS. RICHTER: The fence is within the property.

MR. VENEZIA: The fence is already
there.
MS. RICHTER: It's already there. It
meets to a neighboring property.
MR. VENEZIA: It's done without the permits ahead of time.

MS. RICHTER: We were told we didn't need the permit. It was the variance.

MR. IRENE: How do you get a permit, if you didn't have a variance?

MS. RICHTER: I was told that we didn't need a permit to put up a fence.

MR. IRENE: In what town?
MS. RICHTER: This one.
MR. IRENE: Who told you that? I'm curious. Who told you that?

MS. RICHTER: I don't recall.
MR. IRENE: Who told you that you needed a variance?

MS. RICHTER: The Zoning Officer.
MR. IRENE: He said you could put up the fence without a permit, but, by the way, you got to go and get a variance?

MS. RICHTER: Because it was within the setback. He said we needed to go with the variance and not with the permit.

MR. IRENE: How did you put up the fence without the variance?

MR. VENEZIA: It was all approved.
MR. IRENE: Funny how that works, huh? MS. RICHTER: Yes.

MR. IRENE: Tell the Board what is going on with the fence?

MS. RICHTER: We would like to have the approval to have the fence within the front yard setback on that.

MR. IRENE: You are going to tell them high it is, what the Ordinance limits it to, what the fence is made of. Is it consistent with the remaining fence around it? That kind of stuff.

MS. RICHTER: It's consistent with the remaining fence around it. It is a six-foot high vinyl white fence.

MR. IRENE: And the Ordinance limits to three feet in the front yard area; is that right?

MS. RICHTER: Yes.
MR. IRENE: And the surrounding fence, the remaining fence on the property is all six feet high?

MS. RICHTER: Yes.
MR. CHIRA: Yes.
MR. IRENE: And it was a little
confusing to me, and $I$ don't know, maybe the
Board Members figured it out, but when $I$ first
looked at this, I'm trying to figured out why
you are in the front yard because I am looking at the Mount Drive frontage and that fence is in line with the front of the house. And then $I$ realized, oh, there is another frontage. Without a 200-foot radius map, we can't tell that because we don't see any other street on that.

If you would, point out to them where it is. When I say, point out, describe it, so they know what section of the fence you are talking about, so it's on another frontage.

MS. RICHTER: On the rear of the property close to the Baker, it is the short section of the fence to the right of the property.

MR. VENEZIA: Stockade fence tied into existing fence.

MR. LAMARCA: Tied into a basketball court.

MR. RICHTER: That is on the neighbor's property.

MR. CHIRA: That is the neighbor's
property.
MR. IRENE: Is what the span of that
fence there? What does it run?
MR. VENEZIA: On Baker, right?
MS. RICHTER: That is off of the
property line. Thirty-seven feet.
MR. IRENE: So it's, approximately, 37
feet?
MS. RICHTER: Yes.
MR. IRENE: And we should indicate for the record that $A-1$ has a yellow highlighting on it. Is that the location of the entire fence on the property?

MS. RICHTER: Yes, that we installed.
MR. IRENE: That we installed. Thank you.

MS. RICHTER: That is how far it is off the corner of the property line.

MR. GIGLIO: Got it. Thank you very much.

MR. IRENE: What is the part that's not highlighted?

MS. RICHTER: That was an existing fence put up by the neighboring property owner. The neighbor's fence is also a six-foot high white vinyl fence.

MR. LAMARCA: Is it just that section that is in question? Everything else is --

MS. RICHTER: Yes. It's just the section in question on the Baker.

MR. LAMARCA: On Baker. That is the one that is in question for the variance?

MS. RICHTER: Yes.
MR. VENEZIA: According to our
engineering report also. But, you know, we are a little ahead of ourselves, too. There were several items that had to be taken care of through our engineering report. Going into the report dated May 17, 2019 from $T \& M$, Item 1, the name and address, there is no objection if we feel that it is okay. I don't see a problem with that. Anybody? Do you have the --

MR. IRENE: Well, that should be corrected, though, because apparently, the LLC, excuse me, the owner is actually SNC, LLC. Is that right, Mr. Chira?

MR. CHIRA: Yes, it is right now, yes.

MR. IRENE: All of the application materials indicate you are the owner.

MR. CHIRA: This was done after the ownership of the house. I had this house, everything all of my permits in the house were under myself and then $I$ switched over to the Corporation.

MR. IRENE: The Title was transferred to the LLC after you filed the application.

MR. CHIRA: Yes.
MR. IRENE: I am just saying we should just clarify. The item that the Chairman is referencing about the owner and address, we should clarify that's what it is.

MR. VENEZIA: On the record. Item No. B4, the Title block denoting the type of application, since most of the required information has been provided, the engineer has no objection to grant completeness. So that Item No. 2, B4, there is no objection, I believe, from the Board granting a completeness waiver for that item as well as three, Item B5.

