

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
Minutes of January 13, 2009 Meeting

Members Present: Christy Overla, Mark O'Loughlin, Jan Pitts, Pam Williams, and Bill Gallaer

Members Absent: Lee Shoaf

Others in Attendance: Connie Swisher, Kelvin Ferguson (Zoning), Doug Owsley (BZA Alternate)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

Chairman, Mr. O'Loughlin called for the approval of the minutes of the December 08, 2008 meeting.

Ms. Overla moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Pitts seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

Mr. O' Loughlin swore in anyone wishing to speak.

New Business: Nomination and election of officers for 2009.

Mr. O'Loughlin asked for nominations for Chairman.

Ms. Overla nominated Mr O'Loughlin

Ms. Pitts Seconded

Chairman O'Loughlin asked three times for further nominations.

Mr O'Loughlin is Chairman

Mr. O'Loughlin asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman

Ms. Pitts nominated Ms Overla

Mr Gallaer Seconded

Chairman O'Loughlin asked three times for further nominations.

Ms Overla is Vice-Chairman

Ms Overla asked for nominations for Secretary

Ms. Overla nominated Mr Gallaer

Ms Pitts Seconded

Chairman O'LOughlin asked three times for further nominations

Mr Gallaer is Secretary

Mr. O'Loughlin announced nominations closed.

New Business: A) Variance Application 530-VA-09

Applicant: Yusuf Abacar, Abucar Universal Designs Inc. 78

Brevoort Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214  
Owner: Abubabakar Assadiq Islamic Center Board, 3437  
Sullivant Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43228  
Location: Parcel No. 240-000148, Northwest corner of  
Industrial Mile Road & Sullivant Ave., Columbus  
Ohio 43228  
Request: To grant a variance from the provisions of Section  
930 Table 2-Dimensional Requirements, to permit principal  
Structures with less front setbacks in a (GB) General Business  
Zoning District; and Section 1110, to allow smaller parking  
Spaces than the Resolution requires.

Mr. Ferguson presented the facts of the variance request. Zoning is General Business, 9.9 acres. In 1988 zoning was changed from multi-family to general business (122-RZ-88). There was a discussion on the sizes and uses of the buildings on the property. Ms. Swisher added that about 1/8 of the site is in Franklin Township and that township is allowing Prairie Township to handle the drainage issues. Variance is for the size of the parking spaces. The number of spaces is allowable.

Speaking for the Variance was Yusuf Abucar (architect). He gave a brief history of the property and the number of parking spaces and the design for the maximum use of those spaces. He said that this would be a community center and not just a mosque. Development of the site will try to keep as much green space as possible. Water drainage issues will be addressed. Water drainage will be reclaimed for irrigation and possible park construction and community appreciation.

Ms. Overla stated her objection to the smaller parking spaces because of the difficulty of parking a van or larger vehicle. Mr. Abucar said that the Federal ADA has several variations on parking space sizes.

Ms. Pitts asked about a traffic survey and discussion followed about access to the property.

No One spoke against the variance request.

Chairman O'Loughlin asked for a motion.

Ms. Pitts made a motion to approve with the following stipulation;

- 1) Must confer with Soil and Water Officials during Construction concerning silt runoff and erosion control.

Seconded by Ms. Williams

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Pitts            For  
                         Mr. Gallaer            For  
                         Ms. Williams            For

Ms. Overla                      Abstained from vote  
Chairman O'Loughlin        For

Motion passed, Variance granted.

Announcements: Nothing on the agenda for the February 2009 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:42 P.M.

Submitted by Bill Gallaer