

Lawrence, New York, December 7, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Building Design of the Incorporated Village of Lawrence was held on Monday, December 7, 2009 at the Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence New York 11559 at 7:30 P.M.

Those members present were: Chairperson Benjamin Sporn
 Member Eva Staiman
 Member Barry Pomerantz
 Member Barbara Kupferstein
 Alternate Member Myrna Breitman

Those members absent were: Ronni Berman

Also present were: Ronald Goldman, Attorney to Board of Building Design, Thomas P. Rizzo, Secretary Board of Building Design and Gail Daniels, Building Department.

Chairperson Sporn called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Building Design at 7:30 PM. Proof of posting for the meeting was submitted. The meeting was called to order with the following members present, Chairperson Sporn and Members Staiman, Pomerantz and Kupferstein. Member Breitman arrived at the meeting at 7:32 PM before the board began review of the first application. The agenda included four new applications and no prior applications.

The following new applications were considered:

Kagan – 34 Lord Ave. – Second floor side addition and interior alterations. The members discussed the application and questioned the location of windows on the proposed addition. The Members Sporn, Staiman, Pomerantz, Kupferstein and Breitman unanimously approved the application as submitted. Chairman Sporn requested that if it is possible that the new second floor window facing Lord Ave. be adjusted from side to side so that it is in line with the existing first floor window below that faces Lord Ave., if possible. Building Department to advise the applicant of the Boards request.

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Gross – 200 Causeway. – Rebuild and enlarge existing wood deck. The members reviewed and approved the application as submitted. Members Sporn, Staiman, Pomerantz, Kupferstein and Breitman voted unanimously to approve the application.

Kadosh – 5 Washington Ave. – Repave existing driveway and addition additional paving to create a turn around area at side of driveway. The Board held a lengthy discussion regarding the need for this requested paving for the turn around as well as the size and shape of the driveway and any proposed landscaping around the driveway. Several Board members agreed that the location of the existing curb cut on Washington Ave., close to the corner of Broadway did make the location difficult to exit and the request for a turnaround to exit the driveway facing forward was understandable. Mrs. Staiman and Mrs. Kupferstein requested that the proposed additional paving on the south side of the driveway towards the front door be eliminated and that the south side edge of the driveway remain in the same location as the original driveway. The Board unanimously agreed that the rectangular area of paving proposed for the right side of the existing driveway was larger than needed to create a turnaround area for the driveway and requested that this area of paving be reduced as per a drawing marked up and unanimously approved by the members present. The submitted plan indicated that landscaping be installed around the driveway. The Board requested information on the type of bushes and plants to be installed and the sizes. Based on the above, Members Sporn, Staiman, Pomerantz, Kupferstein and Breitman voted unanimously to defer the application and directed the Building Department to advise applicant of Boards request.

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Benzaken – 522 Chauncey Ln. – Install one additional curb cut and paving for circular driveway, patios, and masonry walls. Mr. David Benzaken the property owner and Mr. Yaacov Mordechai, the builder appeared in support of the application.

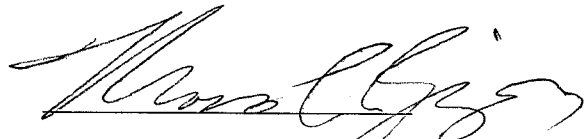
The members reviewed and approved the application as submitted. Members Sporn, Staiman, Pomerantz, Kupferstein and Breitman voted unanimously to approve the application.

The following prior application was considered:

None.

No other parties appeared to either support or oppose any of the above matters. At the completion of all agenda items the chairman and members of the board questioned Mr. Goldman regarding the proposal from the Mayor and Board regarding circular driveways. Mr. Goldman was asked by the Board to investigate regulations from other communities regarding circular driveways. Mrs. Breitman raised questions regarding parking regulations on Rosalind Place and general questions regarding parking around the Village of Lawrence. Mrs. Breitman requested that several fences be inspected in the area of Broadway and Berkley as she did not remember them. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

This is to certify that I, Thomas P. Rizzo, Secretary to the Board of Building Design, have read the foregoing minutes and the same are in all respects a full and correct record of such meeting.



Thomas P. Rizzo