Do you have any other exhibits to bring like the aerial photo?

MS. RICHTER: I did provide the aerial
photo. I gave copies, I believe, to either the Zoning Officer or Chris Ann.

MR. IRENE: Do you have a copy with you?
If you do, we will mark it and pass it around to the Board.

MR. VENEZIA: As you are looking --
MR. IRENE: As they are looking, why
don't we move onto that?
MR. VENEZIA: Item B7, which was required zone district requirements including lot area, depth, yard setback, building coverage, open space, parking. The Applicant submitted an incomplete Zoning Officer review form. I recommend the Applicant provide a completed Zoning Officer's review form prior to the application being deemed complete. I hope that that's been done.

MS. RICHTER: Yes. I've given a copy to the Zoning Officer which we made copies of.

MR. VENEZIA: And proof that taxes are current.

MS. RICHTER: Yes, I have that.
MS. DEGENARO: Here you go.
MR. VENEZIA: Can you confirm there is
any existing easements?

MS. RICHTER: Yes, I can confirm that.
MR. CHIRA: No easements.
MR. VENEZIA: Item 7 is a review of the floodplain. That is no problem. Item No. 8, Item No. B25, list the variances required or requested. Since other documentations is included listing the variances, we have no objection to the Board granting a completeness waiver for this.

MR. IRENE: While the Board is circulating copies of what's been passed up, we have an aerial photograph of the site that we are going to mark as Exhibit A-2. Can you tell us where that aerial photograph was taken from?

MS. RICHTER: That was printed from a Google map search.

MR. IRENE: Monmouth County Property
Viewer is Google maps.
MS. RICHTER: It was Google Ding.
MR. IRENE: This is not Google maps. It might be some kind of Monmouth County GIS or something like that.

MR. GITTO: It is the County.
MR. IRENE: You don't know when this was
dated? Do you know when it was printed out?

MS. RICHTER: Yes, June 30th.
MR. IRENE: June 30th.
MR. IRENE: Mr. Chira, have you seen the aerial photograph?

MR. CHIRA: Yes, I have.
MR. IRENE: Does it fairly and
accurately depict it as it exists today?
MR. CHIRA: Yes.
MR. IRENE: So, we are going to mark that, Chris Ann, the aerial as A-2.

MR. VENEZIA: The last item is B28 and B13, building elevation of floor plans of proposed structure. The engineer has no objection to the Board granting a completeness waiver for this item as only a pool, which I didn't know. There is a pool going in there?

MS. RICHTER: No.
MR. CHIRA: No.
MR. VENEZIA: Probably in error. Only a
fence is proposed.
MR. IRENE: Is the Board willing to grant the completeness waivers which will complete the merits to deem the application complete?

MR. SCHULZ: I will make that motion.

MR. GIGLIO: I will second it.
MR. IRENE: Roll call?
MS. DEGENARO: Robert Venezia?
MR. VENEZIA: Yes.
MS. DEGENARO: Michael Schulz?
MR. SCHULZ: Yes.
MS. DEGENARO: Paul Santorelli?
MR. SANTORELLI: Yes.
MS. DEGENARO: Scott LaMarca?
MR. LAMARCA: Yes.
MS. DEGENARO: Paul Giglio?
MR. GIGLIO: Yes.
MS. DEGENARO: Mark Engel?
MR. ENGEL: Yes.
MR. IRENE: So it's deemed complete.
You didn't get your approval yet. You will be heard. We are still in the middle of the hearing. We had to make sure. We are back to where we were. We have your aerial. We see that. We marked the plan. We discussed the fence. What else do you have? Do you have any other questions? The Chairman is going to open it up to interested parties.

MR. VENEZIA: I do have a few questions. The fence in the back onto Baker has a double
opening?
MR. CHIRA: Correct.
MR. VENEZIA: Do you need a double
opening for that?
MS. RICHTER: That would be to get,
because it is such a large piece of property, to get a riding mower to cut the grass. There is grass on the other side of it and there is a pretty steep hill, so you are not getting a mower up there.

MR. VENEZIA: There is also foliage or bushes that are on the, I guess, would be your neighbor's fence right before that.

MR. CHIRA: That is correct.
MR. VENEZIA: Would you be willing to put further, you know, besides that opening more bushes?

MR. CHIRA: Sure. No objection.
MR. IRENE: More bushes where?
MR. SANTORELLI: To soften the blow of the white vinyl.

MR. VENEZIA: Yeah, for that 37 feet
minus that opening.
MR. CHIRA: Are you talking about on the Baker side?

MR. VENEZIA: Yes.
MR. CHIRA: Sure.
MR. VENEZIA: On the outside of the property.

MR. CHIRA: Yes, it is.
MR. VENEZIA: It's still your property?
MR. CHIRA: Yes.
MR. IRENE: We are talking about running shrubs exterior of the fence in question but not blocking the gate? Do we want to describe the shrubs or the span or how they are going to work?

