

JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR. County Executive

MAUREEN E. MURPHY
Chief Administrative Law Judge
ANDREW M. BELT
Administrative Law Judge
DEREK J. BAUMGARDNER
Administrative Law Judge

March 26, 2024

Marianne Schmitt Hellauer- mshellaer@venable.com
Trustee of Irrevocable Trust Agreement for John Carey
750 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: REVISED LETTER

Petition for Variance Case No. 2024-0021-A Property: 11530 Falls Road

Dear Petitioner:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter.

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Sincerely,

DEREK J. BAUMGARDNER Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

DJB: dlm Enclosure

e: Bruce E. Doak - <u>bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com</u>

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (11530 Falls Road)

8th Election District
2nd Council District
Marianne Schmidt Hellauer, Trustee
Of Irrevocable Trust Agreement for
John M. Carey
Legal Owner

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

* HEARINGS OF

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

* CASE NO. 2024-0021-A

Petitioner

OPINION AND ORDER

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The following exhibits were submitted by Petitioner and admitted into the record: (1) Site Plan; (2) SDAT record; (3) GIS record; (4) GIS aerial photograph; (5) GIS aerial photograph; (6)

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Findings of Fact

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REV. 10/4/11

PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S) To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections To the Office of Administrative Law of Baltimore County for the property located at: which is presently zoned RC5 Address 11530 Faus ROAD 10 Digit Tax Account # 08/6062220 44875/17 Deed References: SCHMITT HELL Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) MARIANNE (SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING X AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION AND PRINT OR T YPE THE PETITION REQUEST) The undersigned legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plan attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for: a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for 3. X a Variance from Section(s) SEE ATTACUED PAGE of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (Indicate below your hardship or practical difficulty or indicate below "TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING". If you need additional space, you may add an attachment to this petition) TO BE PRESENTED AT THE HEARING

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County. Legal Owner(s) Affirmation: I / we do so solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I / We are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this / these Petition(s). Legal Owners (Petitioners): MARIANNE SCHMITT HELLAVER Contract Purchaser/Lessee: IRREVOCABLE TRUST Name- Type or Print Signature Mailing Address State City Mailing Address Telephone # **Email Address** Zip Code Telephone # Representative to be contacted: **Attorney for Petitioner:** BRUCE E. DOAK Name - Type-opPrint Name- Type or Print Signature Signature REGLANDI BAKER 380/ Mailing Address City State Mailing Address 2/053 410-419-4906 Email Address **Email Address** Telephone # Zip Code Telephone # BOOAL @BRUCE EDEAK CONSULTING. COM Reviewer mil Filing Date 1 73 707 4 Do Not Schedule Dates: _

Zoning Hearing Petitions Being Requested Case # 2024 - 0021 - A

Variance to permit an accessory structure (garage) to be located in the front and side yards in lieu of the required rear yard per Section 400.1 BCZR

Variance to permit an accessory structure (garage) with a height of 16 feet in lieu of the required maximum height of 15 feet per Section 400.3 BCZR



Zoning Description

11530 Falls Road Eighth Election District Third Councilmanic District Baltimore County, Maryland

Beginning at a point which is southwesterly 922 feet, more or less, from the centerline intersection of the subject property driveway and Falls Road, thence running with binding on the outlines of the subject property, the four following courses and distances, viz.

- 1) South 11 degrees 33 minutes West 417.42 feet,
- 2) South 82 degrees 45 minutes East 418.60 feet,
- 3) North 11 degrees 33 minutes East 417.42 feet and
- 4) North 82 degrees 45 minutes West 418.60 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 4.00 acres of land, more or less.

This description is part of a zoning hearing petition and is not intended for any conveyance purposes.



