

Tax Map/Block/Parcel
No. 73-20-97

Building Permit/Zoning
Certificate No. 05-2608

Case 5141*

OFFICIAL DECISION
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPELLANT: Kennard Warfield, Jr. Family LLLP
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REQUEST: An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision regarding the denial of a building permit due to the failure to meet setback requirements and variances to the required 50 ft. side yard setback to 10 ft., or 10% of the width of the lot.

LOCATION: The site is located at 410 Carroll Street (Lot 9), Sykesville, on property zoned "C" Conservation District in Election District 5.

BASIS: Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances, Chapter 223-37, 223-177 B (1, 2 & 3) and 223-186 A (1 & 3)

HEARING HELD: October 24, 2005

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

On October 24, 2005, the Board of Zoning Appeals (the Board) convened to hear an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision regarding the denial of a building permit due to the failure to meet setback requirements and variances to the required 50 ft. side yard setback to 10 ft., or 10% of the width of the lot. Based on our review of the file and arguments made by the Appellant and the Zoning Administrator, we have made the following determination.

The facts are essentially not in dispute. The subject lot is shown on a recorded plat for the Carroll Heights subdivision. The plat was recorded in 1960, which predates the adoption of the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance in 1965. The lot was lawfully created, and there is no evidence of any irregularity in this regard. No setbacks were required in Carroll County in 1960.

The property was at one time zoned "R-10,000" but is now zoned "C" Conservation. The .3949 acre lot is vacant and is located on Hollenberry Road.

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Section 223-177 (B) (2) provides that lots created prior to the adoption of the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance (August 17, 1965) must have side yards equal to 10% of the lot width but they need not exceed the side yard requirements of the district in which the lot is located. This provision does not mandate any front or side yard setbacks. The lot meets the required side yard setbacks.

The Board concludes that the lot lines shown on the Carroll Heights subdivision plat recorded in 1960 governs this case, except for the side yard setbacks, since the Zoning Ordinance at Section 223-177 (B) (2) clearly governs the side yard setbacks. The lot appears to meet the side yard requirements. As to the non-conforming front and rear yard, no variance is required, as the lines were lawfully created by the plat. Accordingly, we respectfully reverse the determination of the Zoning Administrator in this instance.

*Consolidated with Case 5142.

Date

11/16/05


Jacob M. Yingling, Chairman