MR. CHIRA: Some arborvitaes?
MR. VENEZIA: That is fine.
MR. IRENE: We don't have our landscape architect.

MR. GIGLIO: Arborvitaes are designed to put a wall up.

MR. IRENE: Two feet?
MR. GIGLIO: Two feet is fine.
MR. VENEZIA: That is if everything is approved. How many on center?

MR. LAMARCA: Depends if you want to see it or not. Three feet.

MR. IRENE: Three feet on center for the
entire span except for the gate.
MR. GIGLIO: Yeah.
MR. VENEZIA: The gate is a pretty wide gate.

MR. CHIRA: It's two fours.
MR. IRENE: Entire span, except for the
gate. No less than what, at height at planting?
MR. LAMARCA: It is a six-foot fence, so
what do you want to do? Four to start?
MR. VENEZIA: Any other thoughts on
that? From what I am gathering, all other fence that is up there already is already within the right of having it there.

MR. GITTO: Correct.
MR. VENEZIA: We are talking about -MR. GITTO: Thirty-seven feet that they are talking.

MR. CHIRA: No problem.
MR. VENEZIA: Any other questions?
MR. SCHULZ: Questions for the engineer?
MR. VENEZIA: Sure.
MR. SCHULZ: What does the law says for six foot close to the street?

MR. GITTO: No. They are actually asking for relief for having a six-foot fence
within a front yard where three feet is provided or allowed by the Ordinance. So since this fence is technically within a front yard since it is on Baker, fronting on Baker, they require variance relief for six-foot fence where three feet is permitted.

MR. IRENE: I think he is asking about site triangle issues.

MR. GITTO: I don't know if $I$ can testify to that based on the information provided.

MR. SCHULZ: The setback for the front yard normally would be.

MR. GITTO: A setback for a house would be 35 feet.

MR. SCHULZ: Starts at 10 and goes to 15.

MR. GITTO: Correct.
MR. SCHULZ: It should be 35 feet.
MR. GITTO: For a single-family home, yes.

MR. SANTORELLI: What is for a fence?
MR. IRENE: What do you mean, what is
for a fence?
MR. SANTORELLI: Setback. Thirty-five
feet?
MR. GITTO: I don't believe there is a requirement for a setback for a fence, in particular. I think it is just for the single-family home and the relief is being requested for having a fence within the front yard.

MR. IRENE: Well, do you want to set it back $X$-number of feet from the street? That will soften. It's up to you. Remember, you have to have room for the plantings as well. That is naturally going to set it back to some degree, but it is up to you. My suggestion, in the future, we don't waive those key maps. You should get a tax map or something. If you will look at the aerial, you get a better visual. There is no site triangle, because there is no intersection.

MR. GITTO: No intersection at that. MS. DEGENARO: Mike, she wants to know if this would help out.

MR. IRENE: It is a question if they want to set the fence back any distance, other than just to accommodate the plantings.

MR. ENGEL: Looking at the Survey
correctly, the fence is set back from Baker 15 feet on one end and 10 feet at the other. Is that sufficient?

MR. GIGLIO: Arborvitae are not going to grow 10 feet.

MR. SANTORELLI: I have a question. The piece of fence that is on the angle coming into question right now, how long does that run? That may have dictated why we are on a triangle given the run of the fence because the fence is certain lengths. Do we know what this run of fence is here? How many feet? This section, do we know how long that section is, because that could have dictated.

MR. GITTO: I believe it's 40.
MR. SANTORELLI: So it's probably
nominal for the fence to work. That's probably why it's at 15'6 compared to the 10 on the other side.

MS. RICHTER: The 10 on the other side, that's what matches up to that existing fence where there are already shrubs planted.

MR. IRENE: The point is, it's already set back off of the property line. It's already set back off of the property line. Ten feet on
one side and 15 on the other.
MR. SANTORELLI: Fifteen six.
MR. IRENE: That's what the Board was inquiring down here that it would be right on the property line and it is not. Any more questions? Let's see if there is anyone in the audience who would like to make comments.

MR. IRENE: Any interested parties who wish to question the witnesses or make comments?

MR. KAPLAN: 30 Baker Drive directly across the property.
(Mr. Kaplan, sworn.)
MR. KAPLAN: I've been there for 35
years and when we look out my front window, any of the windows, I sit on the front porch, all I see is a six-foot white fence in my whole vision. Nothing when you look out of my front door do you see a six-foot white fence. I questioned a million people, when it was being installed, and everybody said, we don't know anything. We are just the fence men. It was other fencing put in also besides the one piece in question. It's horrible for me.

MR. IRENE: Okay. You are not done. The Board Members may have some questions for
you. Do you understand the issue is six feet versus three feet in the front yard area. MR. KAPLAN: Three foot.

MR. IRENE: How about the screening with
the arborvitae? Is a six-foot fence set back 15
feet off the property line with a green screen better than three-foot fence on the property line? Just a question.

