Agenda

Greene County Board of Zoning Appeals Greene County Courthouse Annex, Conference Room 204 North Cutler Street, Greeneville, TN 37745 February 25, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Welcome of visitors.
- 3. Approval of minutes of the November 26, 2024, meeting.
- 4. Consider granting a variance decreasing the required left side yard setback for an accessory structure from five (5) feet to three (3) feet for 7335 Cedar Creek Road (tax parcel 171-048.06).
- 5. Consider granting a variance decreasing the required right side yard setback for a residential structure from twelve (12) feet to eight (8) feet, for 215 Rambo Road (tax parcel 148-026.02).
- 6. Other business
- 7. Adjournment

Minutes of the Greene County Board of Zoning Appeals

A meeting of the Greene County Board of Zoning Appeals was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

Members Present/Members Absent
Kathy Crawford, Chairman
Beth Douthat, Vice-Chairman
Holly Brooks, Secretary
Jason A. Smith, Member
Robert Wilhoit, Member
Bill Dabbs, Associate Member
David Crum, Associate Member

Staff Representatives Present/Absent
Tim Tweed, Building Commissioner
Amy Tweed, Planning Coordinator
Deborah Collins, Building Dept.
Kevin Morrison, County Mayor
Roger Woolsey, County Attorney

Also Present: Interested citizens

The Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u>. The Chairman asked if members had received the draft minutes of the October 29, 2024 meeting. A motion was made by Bill Dabbs, seconded by Beth Douthat, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Swearing in of witnesses. Chairman Crawford swore in Building Commissioner Tim Tweed.

620 Links Mill Rd. The Board reviewed and considered granting a variance to decrease the front yard setback for 620 Links Mill Road (tax parcel 134-036.01) from fifty-five 55 feet from road centerline to forty-six (46) feet from road centerline. Neither the property owner, William Brobeck, nor the applicant, Christy Gedelman, were present to discuss the request. Staff stated the property owner had recently replaced an older model mobile home located approximately thirty-five (35) feet from the centerline of the road with a new model, located forty-six (46) feet from road centerline. This was an improvement of nine (9) feet, but was still short of the fifty-five (55) feet required of residential property zoned A-1, General Agriculture District.

The Board was informed that the request was decreasing the degree of nonconformity, in that it improved the situation. David Crum questioned why a variance request went before the BZA if it improved the situation and was informed that the *Zoning Resolution* required Board action on all variances.

After discussion, a motion was made by Holly Brooks, seconded by Bill Dabbs, to grant the variance request as:

1. The new mobile home decreased the degree of nonconformity.

- 2. "Relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purpose of the zoning resolution".
- 3. There was a special circumstance attached to the property which did not generally apply to other property in the neighborhood, i.e., placement of the mobile home improved the situation by increasing the setback from thirty-five (35) feet from road centerline, to forty-six (46) feet.
- 4. Moving the support structure for the mobile home, to increase the setback by nine feet, would have resulted in exceptional practical difficulties to or exceptional and undue hardship upon the owner of such property.

The motion carried unanimously.

Following approval of the variance, a motion was made by David Crum, seconded by Holly Brooks, to request the County Attorney to prepare a revision to the *Zoning Resolution* for presentation at the next meeting. The resolution would state that the Board was not required to grant a variance in instances where the request improved the situation. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Beth Douthat, seconded by Bill Dabbs, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Approved as written (date)	
Secretary	
Chairman/Vice Chairman	

MEMORANDUM

To: The Greene County Board of Zoning Appeals

From: Lyn Ashburn, Research/Special Projects

Date: February 21, 2025

Subject: Side yard setback variance request

Address: 7335 Cedar Creek Road

Tax parcel: 171-048.06

Owner: Rebecca L. Smith

Zoning: A-1, General Agriculture District

Size: 15.09 acres
Required: Five (5) feet
Requested: Three (3) feet

Notes: This situation is similar to the Chuckey Ruritan request recently approved by the Board.

Ms. Smith has a property that is much deeper (approximately 1,700 feet) than wide (175 feet near Cedar Creek Road, and approximately 600 feet at its widest point). She proposes to subdivide three (3) acres located at the front of the property from the 15.09 acre tract, creating a rectangular lot containing an existing home and shed. This will leave the remaining 12.09 acres as a pipestem lot, which is required to be at least fifty (50) feet wide for the length of the "stem". Doing this means that the shed, which measures thirty (30) feet by fifty (50) feet, will only be three (3) feet, instead of the required five (5) feet,

from the proposed lot line.

