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RE: PETITION FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SKEET SHOOTING RANGE - PROPERTY EAST OF DULANEY VALLEY ROAD, N. OF INTERSECTION OF DULANEY VALLEY AND POTTS SPUR ROAD, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, PETITIONERS.

Appeal in the above entitled matter coming on for hearing on November 4, 1950, before the Board of Zoning Appeals of Baltimore County from an Order of the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, dated June 16, 1950, granting the petition for a special permit for Skeet Shooting Range, and it appearing from the facts and evidence adduced at the appeal hearing that the granting of the petition would be detrimental to the safety, morals and the general welfare of the community, therefore:

It is this 10th day of November, 1950, ORDERED by the Board of Zoning Appeals of Baltimore County that the Order of the Zoning Commissioner granting the petition for a special permit, be and the same is hereby reversed.

Samuel H. Doig
Charles J. Carter
Edith D. Smith
Board of Zoning Appeals
of Baltimore County

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This is an appeal by George Constable, Richard H. Randall, D. Stewart Ridgely, John H. Tibbels, Pearce Cody, Edwin Contrum, Joseph F. Victor, Goss L. Stryker, E. E. Taggy, Jr., John Ridgely, and others, from the Order and decision of the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County dated June 16, 1950, by which Order the petition for a special permit for a Skeet Shooting Range was granted.

The case came on for hearing before the Board, testimony was taken, petitions for and against the granting of the special permit were considered by the Board and counsel for both sides heard. The property which is the subject of the petition is located on a Peninsula, between Kelly and Spring Branches, east of the Dulane Valley Road, in the 9th District of Baltimore County. The petitioner desires to use this property for the purpose of skeet shooting.

The Board of Zoning Appeals feels that the testimony in this case conclusively shows that the granting of such a permit would be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, general welfare, comfort and convenience of the community. While the shooting would only take place once a week on Saturdays and occasionally on Sundays, the Board feels that this property being only about three-quarters of a mile from one of the highest type developments in Baltimore County it would be quite annoying to the neighbors and the noise would be increased by virtue of the sound

coming across the water and even if the shooting did not create a physical hazard, it would certainly be a mental hazard. There are a number of children in this community and the tendency of the children would be to investigate the shooting and to attempt to visit the point from which the shooting was taking place. This, of course, would be very dangerous to the children and very annoying to the parents.

The property adjacent to this proposed range has been built up in recent years and to grant this permit would, in the opinion of the Board, tend to depreciate the values of the surrounding properties. The Board also feels that there are other properties in Baltimore County which are much better adapted and much more desirable from the standpoint of health, safety, morals, the general welfare, comfort and convenience of the community.

The Board will, therefore, sign an Order reversing the Order of the Zoning Commissioner dated June 16, 1950, and directing him to disallow the granting of the permit.

Samuel H. Doig
Charles J. Carter
Edith D. Smith
Board of Zoning Appeals
of Baltimore County.

Mr. Charles H. Doig
Zoning Commissioner
Town 4, Maryland

Re: Petition for Special Permit for Skeet Shooting Dulane Valley Road - Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, Petitioners - 9th District

Mr. Commissioners:

You will please enter an appeal in behalf of George Constable, Richard H. Randall, D. Stewart Ridgely, John H. Tibbels, Pearce Cody, Edwin Contrum, Joseph F. Victor, Goss L. Stryker, E. E. Taggy, Jr., John Ridgely, and others, to the Board of Zoning Appeals of Baltimore County from your decision of June 16th, 1950 in the above case, and forward the papers to the Board of Zoning Appeals of Baltimore County.

Michael Paul Smith
Attorney for Protestants

Dated this 19th day of June, 1950.

RE: RE-HEARING ON PETITION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SKEET SHOOTING - DULANEY VALLEY ROAD - MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, PETITIONERS - 9TH DISTRICT.

Subsequent to my Order dated May 15, 1950, counsel for the protestants, in the above-entitled matter, requested a re-hearing which was granted and reargument was heard on June 6, 1950. At the re-hearing I was asked to pass upon the petition on its merits that that question might also be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals at the same time that it passes upon my original order.

I have made a careful inspection of the proposed skeet shooting site and find it to be an isolated spot three quarters of a mile, or more, from the nearest dwelling. Skeet shooting in itself, as carried on by well-organized gun clubs, is not dangerous and is allowed in public parks in very much closer proximity to residential properties than the proposed site.

The protestants, whom I heard at the public hearing on the 15th day of May, 1950, contend that the noise of gun fire will disturb their peace and quiet and interfere with their enjoyment of their homes. It was further contended that it will interfere with picnicking, hiking, horseback riding, dog training, etc., which has been going on in this area for sometime, notwithstanding the fact that the property is posted against trespassing. Likewise, it was contended that the proposed use would create congestion in the narrow road over the City property to the site of the shooting range. Shooting will take place regularly but once a week on Saturday afternoons and must, of necessity, cease at dusk. About once a season, when the club has its annual shoot, they will also shoot on Sunday.