MR. KAPLAN: Personally, we wouldn't have to see any fence, if we have any option.

MR. IRENE: Well, they could put a three-foot high one right on the property line.

MR. KAPLAN: If that be the case.
MR. IRENE: So you don't like the
height?
MR. KAPLAN: I do not like the white high fence.

MR. IRENE: Ma'am?
(Eileen Kaplan, sworn.)
MS. KAPLAN: Eileen Kaplan. I live at
30 Baker Drive. We've lived in the house for 35 years. We have always enjoyed looking across the street that was, I believe, originally zoned for a parklike setting. There were trees. It was an open span of grass.

MR. IRENE: It is a residential
property, ma'am.
MRS. KAPLAN: Okay.
MR. IRENE: It may have been a double lot. I don't know. Somebody may have bought a lot that was not developed and merged them. I think this property was merged back in common ownership or a Deed of Consolidation when last before the Board. It is a residential property. It's not a public park or anything like that. MRS. KAPLAN: Maybe years ago. I had heard that.

MR. IRENE: It may have been a large parcel of which was undeveloped or an undeveloped lot, but it's not a park.

MRS. KAPLAN: That's what we've looked at all of these years and without notice the six-foot white fence went up. Every window we look out, our living room, our bedroom windows, we see a white fence. When we sit out on our front porch, we see a white fence. So I'm concerned also about the fact that if you were to keep that height, you would still have the double opening that would not be planted with greenery and we really just don't want to look
at that.
MR. KAPLAN: It doesn't fit into the neighborhood. Everything is open on the whole block except that.

MR. GIGLIO: Question, sir?
MR. KAPLAN: Yes.
MR. GIGIO: Are you speaking generally
on the fence around the entire house?
MR. KAPLAN: Well, there is a fence around the whole house.

MR. GIGLIO: There is an existing fence that the gentleman didn't put up that runs on the other side between Baker and Mount Drive, that's been there already.

MR. KAPLAN: Yes.
MR. GIGLIO: That didn't --
MR. KAPLAN: We had the same issue with those folks many, many years ago and we worked something out with them.

MR. GIGLIO: I'm trying to understand.
MR. KAPLAN: When I look outside my
front window, I don't see the neighbor's property. I don't see that.

MR. GIGLIO: Are you referring to the small section that they are referring to now or
are you talking about the --
MR. KAPLAN: Just the section on Baker
Drive. The section facing my property.
MRS. KAPLAN: It actually spans pretty
much directly across our house in the same span of our house.

MR. VENEZIA: I understand where you are coming from. The house is definitely an improvement. They did a great job redoing it and whatnot.

MR. CHIRA: Thank you.
MR. VENEZIA: Is it possible to move that opening for the fence?

MS. RICHTER: Closer to the other property line?

MR. VENEZIA: You know, since it's only going to be used, it's not going to be used as a driveway.

MR. CHIRA: No, sir. Correct.
MR. VENEZIA: It's just to get his equipment in. Do you know how it bends and it goes out that way straight in front of house now on the Baker side.

MS. RICHTER: Uh-huh.
MR. CHIRA: On the corner? The other
gentleman next-door to me?
MR. VENEZIA: Standing on Baker looking west.

MR. CHIRA: Correct.
MR. VENEZIA: At your double opening.
MR. CHIRA: Yes.
MR. VENEZIA: If that was moved to, it goes straight across and then it bends down that way so something can get through there. MS. RICHTER: That would be on somebody else's property. MR. GIGLIO: That borders somebody else's property.

MS. RICHTER: It's on the property line with the existing house that is also being redone.

MR. CHIRA: Mr. Nino's property.
MR. VENEZIA: Is there anywhere that you can reposition that gate?

MS. RICHTER: Besides in the front yard where there are trees in the front yard that we had planted, so it would be difficult to put in the double gate to get up into the front yard. MR. SANTORELLI: I have a question.

MS. RICHTER: Sure.

MR. SANTORELLI: The vinyl fence, do you have any other color options? We can maybe make the gate another color, so it is softer. Instead of seeing the white, we can do the arborvitaes for the screening on the white and then maybe is there another color option to soften it?

MS. RICHTER: I would have to look into that. I do not know.

MR. SANTORELLI: I don't know. I am trying to solve a headache instead of looking at a bright white fence. Even if there was a brown.

MR. CHIRA: Even with the coverage of the trees.

MR. SANTORELLI: You are not covering the gate. I am talking about just a gate color.

MR. CHIRA: He is talking about just a gate.

MR. SANTORELLI: Just the gate color and not the fence.

MR. LAMARCA: What if the landscape was taller instead of four footers, if they were six footers? Would that soften the blow on the fence?

MR. KAPLAN: When they grow, that is
fine.
MR. CHIRA: I don't mind putting sixes.
MR. LAMARCA: If you guys want the fence
and we can make this all work for these guys.
MR. KAPLAN: I am really against the
six-foot fence. Totally against it.
MR. LAMARCA: The issue is, in reality, it's only that section of Baker because the rest of the fence is legal, correct?

