



City of Willowick
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Nick Koudela
BZA Member Phil Yaretts
BZAMember Tom Flaisig
BZA Member Debbie Clarke

ABSENT

BZA Member Rich Hill

CHAIRMAN SWEAR IN APPLICANT(S) & AUDIENCE MEMBERS WHO WILL BE GIVING TESTIMONY.

The Chairman swore in applicants & audience members..

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 11th, 2026

Motion made by BZA Member Yaretts, Seconded by BZA Member Clarke to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting. Voting Yea: Chairman Koudela, BZA Member Yaretts, BZA Member Flaisig, BZA Member Clarke. Motion carried.

BZA CASES

Case 26-4 John Hollis Parcel #28A0230000450 Euclid Ave.

Justin Hollis appeared before the board.

Request to keep the rear of the building unpaved using asphalt grindings.

Neighbor notification forms were sent out by the Secretary.

Mr. Hollis presented a picture to the board showing what the buildings will look like in front with a concrete pad, and a gravel/aggregate parking lot in front.

Mr. Koudela asked if the picture presented is what each building would look like. Mr. Hollis said yes. The second building will come later, but he wants to make sure they are approved for the parking lot first. They will use the concrete slab shown in the picture presented. They are looking to use gravel or asphalt grindings. They want to pave from the road to the front of the first building with asphalt and the rest would be asphalt grindings to the left, right and the remainder of the area. It would not be cost effective to build the building if they have to pave the entire lot.

Mr. Koudela asked Mr. Hollis what they would be using the buildings for. Mr. Hollis stated that it will be for Storing equipment for the service business they were approved for which is a tree company. They will store all of the tree equipment, have a small retail space to sell clean chips, gravel, etc. There will also be an office in the front of the building. Mr. Yarleets asked if there would be much traffic for the retail store. Mr. Hollis said no, there would only be one person sitting in the shop. Maybe one or two people coming to the shop.

Mr. Hollis said it would be over \$100,000.00 per year to maintain asphalt or concrete for the entire lot, and would not be worth it.

No audience members were present for this case.

Motion made by BZA Member Yarleets, Seconded by BZA Member Clarke to allow loose aggregate/gravel driveways and parking areas per submitted site plan in the application of Section 1163.13(a) of the Codified Ordinances at Parcel #28A023000045 Euclid Ave. Voting Yea: Chairman Koudela, BZA Member Yarleets, BZA Member Flaisig, BZA Member Clarke. Motion carried.

Case 26-5 Matthew Scarberry 28513 Lakeshore Blvd.

Matthew Scarberry appeared before the board.

Neighbor notification forms were sent by the Secretary.

Request to allow a new driveway to be installed 9' into the front yard for parking a motor vehicle for safer parking on a main road.

Mr. Scarberry wants to add on to his driveway for safer parking as they live on Lakeshore Blvd., which is a busy main road. They did the exact same thing last year to his wife's house right next door. The apron will also be extended.

Mr. Koudela asked if it will be 9' or 10' as the drawings show 9'. Mr. Scarberry said it will be 9'.

It will be from the service walk to the apron which is 61'.

No audience members were present for this case.

Motion made by BZA Member Flaisig, Seconded by BZA Member Clarke to grant a variance to allow a new driveway to be installed 9' into the front yard for parking a motor vehicle in the application of Section 1163.105(a) of the Codified Ordinances at 28513 Lakeshore Blvd. Voting Yea: Chairman Koudela, BZA Member Yarleets, BZA Member Flaisig, BZA Member Clarke. Motion carried.

Case 26-6 Svejkovsky 31525 Royalview Dr.

Todd Svejkovsky appeared before the board.

Neighbor notification forms were sent by the Secretary.

Request to construct a fence in the side yard that extends 24' past the right side rear house line and 2' height to allow a 6' fence on a corner lot for privacy, a large dog who can jump the fence, and more room for the kids to safely play in the yard. Other neighbors in the area have a 6' fence.

Mr. Svejkovsky would like to install a 6' high privacy fence around his property line and he is on a corner lot that is only allowed 4' height.

Mr. Yarletts asked if the fence is going to begin on the Pendley side at the front of the garage. Mr. Svejkovsky said yes, and there are pictures if he needs them. Mr. Yarletts stated that he has the pictures, and has seen them. Mr. Svejkovsky said he would like to butt up as close as he can to the front of his garage and to the sidewalk.

