IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
N/Side of Springlake Drive, 213' W
of the c/line of Hartham Court
8th Election District
3rd Council District

(2448 Springlake Drive)

Sharlene I. Schnepfe Petitioner BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2011-0299-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owner of the property, Sharlene (Sherry) I. Schnepfe. The Petitioner is requesting Variance relief under Section 1B02.3.B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit an attached garage with side yard setback of 5 feet and a sum of both sides of 15 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet and 25 feet, respectively. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the variance request was Petitioner Sherry Schnepfe and James Martz with Endless Construction, the contractor who prepared the site plan and is assisting the Petitioner through the permitting process. The file reveals that the Petition was properly advertised and the site was properly posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. Appearing in opposition from the Springlake Community Association were C. Warren, Julie and Paul Gleitsmann of 2446 Spring Lake Drive, Warner G. Welsh of 2506 Londonderry Road, Eric Rockel of 1610 Riderwood Drive, Brad Milhern of 2520 Girdwood Road, Benjamin Mell of 241 Treherne Road, Jeannette Lagorio of 2519 Girdwood Road, and Elizabeth D Hansen of 2517 Girdwood Road. Also appearing was Gary Hucik, a Code

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Inspector/Enforcement Officer with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections.

Prior to the hearing, the undersigned received a packet from Elizabeth Hansen, President, Springlake Community Association ("Association"). The Association opposes the requested variances and alleges that Ms. Schnepfe failed to secure approval from the Association prior to construction. Whether or not Petitioner has violated the bylaws and/or covenants of the Association is irrelevant for present purposes. The sole function of this proceeding is to determine whether Petitioner is entitled to variance relief under County and State law.

This matter came to the Office of Administrative Hearings as a result of a complaint registered with the Code Enforcement Division of the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections¹. A Code Inspections and Enforcement Correction Notice was issued to Petitioner February 7, 2011, alleging illegal enclosure of existing carport. Hence, Petitioner filed the instant variance request.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is rectangular in shape, contains 16,647 square feet and is improved with a two-story brick and frame dwelling zoned D.R.3.5. The Petitioner enclosed a carport that was the subject of a 1999 variance case (discussed below) and now seeks variance relief to legitimize the "on the ground" site conditions.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made a part of the record of this case. The only substantive comment was from Dennis Kennedy of the Bureau of Development Plans Review, who advised that the garage/carport must be located at least six (6) feet from a County storm drain easement which runs alongside Petitioner's property.

In 1998, Mr. David DeJong, Trustee (a prior owner of the premises at 2448 Spring Lake Drive) was granted variance relief in connection with an attached carport at the side of the home.

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Specifically, then Deputy Zoning Commissioner Timothy Kotroco permitted the owner to construct "an open projection (carport canopy) with a side setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 11.25 feet, and a sum of the side yards of 15 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet." See Case No. 99-71-A. Significantly, the B.C.Z.R. defines a carport as a structure "open on three sides." B.C.Z.R. § 301.1.A. Such a structure was built and remained on the subject premises until early 2011.

On or about January 26, 2011, Petitioner engaged a MHIC contractor to construct a solid wall on the outside of the open carport. At or about the same time, Petitioner was informed by Inspector Gary Hucik that a building permit was required for such construction. On January 31, 2011, Petitioner applied for and received a building permit to "enclose portion of an existing attached carport." Thereafter, on February 7, 2011, Petitioner was issued a correction notice by Mr. Hucik, directing Petitioner to resubmit the permit to reflect the prior variance granted in 1998 by Deputy Zoning Commissioner Kotroco. Petitioner stated she was unaware of this variance – she bought the home in 2006 – and apparently the Zoning Office was as well, since the permit approval does not reference the case or even provide the applicable side yard setbacks for what was now going to be an attached garage.

The 1998 variance case determined, of necessity, that Petitioner's property was unique and Petitioner (the prior owner) would experience a practical difficulty if strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. was required. Such a ruling in effect attaches to the property – it is in the nature of an <u>in rem</u> judgment – and runs with the land, such that the present Petitioner is the beneficiary of same. As such, there is little difficulty granting variance relief in the present case, on the same rationale found in Case No. 99-71-A. So that the record is clear, the footprint of the carport/garage will remain the same, and this is an important factor in connection with the setback from the County's stormwater easement. Simply put, without a field survey it is ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

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impossible to determine just how close the garage is located to the Baltimore County easement, but what is clear is that the grant of relief herein will not result in any further incursion beyond that approved over 13 years ago. The prior zoning Order permitted a five feet (5) side yard setback, which itself is at odds with the 6 foot setback requirement in Mr. Kennedy's letter.

In terms of technical zoning requirements, the only change is that by enclosing the side wall, the structure is now a garage which requires side yard setbacks of 15 feet and a sum of side yard setbacks of 25 feet. B.C.Z.R. § 1B02.3.B. These are virtually identical to the setbacks applicable to the carport. (The only difference being that the carport was permitted to project 25% into the side yard, hence Mr. Kotroco's Order referencing an 11.25 foot setback). The photographs submitted reveal that Petitioner's property is attractive and well-maintained, and the Petitioner testified that she desired to enclose the side wall to buffer the strong winds and accumulation of snow that has plagued her in recent years.

I am not unmindful of the vocal opposition from the community, and respect and appreciate their input at the hearing. The tension and animosity between the Petitioner and members of the community was palpable, and in large part was due to what Protestants believed was Petitioner's flouting of community association bylaws and requirements. While in no way minimizing the importance of such covenants, which exist to preserve communities, this Office is without authority to enforce same unless they are expressly incorporated in a prior zoning Order, and there was no evidence of that having been done in this case. Blakehurst Community v. Baltimore County, 146 Md. App. 509 (2002) (community covenant agreements enforceable by Zoning Commissioner only when expressly incorporated into prior order).

Considering all of the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the requested variance relief. I find special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request.

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I further find that the granting of the relief as set forth herein can be accomplished without injury to the public health, safety, and general welfare. Therefore, in all manner and form, I find that the variance can be granted in accordance with the requirements of Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. as articulated in *Cromwell v. Ward*, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995).

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered by Petitioner, I find that Petitioner's variance request should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this ______ day of June, 2011 by this Administrative Law Judge that Petitioner's Variance request from Section 1B02.3.B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit an attached garage with side yard setback of 5 feet and a sum of both sides of 15 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet and 25 feet, respectively, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

1. The Petitioner may apply for her building permit and may be granted same upon receipt of this Order, however the Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at her own risk until such time as the thirty (30) day appellate process from this Order has expired. If for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner will be required to return and be responsible for returning said property to its original condition.

Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB:pz

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By____



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

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Managing Administrative Law Judge
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
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Administrative Law Judges

June 10, 2011

SHARLENE I. SCHNEPFE 2448 SPRING LAKE DRIVE TIMONIUM MD 21093

> Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 2011-0299-A Property: 2448 Spring Lake Drive

Dear Ms. Schnepfe:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file with the Department of Permits, Applications and Inspections an appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our appeals clerk at 410-887-3391.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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Enclosure

C: James Martz, 903 Autumn Valley Lane, Gambrills MD 21054
 C. Warren, Julie and Paul Gleitsmann, 2446 Spring Lake Drive, Timonium MD 21093
 Warner G Welsh, 2506 Londonderry Road, Timonium MD 21093
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 Gary Hucik, Code Inspector/Enforcement Officer, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections



Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 2448 Soning Lake Drive

	which is presently zoned DR-3.5
This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permit of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is de hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)	s and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) scribed in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part garage with to permit an side yard
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Contract Purchaser/Lessee:	Legal Owner(s):
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Signature	Signature
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Company

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2448 Spring Lake Drive

REASONS FOR VARIANCE REQUEST:

UNIQUENESS OF PROPERTY

THIS LOT IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST LOTS IN THE SUBDIVISION OF SPRINGLAKE. THE LOT NARROWS FROM FRONT TO REAR RESULTING IN A NARROWER BUILDING ENVELOPE THAN MOST OF THE OTHER LOTS IN SPRINGLAKE.

PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY

STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS WOULD NOT ALLOW ANY CARPORT AT ALL ON THIS LOT. MOST OF THE LOTS IN THE SUBDIVISION, WHICH ARE LARGER, HAVE GARAGES OR CARPORTS OR THE ROOM TO ADD A GARAGE OR CARPORT WITHOUT NEEDING A VARIANCE. WE ARE ASKING FOR THE MINIMUM RELIEF NECESSARY. IF WE MADE THE CARPORT SMALLER THEN A CAR WOULD NOT FIT. THE SPIRIT OF THE ORDINANCE WILL BE OBSERVED BECAUSE HAVING A CARPORT IS AN ALLOWED USE. IN ADDITION, THE CARPORT WOULD NOT HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE.

THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN RESIDENTIAL DENSITY.

THE RELIEF REQUESTED IS IN STRICT HARMONY WITH THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF HEIGHT, AREA, PARKING AND SIGN REGULATIONS.

GRANTING RELIEF WILL NOT HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE.

Description of Hammond Property, 2448 Spring Lake Drive, to Accompany Petition for Variance.

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at a point on the north side of Spring Lake Drive (50' R/W), 212.7 feet more or less west of the centerline of Hartham Court (50, R/W).

Being Lot 23, Block Q, Section 3, Plat 5 in the subdivision of Springlake as recorded in the Land Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book 28, Folio 75, containing 0.27 acres of land more or less.

Also known as 2448 Spring Lake Drive and located in the 8th Election District and the 4th Councilmanic District.

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Inter-Office Correspondence



TO:

yuas) 5/16/11 Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judg

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

David Lykens, Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

(DEPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

May 5, 2011

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

Address

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2448 Springlake Drive

(Schnepfe Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of April 18, 2011.