MS. RICHTER: Yes. And again, it
matches the fence.
MR. LAMARCA: I'm understanding.
Because, again, worst case, you could put the three-foot section of white and we are done and this isn't an issue, correct?

MR. CHIRA: Uh-huh.
MR. LAMARCA: Again, three-foot fence,
is it going to soften the blow, you know, or are
you going to see a three-foot white fence in front of you? Again, nobody wants to see the fence at all.

MR. KAPLAN: If a fence has to be seen, I would prefer a three foot to six foot.

MR. LAMARCA: Okay. That is where you
guys are standing on that. Three-footer.
MR. KAPLAN: I would not like to have any fence, but if we have to have, I would take a three.

MS. RICHTER: On this Newlines Survey that $I$ have here, their property really more covers what they would be looking at into the neighbor's piece of property more than our piece of property.

MR. LAMARCA: Okay.
MS. RICHTER: I get if they stand outside and look at the fence, they are only going to see a six-foot fence, but their property covers more of our neighbor's property, so they are looking at their six-foot fence that's been existing.

MR. CHIRA: On the neighbor's existing fence.

MR. VENEZIA: The neighbor on the point?
MR. CHIRA: Yes.
MR. VENEZIA: They have a four-foot open fence.

MR. CHIRA: That is on the corner. All the way on the corner, but the area that is enclosed is on the basketball side of the house
which was granted by you.
MRS. KAPLAN: I want to say the fence, you can almost take a tape measure on each side and line them up with the white fence. It's directly in front of our house.

MR. CHIRA: Because they are in
existence already.
MR. VENEZIA: They are able to put a fence there.

MRS. KAPLAN: Yes.
MR. VENEZIA: The whole issue is the height. We are trying to soften the height, you know, with the trees.

MS. RICHTER: Even if they don't have color options with a vinyl fence, I'm sure we can have a painter of some sort paint vinyl. I've done it before.

MR. LAMARCA: You need the right paint, really.

MS. RICHTER: Yes.
MR. LAMARCA: That is an option.
MR. SANTORELLI: That is solving an issue.

MR. CHIRA: I was tying in the fence to the next-door existing fence.

MR. VENEZIA: There is still no area on this that you can move that opening?

MR. CHIRA: It goes to the property where there is an existing Pine tree there.

MS. RICHTER: I mean, we could try to move it closer to the property line where there is a one, eight-foot section of fence and maybe just try to put the gate where it's at the 15'6, but there are trees there.

MR. ENGEL: On the map, there is a
straight section of fence to the right of the house that has a label six-foot stockade fence. There is no way to put the gate in that section of the fence?

MR. IRENE: Is that the neighbor's
fence?
MS. RICHTER: That is the neighbor's fence.

MR. CHIRA: That is the next-door neighbor.

MR. VENEZIA: That's where the bushes are now.

MR. CHIRA: Yes.
MR. IRENE: While the Applicant is reviewing the plans, are there any interested
parties?
MR. VENEZIA: How about that little area that is 7'5?

MS. RICHTER: That is what $I$ just asked.
MR. CHIRA: It's right on the next-door
neighbor's property.
MS. RICHTER: There is a giant established tree right there.

MR. CHIRA: There is a Pine tree right there.

MR. GIGLIO: Yeah, Rob, if you look down at the aerial, you could see it is a good-sized Pine tree.

MR. CHIRA: It is at least 20 feet up.
MR. KAPLAN: Trees come down.
MR. IRENE: Anything else? Board
Member?
MR. ENGEL: No other questions.
MR. SCHULZ: Comments from the Board? I drove by there and I looked at the fence and I don't understand how you just put up a six-foot fence. You said they said you could go ahead and do it. I didn't understand it. I didn't like it then and $I$ wouldn't like it now. The promise of six-foot arborvitaes, it doesn't pass
my smell test, I'm sorry. The three-foot fence is fine. Six foot is too intimidating. What's West Long Branch coming to with six-foot fences in your front yard? This is what West Long Branch is falling into. I can't stand it. So you know where my vote is going to be when it goes.

MR. IRENE: Anything else? Anybody
else?
MR. VENEZIA: It does look like a compound.

MR. CHIRA: Closing it in for children. MS. RICHTER: And privacy.

MR. CHIRA: And privacy.
MR. SCHULZ: If everybody with children and privacy in West Long Branch had six-foot fences in front yard, $I$ think $I$ would sell my house in West Long Branch. That would be over with.

MR. CHIRA: What do you deem a front yard because the house is facing Mount Drive and this is the rear.

MR. VENEZIA: How the Ordinance reads.
MR. IRENE: That is the reason for the Ordinance, so you don't have these large, high
fences running along the street and you get the New York City cavern affect. That doesn't really, it's up to you whether you believe under these facts and circumstances the variance should be granted. You can have six in the back and no more than three in the front. Some towns have four in the back. Was there any consideration moving it back, so it makes a straight line?