Mr. Svejkovsky also stated that the bathroom is on the side of his house and the neighbor's house is close so he would like more privacy. His neighbor also has a 6' privacy fence so he will butt up to his and use his for the back fence.

Mr. Koudela is the 4' from the sidewalk on the plan correct. Mr. Svejkovsky stated yes.

Mr. Flaisig asked if he foresees any visibility issues. Mr. Svejkovsky said he measured, and should be no line of sight issues.

There was some discussion regarding the drawing and the side door. Mr. Koudela stated that what he is looking for isn't what is on the plan. They are only able to vote on the 24' and the 2' height variances proposed, and that they cannot approve anything else, and he should get in touch with the building department tomorrow to see if he needs any further variances.

No audience members were present for this case.

Motion #1 Motion made by BZA Member Flaisig, Seconded by BZA Member Clarke to grant a variance to allow a fence to be installed in the side yard that extends 24' past the right side rear house line as stated on the site plan in the application of Section 1165.07(b) at 31625 Royalview Dr. Voting Yea: Chairman Koudela, BZA Member Yarletts, BZA Member Flaisig, BZA Member Clarke. Motion carried.

Motion #2 Motion made by BZA Member Flaisig, Seconded by BZA Member Clarke to grant a variance of 2' height to allow a 6' high fence to be constructed on a corner lot in the application of Section 1165.07(c) of the Codified Ordinances at 31625 Royalview Dr. Voting Yea: Chairman Koudela, BZA Member Yarletts, BZA Member Flaisig, BZA Member Clarke. Motion carried.

Case 26-7 Nick Koudela 29529 Cresthaven Dr.

Nick Koudela appeared before the board.

Request to install a driveway addition in front of home. Extend current fence to front of home and install gate across drive. Replace existing chain link fence with a 6' board on board fence for privacy.

Mr. Koudela referred to the site plan showing what he is proposing to do. The 72' fence in the top right corner of the drawing is an existing fence that he is splitting the cost with his neighbor to replace. Everything in green is what they are seeking variances for. The 28' and the gate request is because the side door is in the back corner of his house. It will all be a 6' board on board including the gate. The gate will be split and the left side will be 6' and the right side will be 10' that will also swing in or both ways. The reason he has to stop the left side of the gate at 6' is because when it swings out it will be at the corner of his house. The reason he would like the fence is that the house to the right is an Airbnb. Those neighbors are great, but he has had people walking into his backyard not realizing it is a different yard, and also has had delivery people going into his backyard to look at the lake. The house on the left is non-owner occupied and has been cited several times for overgrown grass, and trash and he does not want to have to look at it. The 34' shown on the drawing is an existing chain link fence that was grandfathered in, but since it is being replaced, it will need a variance.

For the driveway extension, they would like not to have to keep moving cars. When he works nights at times, and his wife need to leave during the day especially in the winter he cannot park in the street and has to move cars.

The apron will not be widened.

There is a nearby house and a couple of others on the street that have front yard parking.

Motion 1 made by BZA Member Flaisig, Seconded by BZA Member Yarletts in the application of Section 1165.07(b) of the Codified Ordinances to allow a fence to be installed in the side yard that extends 34' past the right side rear house line at 29525 Cresthaven Dr. Voting Yea: BZA Member Yarletts, BZA Member Flaisig, BZA Member Clarke. Voting Abstaining: Chairman Koudela. Motion carried.

Motion 2 made by made by BZA Member Flaisig, Seconded by BZA Member Yarletts in the application of Section 1165.07(b) of the Codified Ordinances to allow a fence to be installed 21' past the side entrance door at 29525 Cresthaven Dr. Voting Yea: BZA Member Yarletts, BZA Member Flaisig, BZA Member Clarke. Voting Abstaining: Chairman Koudela. Motion carried.

Motion 3 made by made by BZA Member Flaisig, Seconded by BZA Member Yarletts in the application of Section 1163.105(a) of the Codified Ordinances to allow a new concrete driveway to be installed 8' into the front yard at 29525 Cresthaven Dr. Voting Yea: BZA Member Yarletts, BZA Member Flaisig, BZA Member Clarke. Voting Abstaining: Chairman Koudela. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by BZA Member Yarletts, Seconded by BZA Member Clarke. Voting Yea: Chairman Koudela, BZA Member Yarletts, BZA Member Flaisig, BZA Member Clarke. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Nick Koudela, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jennifer Quinn, Secretary