The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability has no comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

Reviewer:

Jeff Livingston; Development Coordination

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

PETITION FOR VARIANCE 212.7' W * DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

N/S Spring Lake Drive, Court

N/S Spring Lake Artham Court * Case No. 99-71-A This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the owner of the subject property, Hammond Residuary Trust, by David S. DeJong, Trustee. The Petitioner seeks relief from Sections 1802.3.B (208.3) and 301.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R., 1955) to permit an open projection (carport canopy) with a side setback of 5 feet in lieu of the require 11.25 feet, and a sum of the side yards of 15 feet in lieu of the require 25 feet. The subject property and relief sought are more particular described on the site plan submitted which was accepted and marked Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petition were Hammond, who resides on the property, and Thomas Hoff, Registered I evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1. Architect. There were no Protestants or other interested persons Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subjection consists of a gross area of 0.27 acres, more or less, zoned D.F. property is a rectangularly shaped lot, approximately 81 fee the front property line abutting Spring Lake Drive, and 55 f rear property line. The property is presently improved w single family dwelling located on the front portion of th indicated that he has lived on the property off and on s

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

Case: # 2011-0299-A
2448 Springlake Drive
N/side of Springlake Drive, 213 ft. west of centerline of Hartham Court

8th Election District — 4th Councilmanic District

Hartham Court
8th Election District — 4th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s): Sherry Schnepfe
Variance: to permit an attached garage with side yard setback of 5 feet and a sum of both sides of 15 feet in lieu of
the required 15 feet and 25 feet respectively, for an existing
with one open side.
Hearing: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in
Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake
Avenue, Towson 21204.

ARNOLD JABLON

ARNOLD JABLON
Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections
for Baltimore County
NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-3368.

(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

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☐ North County News		

LEGAL ADVERTISING

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

RE: Case No. 2011-0299-A

Petitioner/Developer TAMES

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Date	Of Hearing/Closing: 5/25/11
Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building,Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue	
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Ladies and Gentlemen	
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Por Order 99-71-A for apr

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

N/S Spring Lake Drive, 212.7' W of the c/l of Hartham Court (2448 Spring Lake Drive)

8th Election District 4th Councilmanic District

Hammond Residuary Trust, c/o David S. DeJong, Trustee -Petitioner * BEFORE THE

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 99-71-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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injury to the public health, safety or general welfare, and meets the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

Baltimore County this /// day of October, 1998 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Sections 1B02.3.B (208.3) and 301.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R., 1955) to permit an open projection (carport canopy) with a side setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 11.25 feet, and a sum of the side yards of 15 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

May 5, 2011

NEW NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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2448 Springlake Drive

N/side of Springlake Drive, 213 ft. west of centerline of Hartham Court

8th Election District -4th Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Sherry Schnepfe

Variance to permit an attached garage with side yard setback of 5 feet and a sum of both sides of 15 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet and 25 feet respectively, for an existing with one open side.

Hearing: Monday, May 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

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C: Sherry Schnepfe, 2448 Springlake Drive, Timonium 21093
James Martz, 903 Autumn Valley Lane, Gambrills 21054
Elizabeth Hansen, Springlake Community Assoc., P.O. Box 603, Timonium 21094-0603

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011.

(2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE AT 410-887-3868.

(3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.

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2448 Springlake Drive Timonium, Maryland 21093-2647 410.561.3956 FAX 410.561.3861 P. MINI DOKOM@FLASH.NET

Memorandum

Bob Gugerty, Chair - Springlake Home Improvements Committee

Date: 10 April 1998

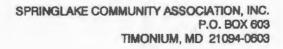
To:

Improvements: 2448 Springlake Drive Re:

The following are the planned improvements at 2448 Springlake Drive — Alcoa vinyl siding to replace white asbestos shingles currently on the house. The new colour is a Waddowood or Williamshared blace. There will recognize white Shutton will be requested from the colour in the house. Wedgewood or Williamsburg blue. Trim will remain white. Shutters will be maroon (first choice); a weagewood or williamsburg blue. Trim will remain white. Shutlers will be made after I can dark blue of some shade; or, black (as they are currently). This decision has to be made after I can accompany actual complex against the brick of the bound and the ciding.

- compare actual samples against the brick of the house and the siding.
- 2) A new roof using an architectural shingle in a dark grey/ pewter shade. The current asphalt shingle in a dark grey/ pewter shade. The current asphalt shingle in a dark grey/ pewter shade. The current asphalt shingle in a dark grey/ pewter shade. are white. The roof line over the front door is be extended approximately twenty-four (24) inches the four the front door is be extended approximately twenty-four (24) inches the four the front door is be extended approximately twenty-four (24) inches the four the four the four the first the four th are write. The root line over the front noor is the extended approximately twenty-lour (24) inches a width of approximately seven and one-half feet. This will provide cover for the current front por the will provide a half stores making of the constant and the most line of the constant and half stores making of the constant and the most line of the constant and a width or approximately seven and one-nan reel. This will provide cover for the current from politics change will extend no further than the roof line of the one and one-half storey portion of the bound the most line of the control bound this change will extend no further usan the root line of the one storey house (which extends approximately twenty-four inches beyond the roof line of the one storey house of this enlit level house). See the elevation destrict attached portion of this split level house.) See the elevation drawing, attached.
 - Replacement windows that will maintain the current white trim colour scheme.
 - Front and west side window profiles will remain unchanged. The rear windows of the diningroom, kitchen and master bath will be boxed out: ty
 - inches in the case of the diningroom and bath, and six (6) inches in the kitchen. bump-outs are well within the twenty-four (24) inch eve above each window.
 - The rear window in the master bedroom will be changed to a bay window, with sides. It will extend approximately twenty-three (23) inches, to the back (hous fascia board. This will not extend beyond the roof line of the house. It is visit
 - Addition of a carport on the west side of the house. Please see the site elevation attr
 - elements. Attachments







Ms. Sharlene Schnepfe 2448 Springlake Drive Timonium, Maryland 21093

March 19, 2011

Dear Ms. Schnepfe:

Please consider this your official notification of the Board of Directors' decision regarding work you completed on your property: 2448 Springlake Drive during January-February 2011.

A proposal for this work was not submitted via the proper application to the Home Improvement Committee prior to inception of construction. Nor was the proposal submitted as requested by the President, when notified of these additions after their completion. As an area director, you are familiar with this protocol required by the Springlake Community Association restrictions. The home improvements consisted of two separate projects; the sunroom and the enclosure of the car port. The Home Improvement Committee and the Board of Directors have researched and reviewed each project.

1. ADDITION ON BACK OF HOUSE KNOWN AS THE SUN ROOM:

- a. This addition consists of wood frame construction with siding, windows, and roofing, consistent with the materials on the main house. This structure is built on piers and not on a conventional foundation of block and concrete.
- b. This structure does fall within the Springlake Community Association restriction requirements with the proper side yard and rear yard setbacks.
- c. The Board of Directors does approve this portion of the construction.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXISTING CAR PORT CONVERTING IT INTO A CLOSED STRUCTURE/GARAGE:

- a. According to the County, the definition of a car port is a space having four posts with a roof and <u>OPEN</u> on three sides.
- b. The modifications that were made to the car port <u>DO NOT ADHERE TO THIS</u> <u>DEFINITION</u>. You have added wood framing, siding, and windows. Your car

port is now defined as a closed structure even though there is no garage door on the structure at present.

- c. Due to this, a ten foot side yard is required by the restrictions and bylaws of the Springlake Community Association. There is <u>NOT</u> a ten foot side yard at this property.
- d. After careful review, the Home Improvement Committee and the Board of Directors have concluded that <u>THIS PART OF THE UNAUTHORIZED</u> CONSTRUCTION IS REJECTED.

Therefore, you are directed to return the enclosure on the side of your house to its original status prior to the new construction.

The Board of Directors of the Springlake Community Association

cc: Mr. David Duval, Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections, Zoning Review Office cc: Mr. Glenn Berry, Baltimore County Building Inspections

Reference: Record ID #88716

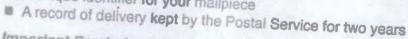
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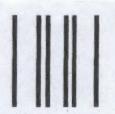
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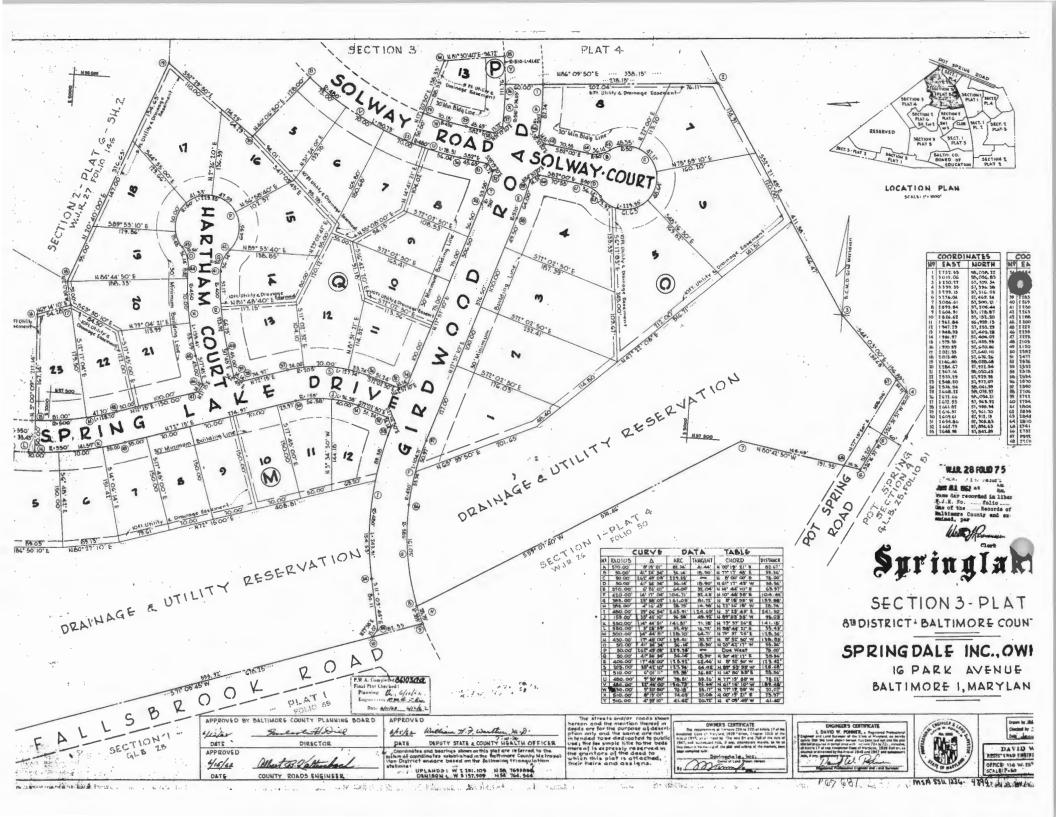
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Attendance Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Held the second Monday of the month at 7 PM Dulaney High School Library located in the Springlake Community.