MS. RICHTER: Move it back where?
MR. IRENE: You continue the existing
rear line straight across.
MR. CHIRA: This line?
MS. RICHTER: Where the 10 foot is?
MR. IRENE: No.
MR. LAMARCA: No. No.
MR. IRENE: Straight across to secure
the yard.
MS. RICHTER: That is a large piece of
property lost, but it also --
MR. IRENE: It's not lost. It's just
not secured by the fence.
MS. RICHTER: It would no longer tie in
to the ending point of the neighbor's fence.
MR. IRENE: You create your own ending.

You go from point-to-point. You go from the basketball court point to the $L P$ set point straight across. I'm just asking. That is all. I don't know. You are still in the front yard area, right? I assume. But now, how far away are you from the property line?

MS. RICHTER: Oh, you are talking from that point to that point.

MR. IRENE: Yeah. So, the question is, is a six-foot high, is that mitigated by the fact you are set back from the actual street? I don't know. I am just asking. Does it serve the purpose of securing the yards where you still have a high-enough fence for the children, but the excess height is mitigated because you are set back. Somebody would have to put a ruler on there and figure out what that is, but it's going to be set back a significant difference, except for that one corner where it is closet to the basketball court.

MR. ENGEL: It would still be that 10-foot setback.

MR. IRENE: At that point, but it would still drift away.

MR. ENGEL: I am guessing the neighbors
would probably find it somewhat visible.
MR. IRENE: Well, at some point, the Board would have to make a decision, right? Any more from the interested parties? Let the record reflect no responses. To the Board. Ma'am?

MS. RICHTER: No.
MR. IRENE: To the Board.
MR. VENEZIA: You know how they have that on the corner on the point the see-through fence with the iron going up? Do you know which fence I am talking about?

MR. KAPLAN: Very well.
MR. VENEZIA: If you had something
similar to that in that area.
MR. GIGLIO: The aluminum?
MR. KAPLAN: The flat fence.
MR. VENEZIA: There is four or five
inches in between and you can see through it.
MR. IRENE: Like a Jerreth-style fence?
MR. VENEZIA: If you all went down and saw the corner, you could see what $I$ mean. Would you be in objection to take down the white fence and put that up and then you can even have that opening would come in pretty close.

MR. CHIRA: But the fence that $I$ have now is being tied into the other fence that you already granted approval on the other house for Mr. Dwek's property. I was just using my property line going straight into his.

MR. VENEZIA: To change the material in that 37 feet. The style of the fence.

MS. RICHTER: They are saying change the style of the fence.

MR. VENEZIA: Style of the fence. Keeping that.

MR. IRENE: Making it more open?
MR. VENEZIA: Yeah, it opens up the vision so you still have the fence to enclose the area, but at least the neighbors could see through and not have an obstruction.

MR. CHIRA: What happens in a pool situation afterwards?

MR. IRENE: That would still comply. Jerreth fence can secure a pool. Can't? Why not?

MR. SANTORELLI: You would need four-inch spacing. Most balustrades are spaced four-inch on center.

MR. IRENE: It's up to the Board.

MR. VENEZIA: They make it four inches.
MR. SANTORELLI: You can get it made
however you want. They will make it custom for you. They will make whatever you want.

MR. VENEZIA: For that 37 feet.
MR. SANTORELLI: If you are talking
about aluminum fence, they will make it any
color you want, they will make it any height you
want, they will make it any balustrade space you want. It's all custom built.

MR. CHIRA: I thought put trees and block off the area and that is all. Put six-foot trees there.

MR. SANTORELLI: Block it with
arborvitaes.
MR. VENEZIA: You wouldn't have to put the trees there if you had that open fence.

MR. IRENE: You could put it on the inside for your own privacy.

MS. RICHTER: What if we put a double gate and put trees?

MR. CHIRA: How are you going to get in there?

MS. RICHTER: Hand mower. So we have a four-foot gate opening in the front yard. We
can make that a six and remove the double gate opening on the Baker side and we will be able to cover the whole thing with shrubbery.

MR. CHIRA: With shrubbery.
MRS. KAPLAN: Three foot.
MR. KAPLAN: Three-foot fence with the shrubbery.

MR. IRENE: They are objecting to the fence height. We've established that. They want a fence that is three feet. They don't want a fence that is three feet.

MR. LAMARCA: Happy medium.
Landscaping.
MR. IRENE: It's up to you.
MR. LAMARCA: Landscaping is going to be high.

MS. RICHTER: It's three feet. Why would we put landscaping?

MR. IRENE: You wouldn't have to, assuming you got permits. Entirely up to the Board at this point. Nothing from the Applicant's case. Nothing from the interested parties, right? It's up to the Board. You can discuss further if you want or you can vote. You do whatever you like.

