

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 9-18-98

The Norwalk Board of Adjustment met in open session on September 18, 1998 in the Fire Department meeting room of the Norwalk City Hall, 705 North Avenue. Chairperson Joe Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. At roll call the following members were present: Jan Sparks, Randy Frescoln, Christin Grant, and Joe Smith. Members absent: none.

New Business:

Chairperson Smith noted that the term of Chairperson Pro-Tem Bob Tometich expired June 30, 1998. He chose not to renew. A motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Grant to nominate Randy Frescoln as Chairperson Pro-Tem. Approved 4-0.

Sparks suggested if evening meetings could not be scheduled that early morning meetings were a possibility. No decision was made.

Chairperson Smith opened the public hearing for the variance request by James E. and Cindy Lear at 903 Wright Road, Lot 11, Wright Place. The variance is to allow an easement and reduction of rear and side yard setbacks at 903 Wright Road in Norwalk for remodeling part of the existing garage into a small apartment and a room addition connecting the present house and garage.

Administrator/Clerk Mark Miller reported there were two written comments, Betty Smith, 104 Center Street, Norwalk and Tom and Cindy Juhl, 201 Main Street, Norwalk. (See letters attached). Oral comments were made by James Lear and Lorraine Lear both of 903 Wright Road, expressing the need for the addition of an apartment. An addition will be added to the garage as an apartment and connecting them to the main house. Lorraine Lear will live in the apartment to be close to her family for health reasons. The outside dimensions of the house and garage area will not change.

Smith expressed concerns that the residence stays a single-family dwelling and can not become a second living unit for anyone else on the property until there is a zoning ordinance change.

Motion by Frescoln and seconded by Grant to grant the variance as stated by the Lear family at 903 Wright Road. Approved 4-0. Abstain: none.

Motion by Frescoln and seconded by Grant to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM. Approved 4-0.

Joe Smith, Chairperson