January through June September through December

According to my records, Ms. Schnepfe has most recently attended on: June 14, 2010 February 14, 2011

Newsletters are hand-delivered to each residence.

Winter Issue: December-January
Monthly: February through June
Summer Issue: (July-August)
Monthly September through November
Copies of issues available with Mrs. Hansen

Directories are updated and hand delivered yearly to each residence during the month of June.

Home Improvement Committee:

Ben Mell: Committee Chair since February 2010.

Retired, Senior Project Manager in Construction, Harkins Builders Inc. for 21 years. Employed in project management from 1961-2008.USMC 10 years honorably discharged.

 Bob Downie, Co-chair since February 2010. Thirty-five+ years previous experience Realtor and Mortgage Banker. Retired USMC.

John Spangler Co-chair since February 2010. I.T. specialist.

 Laura Landefeld, Architectural designer, specializing in residential architectural design for 22 years. Experience with ADA compliance work Laura joined the committee September 2010

After review of this issue, it was disturbing to find the following improvements to the home were completed without contacting the board or the home improvement committee:

- New bow/bay windows on front second story.
- New front porch installed with railings.

Even though the Board of Directors and Home Improvement Committee have a dispute with the alteration of the carport/garage, they unanimously approved sunroom addition after the fact.

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To: Betsy Hansen (President Springlake Community Assoc.) February 20, 2011

From: Ben Mell-Home Improvement Committee)

I am writing this memorandum and requesting that you follow up with copies of verything to the Board of Directors of the Springlake Community Association for their review and vote on this recommendation by me and my committee Dear Betsy

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Board Minutes, June 14, 2010

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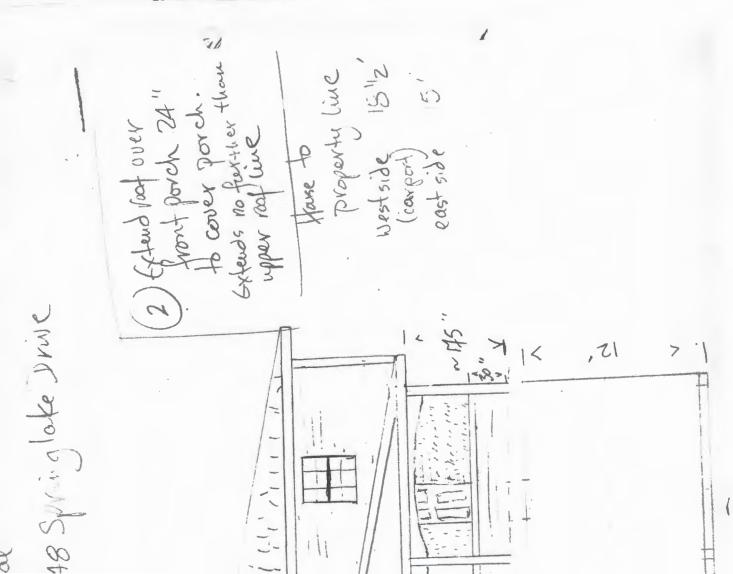
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- 1. <u>Welcoming</u>:(Susan Dore) Two new neighbors on Girdwood and Treherne will soon receive "Welcoming Packets".
- 2. GTTC: (Warner Welsh)
 - Tag readers are going to be installed in the Cranbrook area.
 - Zoning Appeal: Light rail at McCormick.
 - 262 apartments have been planned to be built near Sparks School---GTCC against and will petition. We can contact McInitre with our discernment.
 - 120' Communication Tower will be erected at old Giant off Ridgley Rd.
 - Old Giant will be home to Mercy Medical, next year.
 - Farmer's Market, every Wed. 2:00-6:00 PM at Fairgounds.
 - Library-still under construction; opening soon!
 - Next Walgreens there will be a bank, all opening soon.
- Police Committee Relations: New co-chairs will be Brad Milhorn, Michael Landefeld, Chris Minkiewsica and Jed Hartnett will share going to meetings and report back to the board.

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- 4. New Directory: Betsy, Bill and Diane Leizear have delivered to area directors on 6/2/2010.
- 5. 4th of Inly Parade





Bob and John have been filling in while Ben Mell is away. Bob Downie distributed the Home Improvement Request Log and the following approved home improvements:

- Leizear, 2511 Londonderry: shed.
- Zhao-Sun, 2313 Springlake Drive: deck.
- Beard, 292 E. Padonia: vinyl picket fence replacement.
- Vincent, 2320 Springlake Drive: replacement shed.
- Burke, 206 Brackenwood Ct.: paver patio.
- Downie, 2525 Girdwood: replacement of old asbestos shingles with shake vinyl shingles.
- Amon/Parozzi, 2509 Girdwood: replacement deck.

Pending:

- Woolwich Ct.: sunroom to replace a deck.
- Matejovsky, 2316 Harcroft Rd.; vinyl fence surrounding yard.
- Bowden, 2500 Londonderry: kitchen enlargement, new siding, shutters.

After Meeting: Betsy has prepared a letter to the community regarding covenants/fence height.

10. Street Islands on Girdwood:

- Thanks to Jeanette Lagorio, Betsy Hansen and Mary Vincent for their beautification talents.
- Betsy Hansen shared the proposals for changes of traffic patterns and speed bumps to area.
- Greg Torr shared the proposals for speed bumps on Fallsbrook.

11. Thank You Notes:

- Dulaney High School, Brian Boston, Director of Guidance for \$500 donation to Scholarship Fund and the recipient, Chelsey Bush.
- Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company, \$50 donation.
- Timonium United Methodist Church; \$200.00 donation for Christmas tree.

Unfinished Business:



• After meeting: Betsy Hansen has sent out letters to Dr. Nancy Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools and to Mr. Ned Kodeck of the MVA/Mr. John O'Donoghue of the Maryland Association of Board of Education concerning the matter.

2. Springlake Pond:

- Betsy has asked Mary Vincent to chair a committee for the pond to work with the county in an effort to maintain the pond.
- Mr. Gerardo Albornoz of Abbey Hill Ct. has volunteered to help in a cleanup strategy.
- Mary is working with Senator Brochin's office about the condition of the pond.
- Mary is working on getting tests made to evaluate the health of the pond.
- There was a concern about the pool drainage in the pond and the pool boundaries. Follow-up after meeting: Betsy has contacted John Cirincinone of the Springlake Club to get a copy of the pool's property boundaries.

New Business:

- 1. Abandoned property: 6 Tyburn Ct.
 - According to Baltimore Land Records, a first and second mortgage are held on property by Bank of America. Betsy spoke with John Priest in the president's office in Texas. They are placing the property in "Property Preservation". Photo's of property taken on May 21, 2010 frowarded via email john.g.priets @bankofamerica.com, 972-781-5414. House has to abandoned 30 to 45 before it can be put up for sale.
 - Inspector Clark from Baltimore County Department of Code Inspection and Enforcement contacted a contractor to cut grass and clean up debris.
 - Baltimore County Electrical Inspection Department sent out an inspector on May 21, 2010 to look at open circuit breaker panel for swimming pool to check for electricity feeding the property.
 - After meeting: DEPRO has pumped out the water, cleaned and covered the pool.

2. Thefts

- Betsy reported that there were two auto thefts on Fallsbrook and Wuthering.
- An unsolicited lawn care duo was cutting a neighbor's lawn.

 After meeting: Betsy spoke to Cockeysville Precinct's Community Outreach about the situation and update at next meeting or through email.
- Greg Torr made a motion to provide Betsy Hansen with a cell phone. This will discussed at the next meeting.

<u>Special Note:</u> Susan and Tom Dore's grandson has survived his brain surgery and is at home recuperating. Continue to keep them in your prayers.

Meeting Adjourned by Susan Dore: 8:50 PM

Motion made by John Spangler, second by Carol Martin, all accepted.

Next meeting: Monday, September 13, 2010

Filed with minutes

Sign In Sheet
Thank You Notes
Letters to Grasmick, Kodeck, O'Donoghue
BGE Brochures
Home Improvement Notes
50th Celebration Notes

Filed in Home Improvement Notebook

Home Improvement Request Log and Report Improvement Requests

Notes prepared by Carol Martin June 27, 2010

HOME IMPROVEMENT REPORT

September 13, 2010

Report from Ben Mell, Bob Downie, John Spangler & Laura Landefeld.