MR. VENEZIA: We have to discuss this a little further because Michael has a feeling. MR. SCHULZ: If it's a three-foot fence, hear me out. If it's a three-foot fence, there is no issue.

MR. GITTO: Correct.
MR. SCHULZ: Six foot, they need a
variance for a vote. How are they going to supplement the fence, if anything? MR. GITTO: Right. Whatever the Board. MR. IRENE: If it's three-feet high, they conform to. If it's more than three feet, they need a variance. The Board can grant a variance for more than three feet. They can impose conditions, if they choose to do that. You can deny it. You have a range of options, deny, approve, approve with conditions. Sir?

MR. ENGEL: The material we were talking about at the end, the narrow --

MR. IRENE: The Jarreth style.
MR. ENGEL: If they changed the fence from white vinyl to Jerreth and made that six feet --

MR. CHIRA: Just that section.
MR. ENGEL: Just that section. Would
that satisfy the neighbors?
MR. KAPLAN: The metal fence six-foot
high.
MR. ENGEL: How would you feel about that?

MR. KAPLAN; I still prefer the three-foot fence.

MR. ENGEL: So that wouldn't mitigate it enough for you to be satisfied?

MR. KAPLAN: Excuse me?
MR. ENGEL: If they changed it to
Jerreth that would not mitigate it enough to make the view?

MR. KAPLAN: Not six foot.
MS. RICHTER: I have a question, actually. If somebody were to, in the future, put in a pool, would the three-foot fence run into any issue, safety issues with the pool?

MR. IRENE: I don't know. If so, you would have to put another fence around the pool.

MS. RICHTER: Another.
MR. IRENE: Yes, otherwise, if you put a pool in the front yard, you magically then don't need a variance for the fence.

MS. RICHTER: You would need a separate
fence. I was asking for somebody jumping the fence.

MR. IRENE: You would have to comply
with the pool code, if whatever fence is
approved doesn't.
MR. GIGLIO: I find the last statement
that Mr. Engel made a very good compromise that seems to be getting rejected. And, at this point, I'm at an impasse because both sides have attempted to try to work this out. So I think, like Mr. Irene said, we have to get down to this and make our decision.

MR. ENGEL: Now, you have definite plans to put in a pool at some point?

MR. CHIRA: No, not now.
MS. RICHTER: We bought the property as an investment.

MR. ENGEL: You're trying to account for possibility.

MR. CHIRA: My daughter is looking to move into that house with her in-laws.

MR. ENGEL: So there is a possibility that there might be a pool in the future.

MS. RICHTER: By another owner.
MR. ENGEL: But it's not in your
immediate plans.
MR. CHIRA: That is correct.
MR. IRENE: I won't say it has nothing
to do with it, the issue is --
MR. ENGEL: Right. I know it has
nothing to do with that, but it just speaks to
whether or not they would have a need for a
higher fence for some part of the property down the road.

MR. CHIRA: Down the road.
MR. IRENE: Down the road, they may, but that fence may or may not be in that front area.

MR. ENGEL: If I've heard everyone correctly, there is a majority feeling against the six-foot high white vinyl fence. There is enough feeling against that, that it sounds like that is not something we want to approve at this point, okay?

MR. GIGLIO: But the six-foot high see-through fence.

MR. ENGEL: Our options are either asking them to approving it if it's a six-foot high fence or propose, if they want to keep it white vinyl, leaving it at three feet. Are there any other options that anybody is
considering at this point?
MR. GIGLIO: I think the six-foot high Jerreth was a very good option.

MR. ENGEL: I think the six-foot high maintains the feel of the privacy for you folks, for your place.

MR. CHIRA: Yes.
MR. ENGEL: And the Jerreth material,
while still being six feet high --
MR. CHIRA: Is open.
MR. ENGEL: -- is much more open and the dark color much more blends in with the surrounding landscape, so it's not like a contrasting eyesore for people looking at it from across the street. If you see those Jerreth fences from more than five to six feet away, the colors start to blend into the landscape and it's not anywhere near as much of an eyesore as a bright white vinyl fence. So, yeah, I think that is a -- I like that compromise and that is the one $I$ would be most in favor of myself.

MR. VENEZIA: That is if the homeowner would want to do that.

MR. IRENE: He doesn't have to consent.

If you grant a variance for a six-foot high fence, you can impose the conditions you want. If he doesn't want to build them out, he can build it three feet. It's up to you.

MR. ENGEL: When we suggested that, you nodded your head like, even though it's a bit more of an expense, is that something you would want, just that one section.

MR. CHIRA: Just the 37 feet, but tie it into the next door neighbor.

MS. RICHTER: Leave it where it is. MR. CHIRA: Tie it back into that same area.

MR. ENGEL: We're not asking you to move the fence and we are not asking for any other fencing section of your house. We are just talking about that 37 feet.

