**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Vice Chair Craig Shully stated that Chairman John Cifonelli was attending the meeting remotely via Zoom and requested that Vice Chair Shully run the meeting in person.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call was answered by Chairman Cifonelli, Vice Chair Shully, Christine Bolger, David Dziura, June Kramer, Marilyn McAlester, and Bryan McGonigal.

Also present were Village Deputy Clerk Kris Lennon, Village Administrator John Lobaito, Village Trustee Martin Pais, Brian and Madeline Berlinger, and Paul and Adrienne Kalmes.

In accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order #2020-07, in person attendance requirements under the Open Meetings Act have been suspended and relaxed.

Village President Sweet McDonnell determined that an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 disaster, therefore, the meeting included audio and/or video conference. The Village followed social distance requirements for all meeting attendees and allowed remote attendance via Zoom.

**Minutes from the December 8, 2020 Public Hearing Meeting**

Motion by June Kramer and seconded by Marilyn McAlester to approve the December 8, 2020 Public Hearing Minutes. On roll call vote: Chairman Cifonelli, Vice Chair Shully, Christine Bolger, June Kramer, Marilyn McAlester and Bryan McGonigal voted aye. David Dziura abstained. No Nays. Motion Carried.

**The following variations were requested in the petition submitted** **by Brian and Madeline**

**Berlinger, 150 Old Barrington Road, North Barrington, IL 60010 to make improvements to the**

**existing barn and to construct additional fenced paddock areas for the housing and grazing of**

**one (1) horse and three (3) goats.**

**ZONING VARIATION REQUESTED:**

**ZR-10-4-4(D): Sheep, goats and cattle are not permitted as an accessory use except in the R-1 District where maintained as pets of children under eighteen (18) years of age.**

The three (3) goats are intended to be maintained as companions for the horse rather than as pets of children under the eighteen (18) years of age.

**ZR 10-4-4(E): No horses donkeys, mules, sheep, goats or cattle shall be housed or grazed within two hundred feet (200’) of an adjacent property owner’s dwelling.**

The existing dwelling of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kalmes at 663 Old Barrington Road

Is located approximately ninety-four feet (94’) from the existing barn and

approximately sixty feet (60’) from the perimeter fence of a proposed new

paddock area.

Vice Chair Shully welcomed the applicants and audience members and asked that any person wishing to speak during the public hearing, be sworn in. The witnesses were sworn in.

Brian and Madeline Berlinger, 150 Old Barrington Road, addressed the Board.Mr. Berlinger explained their variation requests. Mr. Berlinger stated that they would like to bring (3) goats on their property to be companions for their (1) one horse.

There was discussion among the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) that Zoning Regulation

10-4-4(D) seemed to be outdated. Christine Bolger noted that the zoning regulation was established in 1977.

Vice Chair Shully explained that the applicants requested to have a horse and (3) three goats.

Madeline Berlinger addressed the Board and explained that they have proposed to construct a small paddock area from which the perimeter fence is located approximately sixty feet (60’) from their neighbor’s property at 663 Old Barrington Road.

Mr. Berlinger explained that they are looking to resume the use of the existing barn as well as, construct an “all weather paddock area”. A paddock area is needed since their horse cannot be on grass all of the time. They plan to rotate the horse between the paddock area and grass.

Mrs. Berlinger added that the horse has a health condition called “Founder” which prohibits the horse from grazing long periods of time.

Vice Chair Shully referred to the existing barn having four stalls.

Mr. & Mrs. Kalmes, 663 addressed the Board as they are located adjacent to the applicant’s property. Mrs. Kalmes explained that the existing barn was used approximately 1.5 years ago. The owners at the time kept a cow and a horse in the barn. Mr. Kalmes noted that the horse was there for 36 years.

Mr. & Mrs. Kalmes stated they are supportive of the Berlinger’s proposed zoning variations. They enjoy living next door to horses and animals.

Christine Bolger noted that a horse is permitted on the property with 5.3 acres of land. She inquired whether the applicants considered a different location for the paddock area.

Mr. Berlinger explained that they were limited to the selection for a paddock area and that the area they selected for the paddock area is on level ground which is needed to prevent limestone (and sand) washout to lower elevations on the property.

Chairman Cifonelli addressed Board and explained that the topography of the applicant’s land prohibits them from constructing the paddock area in another location which is their hardship/difficulty. He added that he cannot comprehend how the ZBA could reasonably object to the presence of animals in the community given that the existing barn was used to house animals. Chairman Cifonelli was of the opinion that the proposed variation conforms to the Village’s Comprehensive Plan in retaining the rural equine nature of the community.

Bryan McGonigal referenced ZR 10-4-4(D). He was of the opinion that the zoning regulation was outdated and that the Village may want to consider amending that section in the future.

Vice Chair Shully asked if there were any questions or comments. No one wished to speak.

Motion by David Dziura and seconded by Bryan McGonigal to recommend approval of the zoning variation ZR 10-4-4(D) to permit (1) horse and (3) goats as requested for the property located at 150 Old Barrington Road. On roll call vote Chairman Cifonelli, Vice Chair Shully, Christine Bolger, David Dziura, June Kramer, Marilyn McAlester and Bryan McGonigal voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Christine Bolger and seconded by Bryan McGonigal to recommend approval of the zoning variation ZR 10-4-4(E) using the existing barn (94’) and proposed paddock area (60’) from the adjacent property located at 663 Old Barrington Road. On roll call vote: Chairman Cifonelli, Vice Chair Shully, Christine Bolger, David Dziura, June Kramer, Marilyn McAlester and Bryan McGonigal voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

Vice Chair Shully stated that the ZBA would make a favorable recommendation to the Board. The Village Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021. The applicant was encouraged to attend.

**Adjournment**

Motion by June Kramer and seconded by Marilyn McAlester to adjourn the meeting. On roll call vote Chairman Cifonelli, Vice Chair Shully, Christine Bolger, June Kramer, Marilyn McAlester and Bryan McGonigal voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Kris Lennon, Deputy Village Clerk

Approved: August 31, 2021