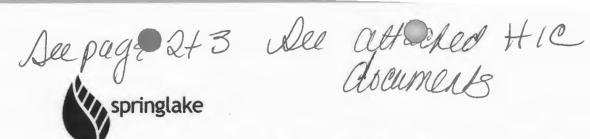
- Ben Mell wanted to welcome and thank Laura Landefeld for joining the Home improvement committee. She will be a big help and brings an architectural point of view to our committee.
- See the attached Home Improvement Request Log updated September 11, 2010.
- 3. Since the last official meeting there have been 3 new requests with 3 being approved and one old request that is still pending. The one pending for 200 Woolwich Court was submitted without enough information. Based on what is known now it appears that this will be a sunroom on the back of the house and will be treated as an addition to the house that will require the Boards approval once the Home improvement committee obtains additional information and then makes its recommendations to the board.
- The Home Improvement Committee continues to receiving positive feedback from residents on the process being used for the community residents.

If there are any Questions by any board member they can contact me on my cell phone at (443) 248-0283 and I will be glad to answer any questions or concerns that they might have.

Thank You,

Ben Mell

Chairman, of the home improvement committee.



Board Minutes, May 10, 2010

Attending:	Area	
Susan Dore	2	Vice President, Director, Welcoming Committee
Trina Strohman	2	Treasurer, Director
Ginny O'Neill	1	Director
Betsy Hansen	14	Director
Sandy Nueslein	10	Director
Robert Downie	14	Director, Home Improvements
Becky Downie		
Warner Welsh	12	Director, GTCC Representative
Jeanette Lagorio	14	Director
John Spangler	7	Director, Home Improvements
Cathy Smith	6	Director
Mary Vincent	5	Director, 50 th Celebration
Suzi Galletti	4	Director
Ben Mell	10	Director, Home Improvements
Marilyn Workman	13	
Carol Martin	7	Director, Secretary
Gary Martin	7	
Greg Torr	5	Director, Fall Fest

Meeting was called to order by Susan Dore at 7:05 PM

Minutes from March 8, 2010 meeting were distributed, reviewed and approved by all participants with a motion from Bob Downie; seconded by Trina Strohman.

Treasurer's Report

As of May 10, 2010

Checking Balance: Savings:

CD:

• Dues Payments: 55% participation (new membership letter was mailed out March 31, 2010)

seconded by Betsy Hansen and approved by all participants.

A letter of appreciation was received for donation to the Knight's of Columbus in Pat O'Neal's name.

Committees:

- 1. Welcoming: (Susan Dore) No new neighbors reported at this date
- 2. GTTC: (Warner Welsh)

- (correction from Mach 8, 2010 minutes) Blair Contracting is possibly planning to use empty lots *east* of Hightops to build retail stores, bank, office area and possibly a supermarket. Nothing has been decided.
- Board of Education has budgeted funds for Ridgely Middle School to be air-conditioned.
- In order for slots to be placed at Timonium Fairgrounds, it must go through state referendum.



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3. Home Improvements:

- Ben Mell has created an ongoing Home Improvement Request Log to record status of each request. (filed)
- Ben Mell submitted suggested guidelines and procedures for the Home Improvement Committee to follow. (filed)
- 4. Police Committee Relations: No report, no representation
- 4th of July Parade
 Danielle Cirincione, Chairperson, is working on plans for celebration.
- 6. Street Islands on Girdwood:
 - Thanks to Jeanette Lagorio, Betsy Hansen and Mary Vincent for their beautification talents.
 - Betsy Hansen shared the proposals for changes of traffic patterns and speed bumps to area.
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Unfinished Business:

- Repair of Girdwood & Pot Spring Entrance: The Baltimore County Public School's Insurance Company is refusing to pay for destruction denying that the bus was at fault, although the police report states that the bus was at fault. A letter from the Springlake Board was sent to Councilman McIntire, Joe Hairston, and Jim Smith asking them to investigate the situation and assist in resolving this matter. (Filed)
- 2. 50th Celebration and Fallfest: (Carol Martin) Saturday, October 9th
 - Next planning meeting: May 27th, 7:00 PM at 2320 Harcroft Rd.

New Business:

- Election of Officers: Betsy Hansen was unanimously elected as President with a motion from Jeannette Lagorio and seconded by Susan Dore. Congratulations and welcome Betsy!
- Animal Control: Jeanette reported an incident that occurred to her when a "vicious" dog attacked her while walking her new puppy.

Guest Speaker: Senator Brochin

He spoke about his position on:

- 1. Cell phone usage in car
- 2. Child Molestation Bill: "Time-off for Good Behavior"

He notice on 24.8 Springlake Dr.

February 20, 2011

To: Betsy Hansen (President Springlake Community Assoc.)

From: Ben Mell (Home Improvement Committee)

Dear Betsy,

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- c. Other then the fact that this work was never submitted formally via the proper Request application to the home improvement committee we do hereby recommend approval on only this part of the construction.
- 2. <u>Modifications to the existing Car Port converting it into a closed structure/Garage:</u>

- a. The modifications consisted of closing in the long side of the existing car port with wood framing siding and windows as well as parts of the back rear wall. This change has converted the definition from a <u>Car Port</u> to a <u>Structure/Garage</u>. By making this into a structure it now requires a 10 foot side yard which this building <u>does not have</u>. It presently has approx. 3 feet at the back corner of structure which is in violation of the Springlake restrictions and by laws. <u>The total wall is well within the restricted 10 foot area</u>.
- b. Even though this owner says she has no intention of installing a garage door the framing is built making this possible without any difficulty complicating this issue even farther.
- c. It is important to note that the definition of a car port is defined as <u>a space having 4 posts with a roof and open on 3</u> <u>sides</u>. Once you enclose any of those 3 walls it has changed the definition into a structure/garage
- d. After very careful review the Home Improvement Committee must recommend that this part of the unauthorized construction be rejected. This rejection is due to changing the intent of the existing car port into a structure/garage as well as not meeting the proper side yard distance as required in the Springlake restrictions and by laws.

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Ben Mell

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- 4. Slots in the State of Maryland
- 5. His involvement in the s-conditioning situation at Ridgely winding School

6. State Budget: ie. Pensions

Meeting Adjourned by Susan Dore: 9:15 PM

Motion made by John Spangler, second by Bob Downing, all accepted.

Next meeting: Monday, June 12, 2010

Attachments

Proposed Budget for FY2011

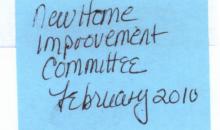
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Sign In Sheet
Letter to Councilman McIntire concerning Springlake sign
Photographs of new traffic patterns on Girdwood
Home Improvement Request Log
Home Improvement Committee Guidelines and Procedures

Filed in Home Improvement Notebook

Home Improvement Request Log Home Improvement Committee Guidelines and Procedures Beard, East Padonia Zhao/Sun, Springlake Drive Mell, Treherne Rd. Minkiewilz, Londonderry Road

Notes prepared by Carol Martin March 17, 2010



 Motion to accept Treasurer's Report was accepted by Jennette Lagario, seconded by John Spangler and approved by all participants.

• Fata Publishing was notified to remind them about the association not receiving the annual report and donation.

Committees:

1. Welcoming: (Susan Dore) No new neighbors reported at this date

2. GTTC: No report, no representation

- 3. Home Improvements: The following requests have been submitted:
 - Wilder, Norman; 2206 Stryker Ct.; new replacement windows; approved
 - Beard, Kay & Gary; 203 Abbey Hill Court; submitted an explanation of an installed split rail fence without approval; approved
 - Norton, Bruce & Carol; 237 Chantrey; submitted request to build a mud room off
 the back of the house, wrap around porch and master bedroom. Before approval,
 the board has requested a new plan that shows the additional footprint of original
 plat to see if they conform to the covenants and Baltimore County ordinances.
 - Faegh & Negar Athari; chain link fence was removed and replaced with an approved fence. (after mtg. A thank you note was sent, February 28, 2010)

4. Police Committee Relations: No report, no representation

5. Easter Egg Hunt: (Anita & Steve Shaw)

March 27, 2010 at 11:00 AM Pot Spring Elementary Activities to follow at Timonium United Methodist at 1:00 PM

- 6. 50th Celebration and Fallfest: (Carol Martin) Saturday, October 9th
 - · Save The Date flyer was delivered as an insert in the February Newsletter
 - Carol shared notes from Brainstorming Session
 - Next planning meeting: March 25, 2010 at 2320 Harcroft Rd.

The following suggestions were discussed:

Tents: Contact neighbors to borrow: Susan Dore, Ruddy Hurly, Tom McComas Fireworks: Contact David Pack and Dave Rosner

DJ: Contact Dan Hawkins, 251 Fallsbrook

Sandwich Boards: Board denied due to vandalism

Unfinished Business:

- Fox/Rudolf: The association's insurance company has been notified of situation. As a
 result the agent from the company as requested a timeline of correspondence between
 the two parties and the association. Susan Dore will compile.
- 2. Covenant Letter was mailed to each resident.
- 3. Speed hump Girdwood: Betsy Hansen received an email from Keith Link, Engineering Program Manager from the Baltimore County Traffic Engineering Office confirming (February 22, 2010) that one additional hump will be installed just north of Springlake in front of #2411 on Girdwood.
- 4. Handicap Curb Cuts: Carol Martin received a letter (February 3, 2010) from Steven Weber, Division of Traffic Engineering that (9) curb ramps will be placed at the intersection of Fallsbrook Rd. and Springlake Dr., the entrances of Pot Spring School, and southwest corner of Harcroft Rd. and Fallsbrook Rd.