Unlike the Chuckey Ruritan Road request, this property was not set up with the intention to subdivide, only to have the rules change before the subdivision took place (required width of the "stem" increased). It is similar, however, in that twelve acres will essentially remain undeveloped if the variance is not granted. Ms. Smith proposes to construct one home on the tract, but the width of the stem makes it possible to further subdivide the property by constructing a road in the "stem".

Options: A. Grant the variance, as:

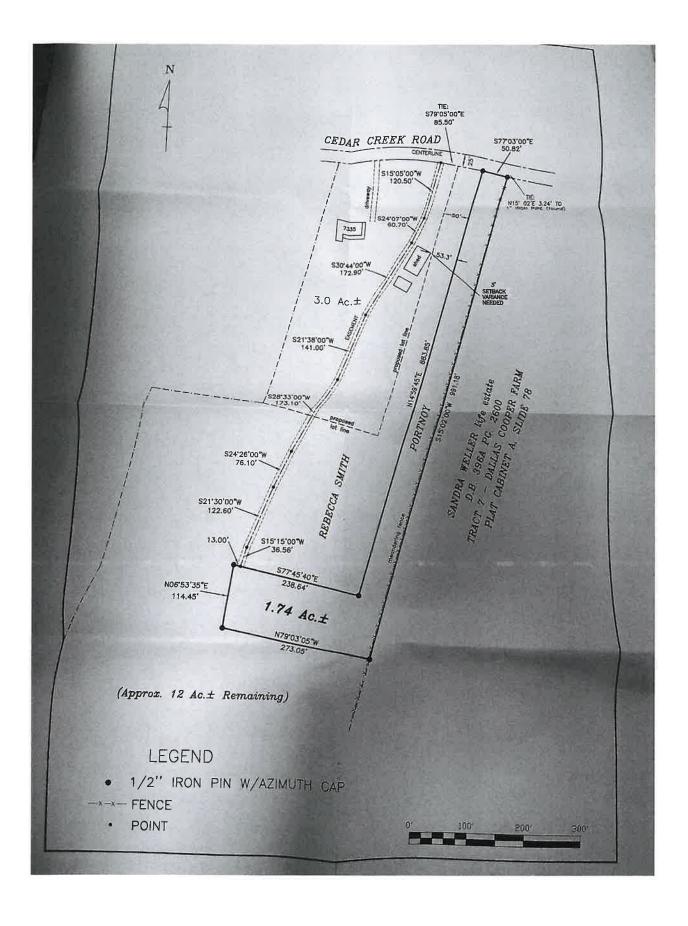
- 1. The shape of the property constitutes an "exceptional situation or condition that would result in exceptional practical difficulties to or exceptional and undue hardship upon the owner" of the property if the variance is not granted.
- 2. "Relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purpose of the zoning resolution".
- 3. There is a special circumstance attached to the property which does not generally apply to other property in the neighborhood, i.e., the shape of the property (narrow but deep).

B. Deny the variance request, as:

1. The property owner is creating the need for the variance by subdividing the land.

Applicant Servecca LSmitz Property Owner(s) 1 Cessecca LSmitz							
Property Address 7335 Cedar Creek Rd City, State, Zip Greeneville, TN 37743							
Tax map: 171 Group: Parcel #: 047.06 Size of property: 15.09 Zone of Property							
Subdivision Name/Lot Number (if any): N/A Deed book & page #: 104A, PS 102							
Please complete the following questions to the best of your ability and circle all answers that apply.							
1. What is the existing use of property: Agriculture (Soy Bear)							
2. Name of business or industry on the property (if applicable):							
3. What about your property makes it necessary to obtain a variance? (For example, field line location)							
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3 Acres. I Am Keeping 12 Acres to Build A New home in							
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13. Request left side yard setback to be	3' feet to the left side yard property line.
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Greene County - Parcel: 171 048.06



Date: February 21, 2025

County: GREENE

Owner: SMITH REBECCA L

Address: CEDAR CREEK RD 7335

Parcel ID: 171 048.06 Deeded Acreage: 15.09 Calculated Acreage: 0 Vexcel Imagery Date: 2023



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MEMORANDUM

To: The Greene County Board of Zoning Appeals

From: Lyn Ashburn, Research/Special Projects

Date: February 21, 2025

Subject: Left side yard setback variance request

Address: 215 Rambo Road

Tax parcel: 148-026.02 Owner: Laney Lawson

Zoning: A-1, General Agriculture District

Size: 1.08

Required: Twelve (12) feet

Requested: Eight feet.

Use: Vacant. The property owner states a home had previously been located on the site.

Notes: Staff has attempted to call Ms. Lawson as there is some confusion concerning the

size variance she actually needs, and has not heard back from her at this time. The

memo shall be written with the request she has made.

