

**CITY OF WHITEHALL  
BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING APPEALS  
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023**

The City of Whitehall Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meeting of June 12, 2023, was called to order by Chairperson, Karima Samadi, at 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson Samadi asked for a roll call.

Samadi – Present  
Weatherby – Present  
Arends – Present  
Spicer – Present  
Soma – Present

Mr. Arends motioned to approve the minutes from May 8, 2023. Mr. Weatherby seconded the motion. Samadi – Yes, Weatherby – Yes, Arends, Yes, Spicer– Yes, Soma – Yes. Voting was unanimous to **APPROVE** the minutes from May 2023.

Chairperson Samadi introduced Case BA-23-06, Fence Height Variance, 1125.06(b), Scott G. Olenick and Nathan W. Bach, 679 Fairway Boulevard, parcel 090-001797. Mr. Olenick was sworn in and presented their case. Mr. Olenick stated they are seeking a 6-foot privacy fence to include the front and side requested portions. Mr. Olenick stated he understood code requires the fence drop to 4 feet on the portions in front of the back of neighbors' homes and in the front. Mr. Olenick stated the fence meets the side requirement on one side of the property but not the other. Chairperson Samadi asked if the neighbor has an existing fence in place. Mr. Olenick stated the neighbors have a fence that begins behind that neighbor's second garage. Chairperson Samadi asked Mr. Olenick where the fence would begin on each side of the property. Mr. Olenick stated the fence would begin in the middle of the house – one side of the house is only about 5 feet difference, while the other side is a larger distance necessitating the variance. Chairperson Samadi asked if any trees would need to be removed to place the fence in this location. Mr. Olenick stated that was the reason in choosing this particular location to place the privacy fence – minimal damage to existing landscaping. Mr. Olenick stated there is also bamboo planting and another tree on the opposite side of the property which would cause more damage to the landscaping. Chairperson Samadi stated upon review of the property and neighborhood she believed that a 6-foot fence would not cause a visual obstruction. Mr. Weatherby pointed out the neighboring house is set back further than the other neighbor's house and he could see an issue.

With no objection noted from the City, Mr. Arends motioned to approve Case BA-23-06. Mr. Weatherby seconded the motion. Samadi – Yes, Weatherby – Yes, Arends – Yes, Spicer – Yes, Soma – Yes. **BA-23-06** was **APPROVED**.

Chairperson Samadi asked if there was any further business. There being no further business, Chairperson Samadi asked for a motion to adjourn her last meeting as Chairperson of the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals. Chairperson Samadi stated it was a pleasure serving in her positions on the BZBA. Mr. Arends motioned. Mr. Weatherby seconded the motion. Samadi – Yes, Weatherby – Yes, Arends – Yes, Spicer – Yes . The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 6:37 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Respectfully submitted,

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Lori Morton, Clerk