New Business:

- 1. Dulaney High School Request:
 - Dulaney sent a letter asking if the association would continue to contribute to the general scholarship program, without any stipulations.

• It was decided to contribute \$500.00 as in the past, with the stipulation that a Springlake student is the recipient selected by the Dulaney Scholarship Committee.

2. Dues letter and possible increase:

 Due to increased expenses, the board voted unanimously to increase the annual dues to \$25.00 per household with motion from John Spangler, seconded by Trina Strohman.

Annual Meeting: Monday, April 12, 2010

- Susan Dore will not be in attendance, Betsy Hansen has agreed to introduce guest speaker, Keith Link, see below.
- Keith Link, Engineering Program Manager from the Baltimore County Traffic Engineering Office Annual Meeting confirmed his attendance.
- He will discuss the revised plans to Girdwood Road and will be available to answer questions regarding traffic on Springlake streets.
- Keith Link can be contacted at: 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Md. 21204 410-887-3554

Fax: 410-887-5784

Email: trafficeng@baltimorecountymd.gov

Meeting Adjourned by Susan Dore: 9:00 PM

Motion made by Jeanette Lagorio, second by Trina Strohman, all accepted.

Next meeting: Monday, March 8, 2010

Filed with minutes

Home Improvement Requests; Home Improvements Notebook 50th Celebration Brainstorm Session Notes Dulaney High School Request Speed bump confirmation on Girdwood Handicap Curb Cut confirmation

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Athari; 2323 Harcroft Rd Thank you Wilder, Norman; 2206 Stryker Ct Norton, Bruce & Carol; 237 Chantrey Beard, Kay & Gary; 203 Abbey Hill Court

Notes prepared by Carol Martin February 28, 2010

SPRINGLAKE HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT:

DATED 5/8/2010

The Board of directors and the home improvement committee are dedicated to respecting the right of home ownership for every Springlake resident. We also understand that home improvements and home repairs are necessary and are beneficial to maintaining the high standard of our neighborhood. It is the Board's and the committee's goal to consider all requests for home improvement/repairs in a timely manner.

HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TEAM:

• Committee chairman: BEN MELL

Members: JOHN SPANGLER & BOB DOWIE

AREA'S OF RESPONSIBILITY:

- ♣ Repairs or replacement of <u>EXISTING</u> exterior structures, fences etc. i.e. Roofing, Siding, Windows, Doors, fences etc.
- **NEW** Additions to Existing Footprint of existing home.
- Interior home improvements of any nature <u>Do Not</u> require approval from the Spring lake Home improvement committee.

❖ APPROVAL PROCESS FOR HOMEOWNER REQUESTS:

- Approval on repairs or replacements to Existing structures, fences etc.
 - Committee chairman receives home improvement request from the President or the Homeowner.
 - Chairman advises the other committee members of the pending request.
 - Committee fully reviews request for home improvements to existing structures.
 - Approval/disapproval along with memorandum from committee chairman to the President of the Board of Directors.
 - NO VOTE IS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD FOR THIS TYPE OF HOME IMPROVEMENT REPAIRS.

 The President issues the formal notification to the Home Owner.

APPROVAL ON NEW CONSTRUCTION EXPANDING THE FOOTPRINT OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE:

- o Approval is required by the Board of Directors.
- Chairman of committee receives request from the President of the Board or directly from a Home Owner.
- Chairman of the committee reviews request with the other committee members.
- Committee fully reviews the home improvement request from the homeowner making sure all proper paper work is in place and the new home improvements fall within the Spring Lake Regulations.
- Approval / Disapproval along with detailed memorandum from the Chairman of the committee to the President with its decision and recommendation.
- The President puts this Homeowners request on the next Board Meeting Agenda. <u>The months that</u> the Board does not meet will need to be handled via e-mail or special called meetings.
- The Chairman of the committee will review the request at the Board Meeting and answer any questions from Board Members prior to the vote being taken on this request.
- Once the Board renders their decision the President will advise the Homeowner of the decision by the Board in writing immediately.

2448 Springlake Drive

Sharlene Schnepfe Owner

Google Earth Images of original carport

Projections Into Yards

[BCZR 1955]

Carports or open porches.

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If attached to the main building, a carport or a one-story open porch, with or without a roof, may extend into any required yard not more than 25% of the minimum required depth of a front or rear yard or of the minimum required width of a side yard. Any carport or open porch so extended must be open on three sides.

[Bill Nos. 150-1983; 2-1992] B.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A, open projections in the side yard are permitted in residential large tract subdivisions only in accordance with Section 504 and the standards as set forth in the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies.

[Bill No. 2-1992]

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SPRINGLAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. P.O. BOX 603 TIMONIUM, MD 21094-0603

Ms. Sharlene Schnepfe 2448 Springlake Drive Timonium, Maryland 21093

March 19, 2011

Dear Ms. Schnepfe:

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Please consider this your official notification of the Board of Directors' decision regarding work you completed on your property: 2448 Springlake Drive during January-February 2011.

A proposal for this work was not submitted via the proper application to the Home Improvement Committee prior to inception of construction. Nor was the proposal submitted as requested by the President, when notified of these additions after their completion. As an area director, you are familiar with this protocol required by the Springlake Community Association restrictions. The home improvements consisted of two separate projects; the sunroom and the enclosure of the car port. The Home Improvement Committee and the Board of Directors have researched and reviewed each project.

1. ADDITION ON BACK OF HOUSE KNOWN AS THE SUN ROOM:

- a. This addition consists of wood frame construction with siding, windows, and roofing, consistent with the materials on the main house. This structure is built on piers and not on a conventional foundation of block and concrete.
- b. This structure does fall within the Springlake Community Association restriction requirements with the proper side yard and rear yard setbacks.
- c. The Board of Directors does approve this portion of the construction.

2. <u>MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXISTING CAR PORT CONVERTING IT INTO A CLOSED STRUCTURE/GARAGE:</u>

- a. According to the County, the definition of a car port is a space having four posts with a roof and <u>OPEN</u> on three sides.
- The modifications that were made to the car port <u>DO NOT ADHERE TO THIS</u> <u>DEFINITION</u>. You have added wood framing, siding, and windows. Your car

port is now defined as a closed structure even though there is no garage door on the structure at present.

- c. Due to this, a ten foot side yard is required by the restrictions and bylaws of the Springlake Community Association. There is <u>NOT</u> a ten foot side yard at this property.
- d. After careful review, the Home Improvement Committee and the Board of Directors have concluded that <u>THIS PART OF THE UNAUTHORIZED</u> <u>CONSTRUCTION IS REJECTED</u>.

Therefore, you are directed to return the enclosure on the side of your house to its original status prior to the new construction.

The Board of Directors of the Springlake Community Association

cc: Mr. David Duval, Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections, Zoning Review Office cc: Mr. Glenn Berry, Baltimore County Building Inspections

Reference: Record ID #88716

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From: ssha@earthlink.net
To: sbsghansen611@msn.com

Subject: RE: Monday February 14th SCA Meeting

Date: Thu, 10 Feb 2011 10:56:51 -0500

put it on my calendar. I have added siding and a sun room and I guess I broke some rule by not asking for permission from the association. Did tell some folks I was doing it and now letting you know. I will be at the meeting Monday...sherry

---- Original Message -----From: Elizabeth Hansen

To:

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Sent: 2/10/2011 10:42:47 AM

Subject: Monday February 14th SCA Meeting

Good Morning All:

I know it is Valentine's Day, but Dulaney's schedule is not flexible.

We have a meeting scheduled for Monday February 14, 2011 at 7 PM Dulaney High School Library.

Thank you,

Betsy Hansen

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SCA HIC ISSUES FOR REVIEW:

· Item One: Rear addition for sunroom.

No application submitted to SCA HIC.

According to Baltimore County Building Inspections: Permit 1:

01/07/2011: First floor addition rear of dwelling to make a sunroom.

Passed initial inspections.

02/14/2011: Final inspection not done.

02/14/2011: No application received by SCA HIC

Item 2: Carport

No application submitted to SCA HIC.

According to Baltimore County Building Inspections: Permit 2:

01/31/2011: Enclose an existing attached carport with side windows and rear door, leaving front open.

Item 3: Siding replacement

02/14/2011: No application received by SCA HIC

Email's

To Ben Mell, Sherry Schnepfe

From: Elizabeth Hansen (sbsg hansen611@msn.com)

Sent: Thu 2/10/11 5:26 PM

To: Ben Mell (bengmell@gmail.com); Sherry Schnepfe (ssha@earthlink.net)

HI,

I have referred this to Ben Mell of the Home Improvement Committee. He will be contacting you. I went by your house this afternoon. You are well underway there... almost finished. The carport looks to be a garage now. Like I said, the committee will look at your proposal, please fill out the form for Ben to keep all in order with procedure.

Thank you,

Betsy

To ssha@earthlink.net

From:sbsghansen611@msn.com

Sent: Thu 2/10/11 3:32 PM
To: scha@earthlink.net

Hi, that's fine, just fill out form on back of newsletter and hand to Ben at meeting so we keep it all in order. No favoritism with Board!

No Problem!