MR. CHIRA: How do I get a lawnmower? If $I$ put two, $3 s$ or two, 4-foot gates?

MR. ENGEL: Since it's less of an
eyesore, we wouldn't have to worry so much about the planting relative to the gate. The inside of the gate is up to you. You can plant whatever you want there.

MS. RICHTER: Yeah, yeah.

MR. LAMARCA: And, again, even if you didn't want mismatching the fences, right, as opposed to the white you have, a black aluminum with a six-foot black aluminum with shrubbery to kind of soften the blow on the neighbors, $I$ mean, just so you get your security, privacy and then you reach a compromise.

MS. RICHTER: Yeah, is it specific for that one type of fence?

MR. IRENE: Black aluminum, Jerreth style.

MR. VENEZIA: Or go to the three-footer for that section.

MR. CHIRA: I put the six with the open work.

MR. LAMARCA: Again, at least you got a compromise going here. Let's move this thing along, because it is a fence.

MR. GIGLIO: Bingo. I am with you,
Scott.
MR. IRENE: Is there a consensus with
the Board that you are looking for a six-foot high black aluminum Jerreth-style fence for the span you are talking about. What is the consensus on the gate issue and/or the shrub
issue?
MR. ENGEL: I think if they change the material, they can keep the gate plan as it stands now.

MR. LaMarca: Was it going to be, six
foot? Eight foot? Smaller? Now you've shrunk that a little bit.

MR. CHIRA: Two, threes.
MR. LAMARCA: Six foot.
MR. KAPLAN: Why does the fence gate have to be as large? I've never seen an eight-foot wide lawnmower.

MR. LAMARCA: It's going six foot, so it's not going to be eight foot anymore. But again, try and fit a 52 -inch mower through a 48-inch opening and you got an issue. So, if we give them 60 inches, they can get it in.

MR. VENEZIA: And from your yard, you could see it through.

MR. LAMARCA: And we soften the blow and you are still going to plant shrubbery, right? Six-foot arborvitaes, so we are as high as the fence.

MR. CHIRA: I just had trees fall down on my own property. I am buying Leland Cypress
tomorrow. They are coming delivered to my home.
MR. IRENE: Six-foot high black aluminum
Jerreth-style fence no greater than a six-foot
wide gate same fence style and with shrubs
running the exterior of the fence planted no
less than six-foot high at planting, no less
than three-foot on center for the entire span except for the gate.

MR. LAMARCA: Is three-foot tight enough?

MR. IRENE: Remember, you got the open fence now, too.

MR. CHIRA: It's going to abut to the neighbors.

MR. VENEZIA: On both sides.
MR. IRENE: Does somebody want to make that motion?

MR. ENGEL: I will make that motion as Mr. Irene said.

MR. LAMARCA: I will second it.
MR. IRENE: Hold on one second. Subject to, there was no particular conditions from $T \& M$ subject to complying with the requirements of recommendations set forth in the $T \& M$ report.

MR. ENGEL: I made that motion.

MR. IRENE: Seconded by Mr. Giglio?
MS. DEGENARO: Mr. Lamarca.
MR. IRENE: The motion is to approve the
six-foot high fence for the span that we've been talking about that one section along Baker, right, six-foot high black aluminum

Jerreth-style fence with the gate area no greater than six feet wide with shrubs planted of the exterior of the entire fence except for the gate area being planted no less than six foot high at planting and no less than three feet apart on center.

MR. CHIRA: That is just to cover that section.

MR. IRENE: Except for the gated, right.
Yes? That was it, okay.
MS. DEGENARO: Ready?
MR. IRENE: Ready a long time ago.
MS. DEGENARO: Robert Venezia?
MR. VENEZIA: Yes.
MS. DEGENARO: Michael Schulz?
MR. SCHULZ: No.
MS. DEGENARO: Paul Santorelli?
MR. SANTORELLI: Yes.
MS. DEGENARO: Scott LaMarca?

MR. LAMARCA: Yes.
MS. DEGENARO: Paul Giglio?
MR. GIGLIO: Yes.
MS. DEGENARO: Mark Engel?
MR. ENGEL: Yes.
MR. IRENE: Okay. It carries. Thank
you very much. Anything that's been marked, please leave with Chris Ann. Have a nice night.

MR. CHIRA: Thank you also.
MR. IRENE: So, on Dos Santos and
Severio, who are they the three? Do you know?
MS. DEGENARO: Robert is one and Paul
and Paul Giglio. Everybody else was absent.
MR. IRENE: Of those three, does anybody want to make the motion? Do you have any questions or changes?

MR. GIGLIO: I will make a motion.
MR. VENEZIA: Second.
MS. DEGENARO: Robert Venezia?
MR. VENEZIA: Yes.
MS. DEGENARO: Mr. Santorelli?
MR. SANTORELLI: Yes.
MS. DEGENARO: And Paul Giglio?
MR. GIGLIO: Yes.
MR. VENEZIA: Alright. Motion to

