

The Richland Township Zoning Hearing Board met on March 15, 2022, at 7:30 pm as per the request of Roger Swick of 942 Oakridge Dr who requested a size variance of 1,313.8' to construct an addition on an existing detached garage at his residence. This hearing was conducted in the Richland Township meeting room, 322 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904.

Attendance:

Bill Patrick, Chairman  
Pat Wess, Vice-chairman  
Mark Rychak  
PJ McGowan

Eric Hochfeld, Solicitor  
Tiffany Shomo, Secretary

Mr. Hochfeld began the hearing by listing exhibits. Board Exhibit #1 was the appeal application with attachments. Board Exhibit #2 was the Richland Township Zoning Ordinance, by reference, and Board Exhibit #3 was the posting of the municipal building, the property involved, advertising in the Tribune-Democrat and notification of this hearing to adjoining property owners.

Court Stenographer Lori Behe swore in applicant Roger Swick.

Mr. Swick stated he would like to add an addition on to his 3-car garage, located on a property he owns that his son lives at. The garage is 24' deep and his son's truck is 22-23' long, plus a hitch. They currently have 3 vehicles, with the anticipation of their youngest child getting a vehicle. There is no room for storage with the vehicles taking up the entire garage.

The existing garage is 35'8" x 25'4" and the outbuilding to remain is 16' x 31'. With overhangs included, the variance request will be 1,313.8'.

The finished look will be vinyl to match the house. The roof will tie into the existing garage roof, just in the opposite direction. The roof will be no higher than the existing roof.

As for utilities, there is existing water for a hose and existing electric. There will be no sewage.

At this time, Mr. McGowan motioned to grant the 1,313.8' size variance. Seconded by Mr. Wess. All in favor.

There being no further business, Mr. Rychak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. Seconded by Mr. Wess. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*T. Shomo*

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