See you Monday

Betsv



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

ARNOLD JABLON Deputy Administrative Officer Director, Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections

May 13, 2011

Mrs. Sherry Schnepfe 2448 Springlake Drive Timonium, MD 21093

RE: Case Number 2011-0299-A, 2448 Springlake Drive

Dear Mrs. Schnepfe,

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing ONLY by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on April 4, 2011. This letter is not an approval, but only a NOTIFICATION.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:mcn

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Enclosures

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People's Counsel c: James Martz, 903 Autumn Valley Lane, Gambrills, MD 21054 Elizabeth Hansen, Springlake Community Assoc., P. O. Box 603, Timonium, MD 21094-0603



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor

Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: 4-13-11

Ms. Kristen Matthews Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: **Baltimore County**

Item No. 2011-0299-A
Variance
Sherry Schnepfe.
2448 Springlake Drive
Hammond Property

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the above captioned. We have determined that the subject property does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects. Therefore, based upon available information this office has no objection to Baltimore County Zoning Advisory Committee approval of Item No. 2011-0299-A.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Richard Zeller at 410-545-5598 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5598. Also, you may E-mail him at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Access Management Division

SDF/rz



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

JOHN J. HOHMAN, Chief
Fire Department

April 8, 2011

County Office Building, Room 111 Mail Stop #1105 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

ATTENTION: Zoning Review

Distribution Meeting of: April 4, 2011

Item No .:

Administrative Variance: 2011-0298A, 2011-0300A

Variance: 2011-0295A - 0297A, 2011-0299A

Comments:

The Baltimore County Fire Marshal's Office has no comments on the above case numbers at this time.

Don W. Muddiman, Inspector
Baltimore County Fire Marshal's Office
700 E. Joppa Road, 3RD Floor
Towson, Maryland 21286
Office: 410-887-4880
dmuddiman@baltimorecountymd.gov

cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: April 12, 2011

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For April 18, 2011 Item No. 2011-299

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning item and we have the following comment(s).

Though not shown on the plan, the County owns and maintains a 15" storm drain in the drainage and utility easement along the property line. No permanent structures, including footings, maybe placed in the easement. Therefore, the proposed garage must be located at least 6 feet from the property line.

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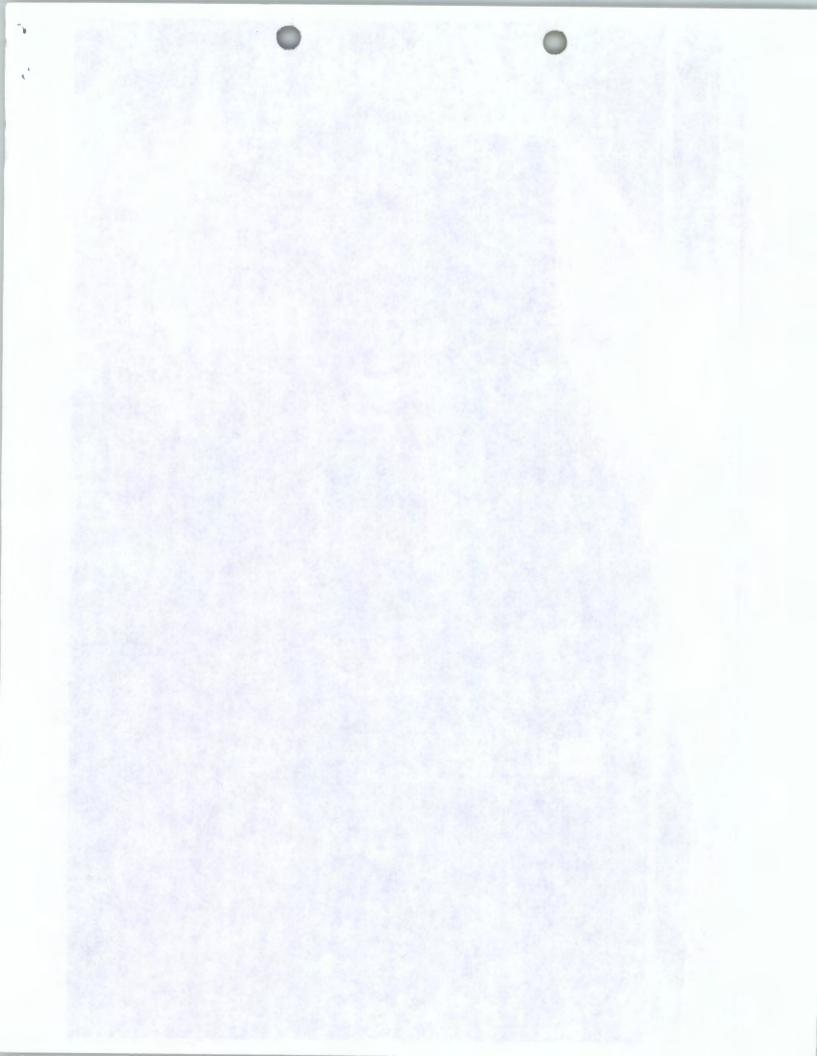
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THIS ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT made this day of June, 1982, by and between HAYFIELDS, INC., party of the first part, and SPRINGLAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., party of the second part;

WHEREAS, Hayfields, Inc., was formerly known as Springdale, Inc., the name change was authorized by appropriate amendment to its charter on May 8, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Springdale, Inc. was granted the right and privilege of exercising certain discretionary judgements under and by virtue of certain deeds and declarations recorded among the land records of Baltimore County and effecting the subdivision known as Springlake, all as more particularly herein after set forth; and

WHEREAS, in 1974 Springdale agreed with Springlake Community Association, Inc. to grant and convey all of these discretionary rights of approval under these deeds and declarations and inadvertently no agreement was executed and

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- Declaration dated October 30, 1958, by Springfield Farms, Inc., and recorded among the land records of Baltimore County in Liber GLB, 3439, Folio 558;
- 2) Declaration dated November 25, 1960, by Fox Croft,
 Et. Al., recorded among the land records of Baltimore County in
 Liber WJR, 3786, Folio 363;
- 3) Declaration dated September 12, 1961, by Springdale, Inc. Et. Al., recorded among the land records of Baltimore County, in Liber WJR, 3893, Folio 58;
- 4) Declaration dated September 27, 1962 by Springdale, Inc., and recorded among the land records of Baltimore County, in Liber, WJR, 4051, Folio 473;
- 5) Declaration dated December 17, 1962, by Springdale, Inc., recroded among the land records of Baltimore County, Liber RRG, 4087, Folio 206.

SPRINGLAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., joins herein for the express purpose of accepting the assignment of all discretionary powers, rights and privileges reserved unto Springdale, Inc., under and by virtue of the deeds and declarations herein before referred to.

WITNESS the hands and seals of the parties hereto the day and year first above written.

WITNESS:

J.,

HAYFIELDS, INC.

By: 10000 +

//President

SPRINGLAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

Jeamette Lagorio, President

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE	*	BEFORE THE
W/S Oak Croft Drive, 305' N c/line of		
Charmuth Road	*	ZONING COMMISSIONER
(1206 Oak Croft Drive)		
9th Election District	*	OF
3 rd Council District		
	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
Stamatoula Mavrophilipos		
Petitioner	*	Case No. 2009-0160-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the owner of the subject property, Stamatoula Mavrophilipos. The Petitioner requests a variance from Section 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to allow an existing detached accessory structure (garage) to have a height of 17 feet in lieu of the maximum allowed 15 feet. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted, which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Stamatoula Mavrophilipos, and her husband, Konstantinos Mavrophilipos, property owners. Appearing as Protestants in the matter was the Dulaney Valley Improvement Association, Inc. represented by their Board of Director members, Larry Townsend, Dr. Robert Cordes and Maxwell R. Collins, II, Esquire.

By way of background, the property known as 1206 Oak Croft Drive, just north of Charmuth Road near Dulaney Valley Road in Lutherville, was the subject of prior Case No. 08-432-A. In that case, the same Petitioner was granted variance relief from B.C.Z.R. Section 400.1 to permit a garage to be located in the side yard in lieu of the requested rear yard. To the extent applicable, the findings and conclusions set forth in my Order of June 6, 2008 in that case are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Moreover, the relief in Case No. 08-432-A was

subject to certain restrictions which were conditions precedent to the relief granted. Pertinent here was Restriction No. 2 that stated in part:

"The proposed garage shall be built in terms of 'normal overall garage proportions' in massing. That is to say that the garage will be built with a door height not to exceed 8 feet and of materials and colors that match the front of the principal structure to assure consistency."

Subsequently in the fall of the year, Petitioner's nightmare began when the Department of Permits and Development Management received inquiries questioning the accessory structure's compatibility and excessive height. Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Rioux visited the site on October 28, 2008 and again on November 6, 2008 and after measuring the structure's height to be 16'-10", issued a Code Enforcement Notice informing the Petitioner that the height be reduced to 15 feet or a variance obtained before proceeding. 1 Mr. Mayrophilipos testified that he has paid substantial sums of money, applied for and obtained a building permit (Permit No. B697682) for the construction of a 16' x 26' x 15' garage. He estimated \$20,000 would be expended if he would be required to lower the roof structure and indicated the garage would no longer be functional for storage, one of its intended purposes, and may ultimately result in a flat roof structure. Moreover, he asserts that it was through inadvertence on his part that he exceeded the 15 foot height limitation by not including in his measurements the space between the structure's first and second floors. The Petitioner now comes before me seeking relief as set forth above to allow completion of the structure with a height of 17 feet. Mr. Mavrophilipos testified at length as to the practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship he would endure if the variance were not granted, which would leave he and his wife in an untenable position.

¹ Opposition to garage heights is not uncommon. See County Board of Appeals' decisions in Case Nos. 04-255-A, 04-383-A and this Commission's Orders in Case Nos. 06-219-A, 08-267-A, etc.