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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

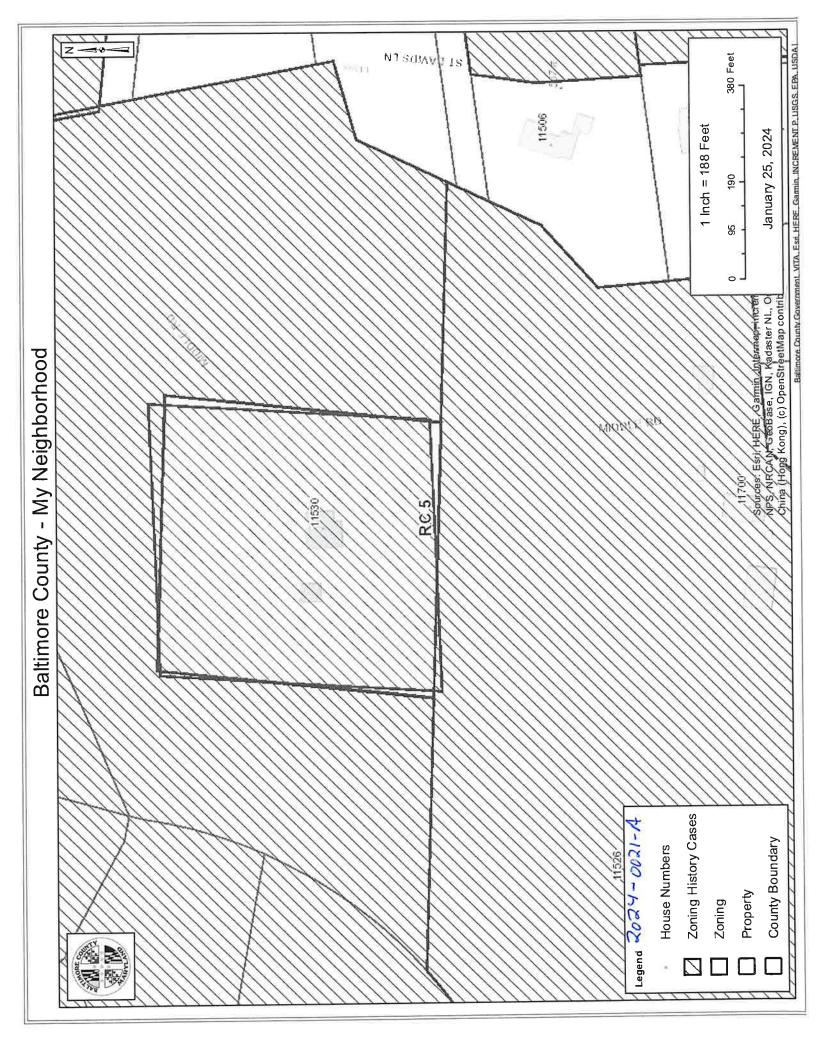
The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the legal owner/petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the legal owner/petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Case Number: 2024 - 0021 - A Property Address:
Property Description: 4.0 ACRE PARCEL OF LAUS WEST OF FALLS ROAD
Legal Owners (Petitioners): MARIANNE SCUMITT HELLAVER, TRUSTEE OF THE Contract Purchaser/Lessee: /RREVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT FOR JOHN M. CARE)
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: Bauce E. Doak
Company/Firm (if applicable): Baves E. Doak Consulting LLC
Address: 3801 BAKER SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD
FREELAND MD 21053
Telephone Number:

Revised 5/20/2014



Real Property Data Search () Search Result for BALTIMORE COUNTY

View Map

View GroundRent Redemption

View GroundRent Registration

Special Tax Recapture: None

Account Identifier:

District - 08 Account Number - 0816062220

Owner Information

Owner Name:

HELLAUER MARIANNE SCHMITT TRUSTEEUse:

RESIDENTIAL Principal Residence:YES

Mailing Address:

11530 FALLS RD

Deed Reference:

/44875/ 00017

LUTHERVILLE-TIMONIUM MD 21093-1609

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address:

11530 FALLS RD

Legal Description: 4 AC RER 850 FT

11530 FALLS RD WS

LUTHERVILLE-TIMONIUM 21093-1609

3200FT S BROADWAY RD

Block: Lot: Assessment Year:

Map: Grid: Parcel: 0059 0006 0013

Neighborhood: 8090183.04

Subdivision: 0000

Section:

Plat No: Plat Ref:

Town: None

1853

Primary Structure Built

1100 SE

Finished Basement Area

Property Land Area

2023

County Use

4.0000 AC

Stories Basement Type

Above Grade Living Area 5.642 SF

Exterior Quality Full/Half Bath Garage

Last Notice of Major Improvements

2 1/2 YES

STANDARD UNIT FRAME/ 7

4 full/ 1 half 1 Detached 2014

Value Information

Value As of 01/01/2023 Phase-in Assessments As of 07/01/2023

As of 07/01/2024

Land:

County:

State:

325,000 1,121,600

Base Value

325,000 1,995,200 2,320,200

1,737,800

2,029,000

Improvements Total: Preferential Land:

1,446,600

07/01/2024

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Seller: LEE CHRISTOPHER H

Type: ARMS LENGTH MULTIPLE

Date: 06/09/2021 Deed1: /44875/ 00017

Transfer Information

Price: \$2,500,000 Deed2:

Seller: FETTING MARK R

Date: 09/25/2013

Price: \$1,732,500

Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER Seller: MANEKIN DONALD

Deed1: /34263/ 00297 Date: 07/23/1997

Deed2: Price: \$820,000

Type: ARMS LENGTH IMPROVED

Deed1: /12290/ 00708

Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments: Class

07/01/2023

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Municipal: Special Tax Recapture: None

Homestead Application Information

Homestead Application Status: No Application

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Information

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Status: No Application

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Date:

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2024-0021-A



CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

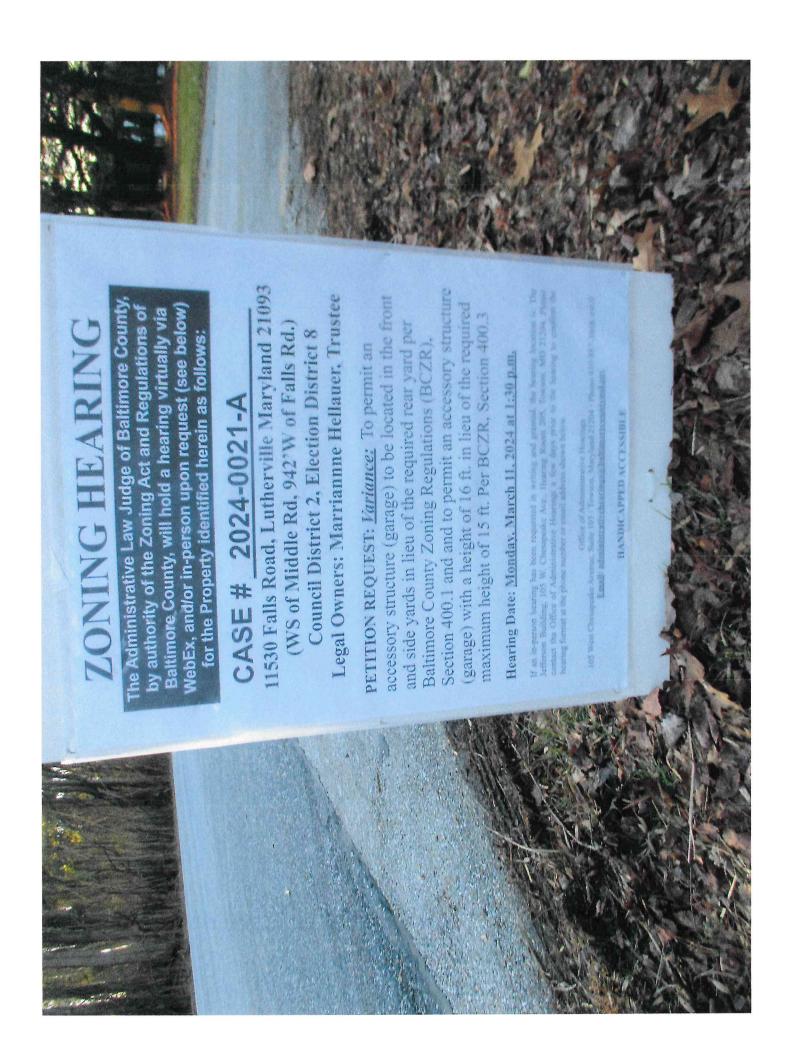
February 16, 2024
amended for second inspection
Re: Zoning Case No. 2024-0021-A Legal Owner: Marianne Hellauer, Trustee Hearing date: March 11, 2024
Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204
Attention: Jeff Perlow
Ladies and Gentlemen,
This letter is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the two necessary signs required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at 11530 Falls Road.
The signs were initially posted on February 16, 2024.
The subject property was also inspected on
Sincerely,