While I have no doubt that the gun fire will be audible at the homes of the protestants, three quarters of a mile, or more away, I do

horseback riding, dog training, etc., which the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore by implication, at least, has acquiesced in, but it is unquestionably the sole right of the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore to specify the type of recreation that will be indulged in on the City-owned property. Should the use prove to be a nuisance the Courts will enjoin it. Therefore, finding that skeet shooting at the proposed location will not be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, general welfare, comfort and convenience of the community, I do hereby GRANT the permit applied for.

Charles H. Doig
Zoning Commissioner
of Baltimore County

Dated:
June 16th, 1950

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OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
TOWNSHIP 4, MARYLAND
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May 24, 1950

Charles H. Doig, Esq.
Zoning Commissioner
Town 4, Maryland

Re: Petition for Special Permit for Skeet Shooting Dulane Valley Road - Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, Petitioners - 9th District

Dear Mr. Doig:

Because of the time limit, I have filed an appeal from your decision in the above case of May 15th. I would, however, like very much to re-argue this case before you and, therefore, respectfully request that you grant us a re-hearing for the purpose of argument. Will you please advise me.

Respectfully yours,

M. P. Smith
Attorney for Protestants

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REC'D MAY 24 1950

Mr. Charles H. Doig
Zoning Commissioner
Town 4, Maryland

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Michael Paul Smith
Attorney for Protestants

Dated this 24th day of May, 1950.

MATERIAL LIST

STAIR LUMBER				
1	4"	x 4"	x 6'-0"	Stair post.
2	2"	x 10"	x 12'-0"	Stair runners.
3	2"	x 10"	x 10'-0"	Stair treads.
1	2"	x 10"	x 12'-0"	Landing floor.
1	2"	x 6"	x 6'-0"	Landing joist.
1	2"	x 4"	x 8'-0"	Support bracket.
1	2"	x 6"	x 3'-0"	Support bracket header.
2	2"	x 4"	x 12'-0"	Railing and rail posts.
2	2"	x 2"	x 10'-0"	Tread cleats.

1 1" x 6'-0" pipe with bracket and flange.
1 Roll of rubberoid roofing.
2 Pairs of strap hinges for doors.
2 Pairs of 2" x 4" butt hinges for baffle doors.
2 Small hooks with screw eyes for baffle doors.
2 Door hinges.
8 Feet screen wire 3'-0" wide for blinders.
1 Gallon asphalt paint.
4 Anchor bolts 1/4" x 6" with nuts and washers.
4 Anchor bolts 1/4" x 14" with nuts and washers.
173 Feet 1/2" Galvanized pipe for pull wire conduit.
Socite Cement
1000 Lbs. Sand
1200 Lbs. Broken stone or 3/4 yards concrete.

Technical drawing of a roof section. A horizontal line represents the roof surface, sloping downwards from left to right. A dashed line indicates the vertical height. A right-angled triangle is formed with the slope, labeled with a vertical side of 1 and a horizontal side of 4, indicating a 1:4 slope. The roof is supported by vertical structural elements.



