

Frederick County Board of Zoning Appeals

Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2023

Members Present: Shannon Bohrer; Acting Chairman, Dan Lawton, John Greenwell, Gerald Ziemba. Chairman Andrew Brown was absent.

Staff Present: Tolson DeSa; Zoning Administrator, Tom Sinton; Assistant County Council, Michael Paone; Zoning Planner I, Justin Horman; Zoning Planner II, Jamie Martin; Administrative Specialist II.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Acting Chair Bohrer announced the rules and procedures of the meeting, swore in all persons wishing to testify and called roll.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes from the February 23, 2023, meeting. Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Greenwell and seconded by Mr. Ziemba. The motion was approved 3-0-1. Mr. Lawton abstained due to his absence for the February 23, 2023, BOA meeting.

Case B-23-06

Requesting Special Exception approval for a Limited Agricultural Activity in the Residential Districts in accordance with Section 1-19-8.325 of the Frederick County Zoning Ordinance to allow up to 15 chickens, with no roosters, on a residentially zoned property. The property is located at 8608 Hunters Drive, Frederick, MD 21703.

The applicants were called to the table to provide their testimony. Mr. and Mrs. Fuss both spoke. Mr. Greenwell asked staff if there have been any complaints against the applicants in relation to the chickens. Mr. Paone explained that the reason for the BOA application was in response to a zoning citation for the coop being too close to setbacks. Mr. Fuss also asked for an increase to 20 chickens vs the original request of 15. The floor was then turned over to public comment in which 1 person came forward to speak in favor of the application. There was no public comment from anyone on the phone lines.

Mr. Greenwell made a motion to approve the special exception for up to 20 chickens per the amended request. Mr. Lawton seconded the motion. The motion was passed 3-0-1. Acting Chair Bohrer abstained.

BOA Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Shannon Bohrer			X
John Greenwell	X		
Dan Lawton	X		
Gerald Ziemba	X		

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.