As noted above, several residents from the surrounding locale appeared in opposition to the request. They testified that they found the garage with its excessive height and 1:12 roof pitch offensive and out of rhythm with other structures in their immediate area. They believe that the Petitioner should be required to lower the height of the garage and incorporate a pitched roof that matches their principal dwelling in accordance with the regulations. Mr. Collins expressed amazement that the Petitioner would build the garage in violation of the regulations given the prior hearing and Order. He believes the Petitioner(s) are the authors of their own misfortune. Messrs. Collins, Townsend and Dr. Cordes testified that many in the community are opposed to the garage's overpowering size that, if allowed, would not be in keeping with the character of the community and would dominate an already largely developed lot.

To a certain extent, I am sympathetic to the Petitioner's plight; however, variance relief can be granted only if the requirements contained in Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. are met. This section states that the Zoning Commissioner may grant variances:

... only in cases where special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request and where strict compliance with the zoning regulations of Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship.

Variances are not favored under the law and presumed to be in conflict with the regulations. As stated in *Cromwell v. Ward*, 102 Md. App. 691, 703 (1995):

The general rule is that the authority to grant a variance should be exercised sparingly and only under exceptional circumstances.

After due consideration of all of the testimony and evidence presented, I find that the Petitioner's property is substantially similar to other properties as to size, shape, topography and

orientation. As such, it does not meet the requirements for a finding of uniqueness as set forth in

Cromwell. I cannot decide this case based on "extenuating circumstances". Having determined

that no uniqueness exist as to the Petitioner's property that would warrant the structure's excessive

height, I must therefore deny the variance requested by the Petitioner.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this

Petition held, and for the reasons set forth above, the relief requested shall be denied.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

this 18th day of February 2009, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 400.3 of

the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to allow a detached accessory structure

(garage) with a height of 17 feet, in lieu of the maximum allowed 15 feet, in accordance with

Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby DENIED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner shall have ninety (90) days from the

date of this Order to lower the height of the garage so as to be in compliance with Building Permit

No. B6976892 and the Zoning Regulations. As set forth in the Office of Planning's Zoning

Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment, dated February 10, 2009, a copy of which is attached

hereto, the Petitioner shall comply with architecture to be fitting with that of the community "such

as pitched roof with building materials that match the current dwelling".

Any appeal of this decision shall be taken in accordance with Baltimore County Code

Section 32-3-401.

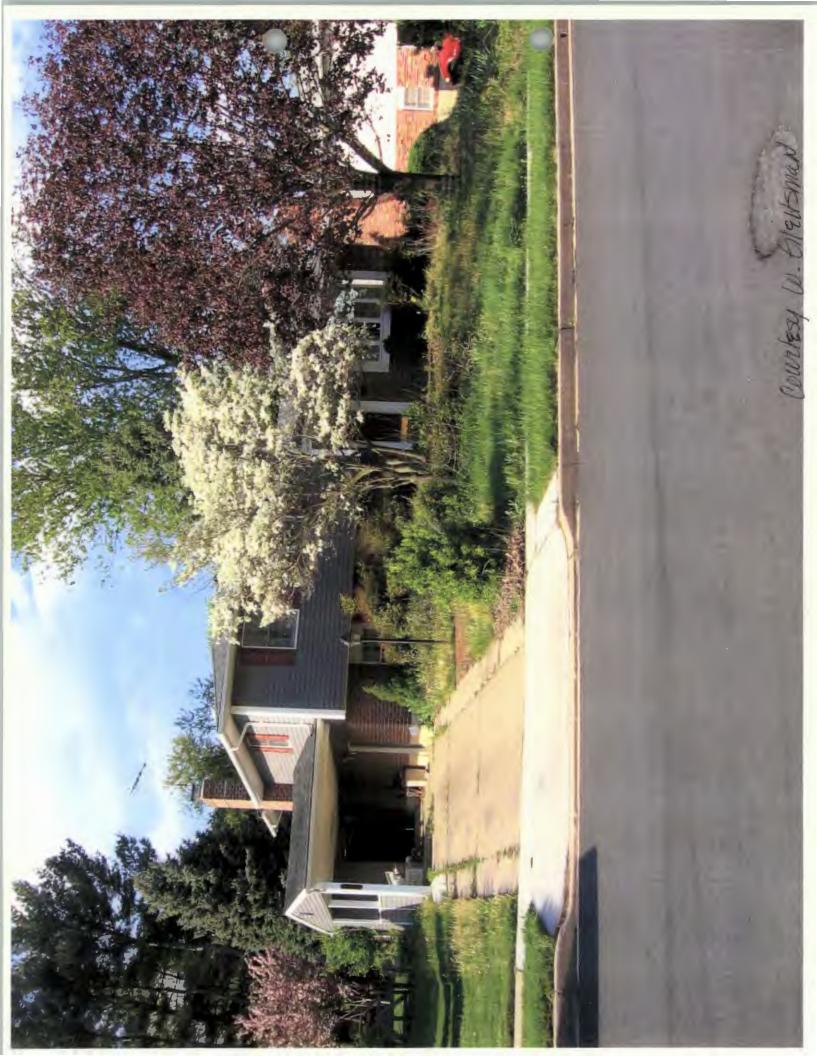
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for Baltimore County

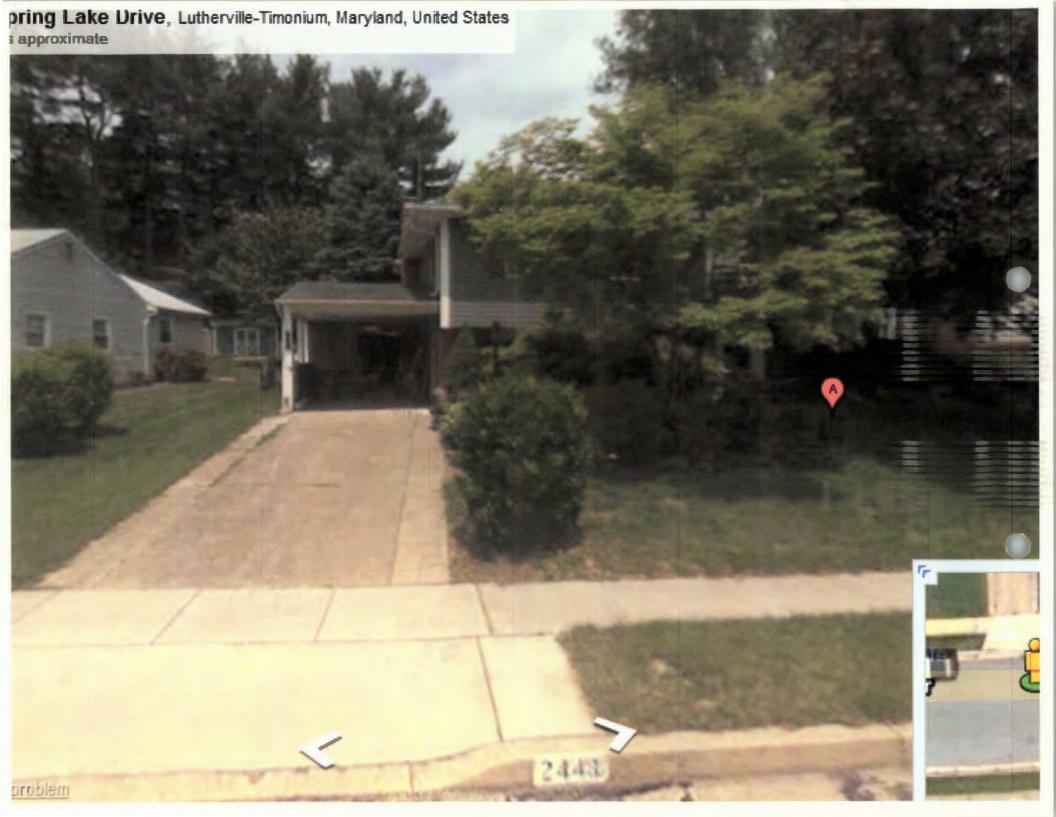
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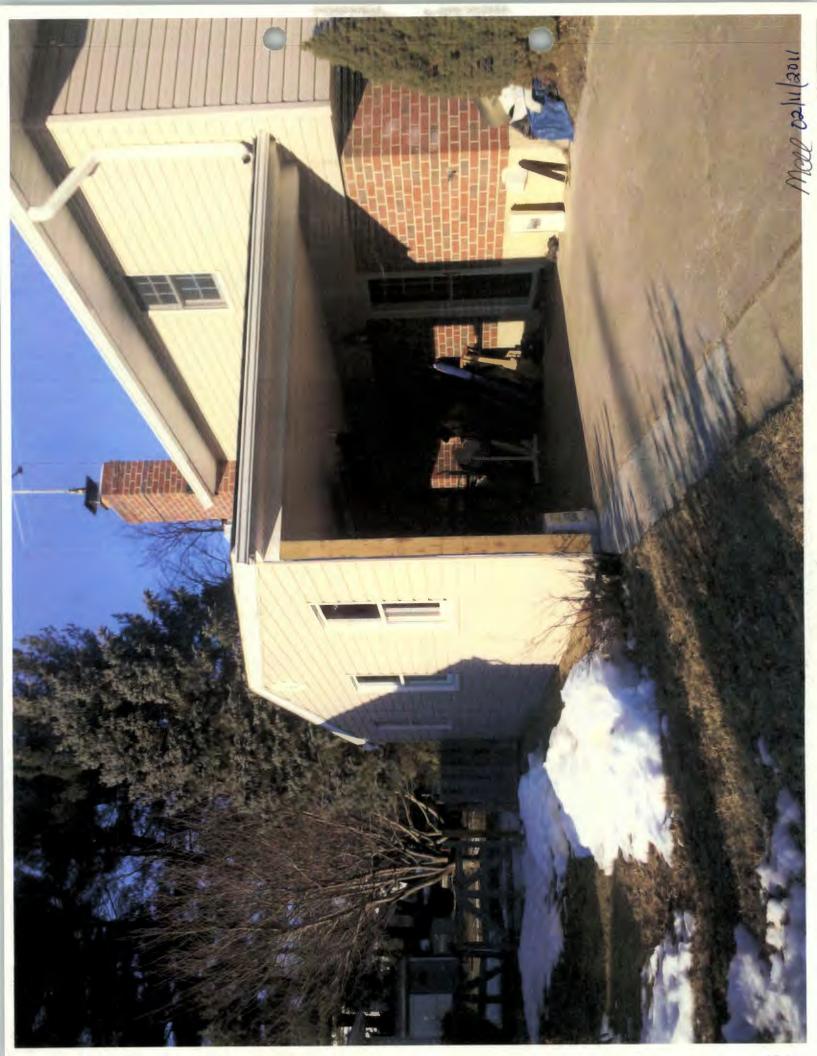




