

The Richland Township Zoning Hearing Board met at the real property located along Erickson Drive, Tax Map No. 50-014-150.001 for a site review on April 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. and then met in the Richland Township meeting room, 322 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904, on April 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., for a continuation hearing concerning the application of Christopher C. Miller who requested a variance from Richland Township Zoning Ordinance Section 240-44A(1) and Section 240-32A(9)(g), to allow the use of the vacant land to park/store a camper, but not to be used as a dwelling. This hearing was conducted in the Richland Township meeting room, 322 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown PA 15904.

Present:

Bill Patrick, chair

PJ McGowan, vice-chair

Rodeny Kniss

Dave Strushensky

Eber Verhovsek

Eric D Hochfeld, Solicitor

Tiffany Shomo, Secretary

Mr. Patrick began the hearing at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Hochfeld began the hearing by listing exhibits. Board Exhibit #4A was advertising in the Tribune-Democrat and Exhibit #4B was the posting of the municipal building.

Court stenographer Ashley Hamilton was present.

At the first hearing, the board received testimony concerning the current use of the subject property and the request to store two trailers on the property, not to be used as residences. At the end of the hearing, there was a question from the board about the location of the campers. Mr. Miller agreed to continue the hearing and view the site for location. The 5:00 pm today siting did occur. The board appeared at the property at 5:00 pm. No testimony was taken at the site view. At 6:00 pm today, the board continued the hearing for more testimony.

Mr. Patrick thanked Mr. Miller for the opportunity to view the site.

Mr. Miller had nothing further to add to the testimony.

The board had no further questions.

Mr. Strushensky made a motion to deny the request for a variance to use the vacant land to store two campers. Seconded by Mr. Verhovsek. All in favor.

Mr. Hochfeld stated that Findings of Fact will be sent to the applicant in writing and will give the process and timeline of filing an appeal.

Mr. Kniss made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 6:09 pm. Seconded by Mr. Strushensky.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Shomo

Tiffany Shomo
Secretary