Ms. Lawson proposes placing a 76 foot-wide mobile home on her 100 foot-wide lot. After purchasing the home she discovered that placing it parallel to the road meant that the overhangs would intrude into the side yard setback. She requested a decrease to the left yard setback from twelve (12) feet to eight (8) feet to allow for the overhangs. She cannot place the home perpendicular to the road as it would interfere with the existing septic system.

Ms. Lawson owns an adjoining lot, but since it is only one hundred (100) feet wide (the minimum width for a residential lot in the A-1 zone), she can't take four feet from it to add to the lot in question. Her only option would be to desubdivide and combine the two lots into one.

Options: A. Grant the variance, as:

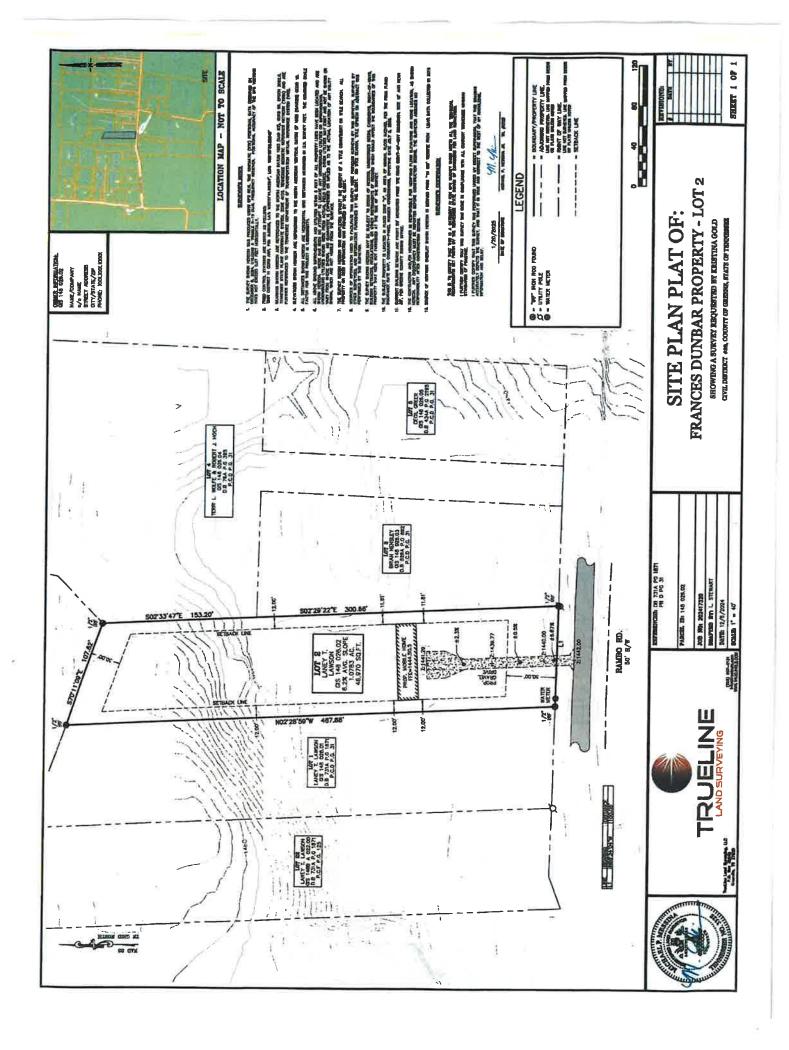
- 1. "Relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purpose of the zoning resolution; and"
- 2. It would place and "exceptional and undue hardship upon the owner of such property" if the request were not granted, as they have already purchased the home.

B. Deny approval of the variance as:

- 1. It does not meet the standards required in T.C.A. §13-7-109 (3) and the *Greene County Zoning Resolution* Section 1004.3.
- 2. Ms. Lawson has the option of combining the two lots into one lot.

Applic	ant Laney Lawson Property Owner(s) Laney Lawson							
Ргорег	ty Address 215 Rambo Rd City, State, Zip Greeneville TN 37743							
	ap: 148 Group: Parcel #: 00 6.00 Size of property: 1.08 Zone of Property							
Subdiv	ision Name/Lot Number (if any): Frances Dunbar Prop Deed book & page #:							
Please	complete the following questions to the best of your ability and circle all answers that apply.							
1.	What is the existing use of property: once had a home, then removed, placing new home							
2.	Name of business or industry on the property (if applicable): N A							
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Greene County - Parcel: 148 026.02



Date: February 21, 2025

County: GREENE

Owner: LAWSON LANEY T Address: RAMBO RD 215 Parcel ID: 148 026.02 Deeded Acreage: 1.08 Calculated Acreage: 0 Vexcel Imagery Date: 2023



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