PROTECTION FENCE LUMBER

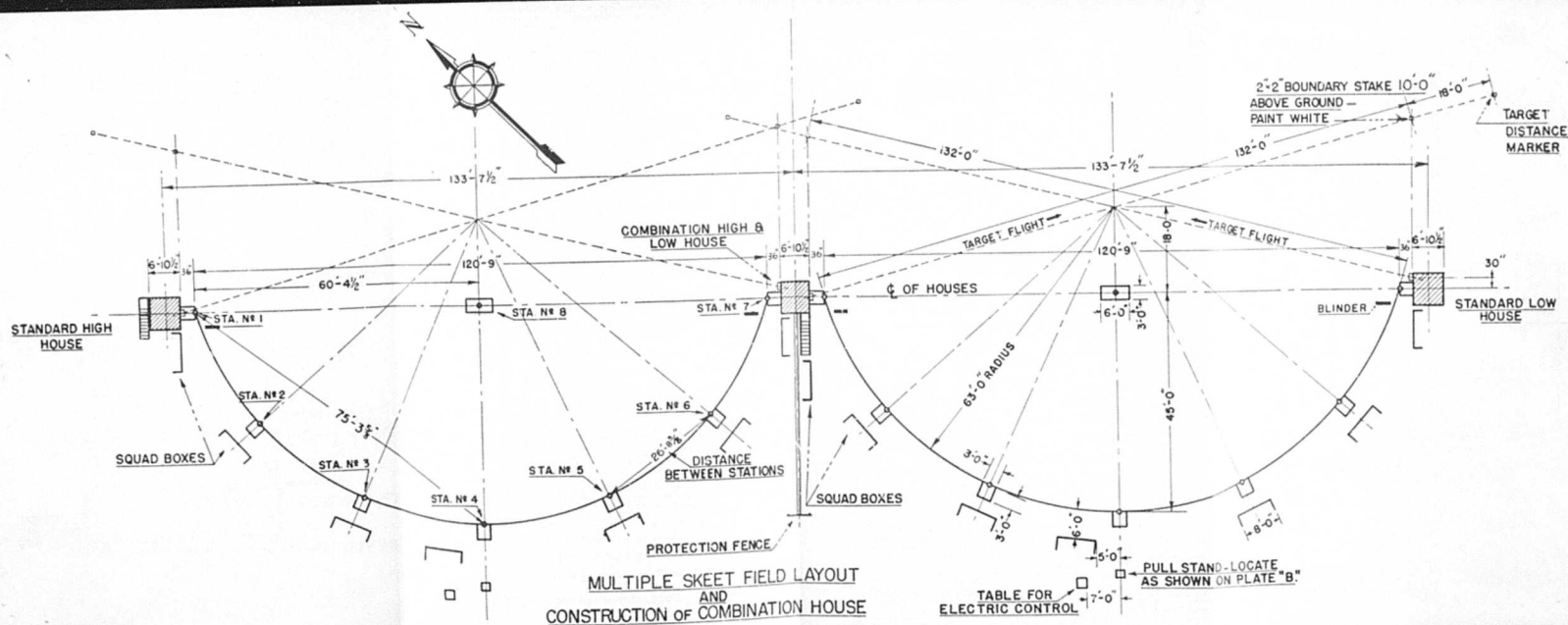


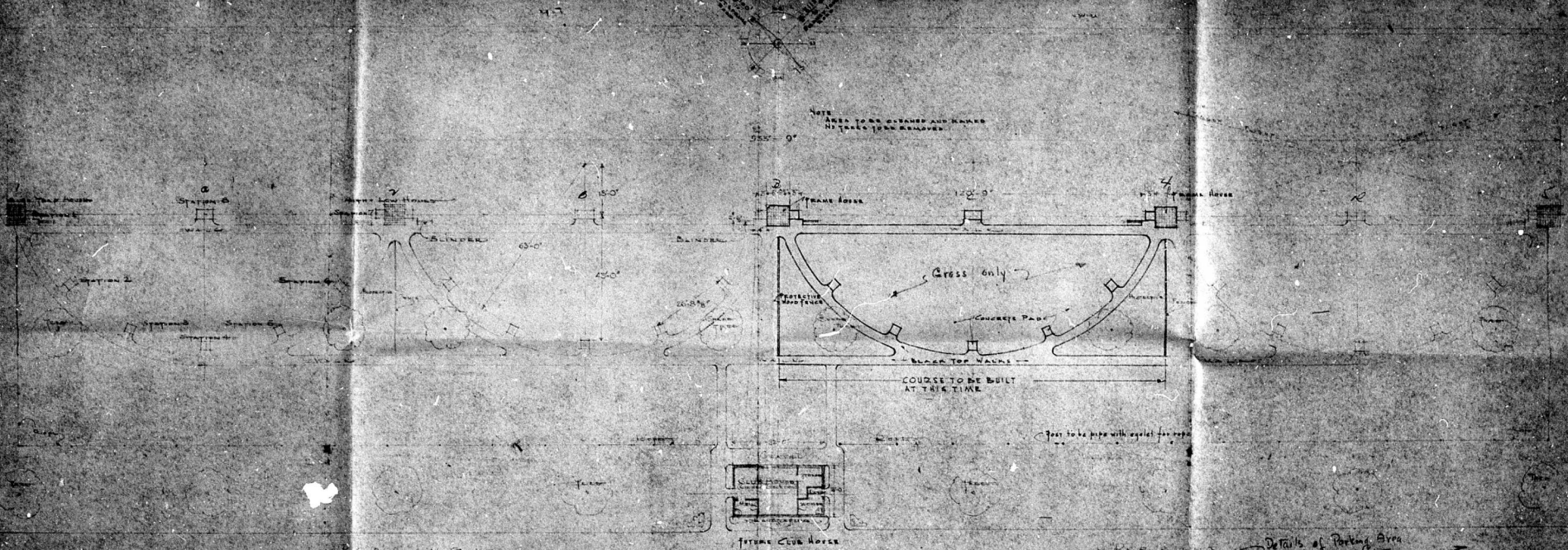
THIS END OF FENCE
SUPPORTED BY
HOUSE AND STAIRS

#4

Construction of Combination House

Multiple Skeet
Field Layout
and
Construction of
Combination House





LAY-OUT OF SKIFF COURSE
TOWSON GUN CLUB

Approved:-
A. Brooke Maxwell
Director - R. & P. Club
7/7/60

Note: see 'Plate D' attached hereto
for details of the various