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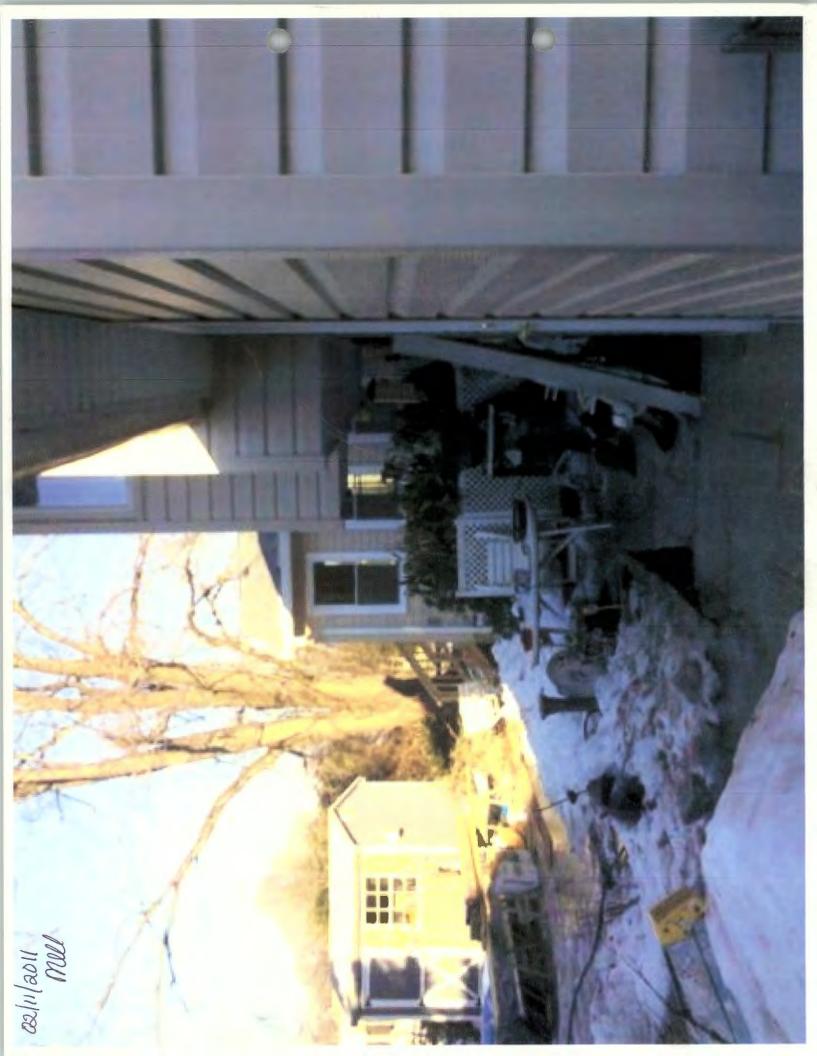
Sharlene Schnepfe Owner

Images of enclosure of car port in violation of Springlake Community Association Restrictions;
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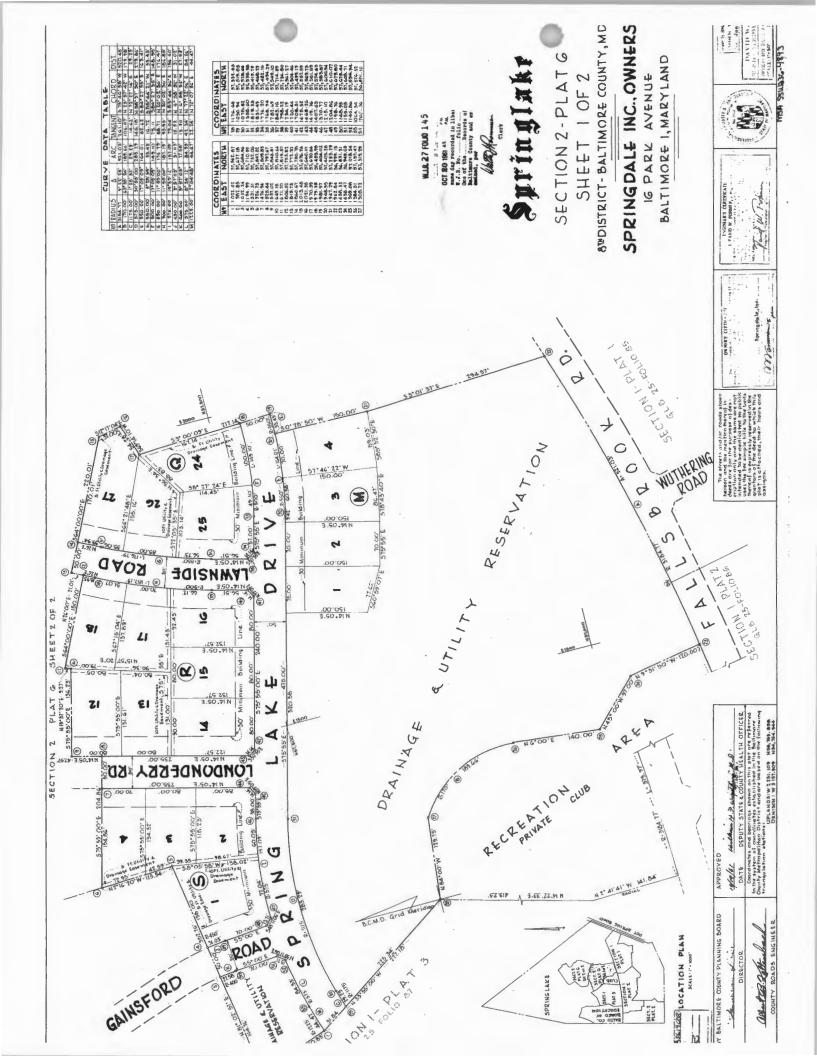


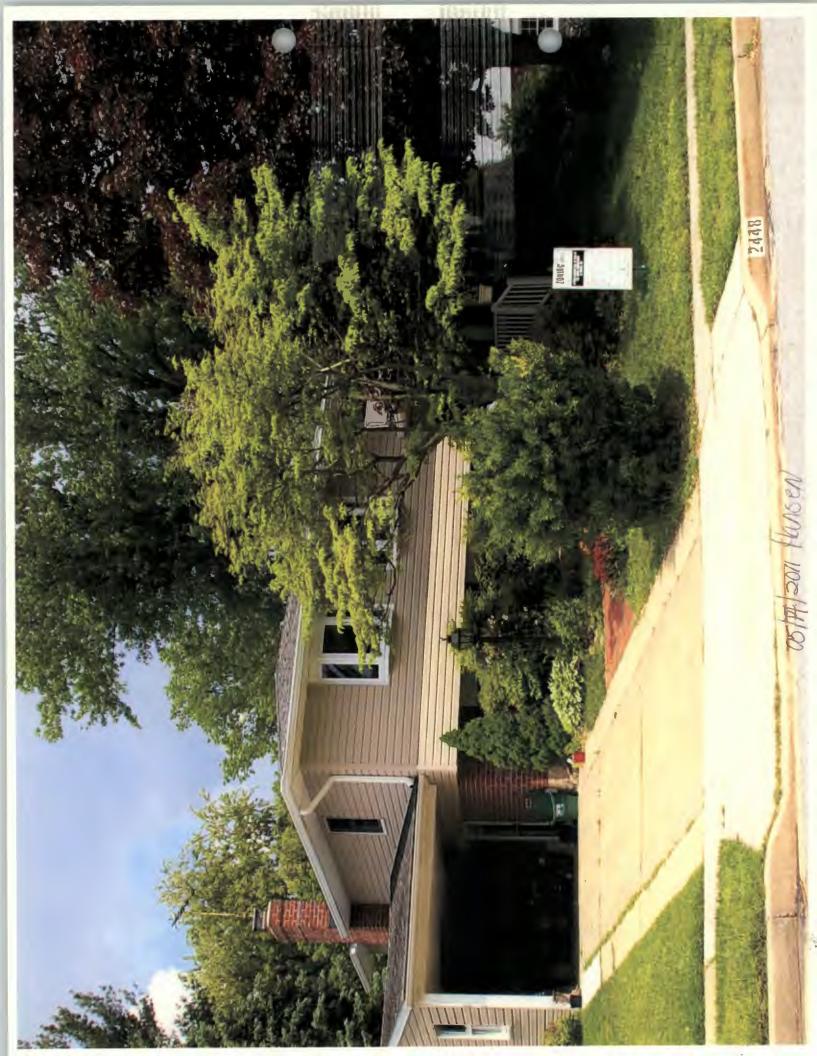












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