

Vice Chair Petrulis called the Animal Control Appeal Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 23, 2018 in the Troy City Hall Lower Level Conference Room.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Patrick Carolan
Patrick Floch
Al Petrulis
Gretchen Waters

Absent:

Jayne Saeger

Also Present:

Paul Evans, Zoning & Compliance Specialist
Nicole MacMillan, Assistant City Attorney
Michael Szuminski, Troy Police Department

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Carolan
SECOND by Floch

RESOLVED, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Carolan
SECOND by Floch

RESOLVED, to approve the January 24, 2018 meeting minutes.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

4. HEARING OF CASES

A. 1411 FALCON, LORI SCHULTZ, WAIVER REQUEST – In order to keep 4 chickens, a waiver from the requirement that the property be at least .75 of an acre in size. The property is approximately .58 acres in size

Vice Chair Petrulis introduced the case and asked the applicant to address the Board.

Ms. Schultz indicated her daughter would be the one raising the chickens. She enumerated her daughter’s experience raising and showing animals through 4H.

Responding to Board Member questions, Ms. Schultz clarified coop location, confirmed 7 neighbors they spoke to all approved the request, and that the animals could potentially be present until her daughter begins college.

Mr. Evans confirmed that the City received no written comments.

Vice Chair Petrulis opened public comment. No person spoke. Vice Chair closed public comment.

Mr. Floch indicated he was open to approval for a finite period. Ms. Schultz and her daughter indicated the chickens would be sold at market on July 6, 2018.

MOTION by Carolan
SECOND by Waters

RESOLVED, to grant the request subject to the animals being sold by July 6, 2018 at the Oakland County fair.

MOTION BY Carolan
SECOND by Floch

RESOLVED TO AMEND THE MOTION, that there be no more than 6 chickens on the property.

Yes: All

MOTION GRANTED

- B. **1353 MADISON, MACY JACKSON, WAIVER REQUEST** – In order to keep 2 chickens, a waiver from the requirement that the property be at least .75 of an acre in size. The property is approximately .26 acres in size.

Mr. Evans advised the Board that the property is .26 acres, not the .58 acres in size as indicated on the agenda.

Vice Chair Petrulis introduced the case and asked the applicant to address the Board.

Applicant Macy Jackson enumerated her experience and passion for raising chickens. The chicks are currently on site. She spoke to her neighbors, they approve the proposal. She could get letters of approval if desired. She hopes to keep the chickens on site until she completes college and moves out. The chickens are for eggs, not for eating.

Responding to Board member questions, Ms. Jackson confirmed property size, modified coop location, construction status of the coop, location of existing chain link fence, and that two of her neighbors were satisfied with the proposal.

Vice Chair Petrulis noted that no members of the public were present.

Ms. Waters indicated a desire to see three approval letters from neighbors.

Vice Chair Petrulis indicated that lots in the neighborhood were small and densely situated, and that he believed were not appropriate for chickens.

Mr. Floch indicated concerns about attracting coyotes, small lots, and setting precedent if they were to grant.

Mr. Carolan indicated that .26 acres was too small for the request.

MOTION by Carolan

SECOND by Floch

RESOLVED, to deny request due to small lot size and that the chickens were to be re-housed offsite within 30 days.

YES: All

MOTION PASSED

5. OTHER BUSINESS – None

6. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Petrulis adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Petrulis, Vice Chair

Paul Evans, Zoning & Compliance Specialist