See the attached sheets for the photos of the posted signs

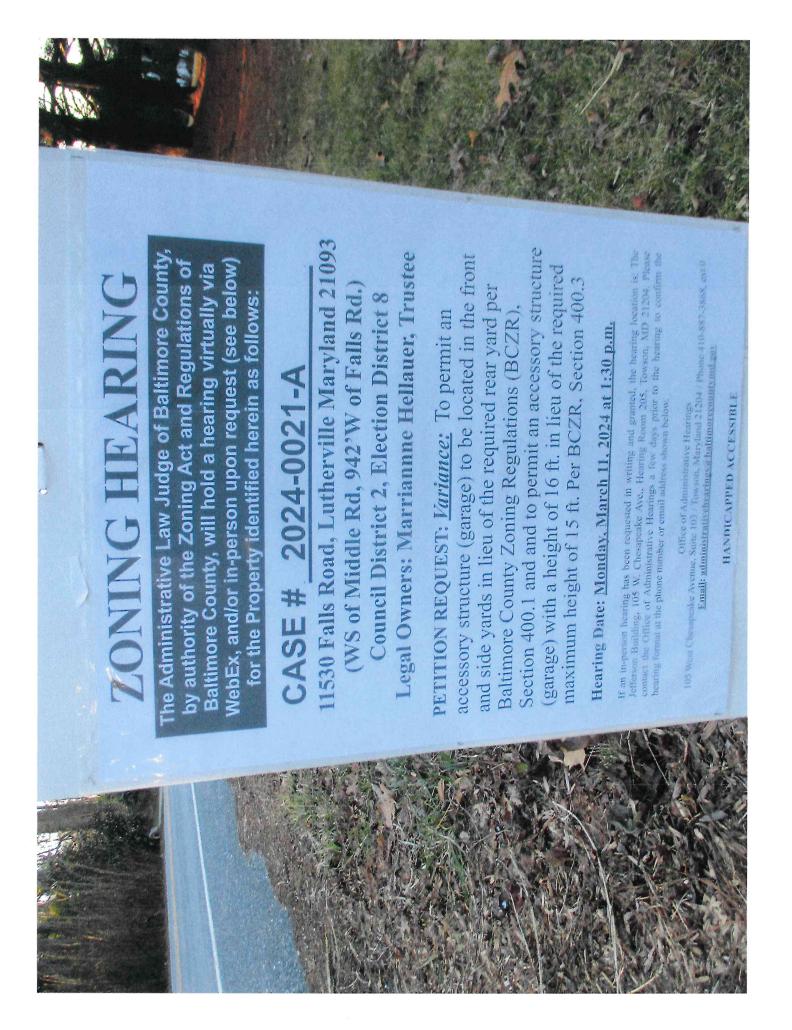
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MD Property Line Surveyor #531

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The Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a hearing virtually via NebEx, and/or in-person upon request (see below for the Property identified herein as follows:

CASE # 2024-0021-A

11530 Falls Road, Lutherville Maryland 21093 Legal Owners: Marriannne Hellauer, Trustee (WS of Middle Rd, 942'W of Falls Rd. Council District 2, Election District 8

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Hearing Date: Monday, March 11, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

of an in-person hearing has been requested in writing and granted, the hearing local

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence



TO: Hon. Maureen E. Murphy; Chief Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM: Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE: February 12, 2024

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2024-0021-A

Address: 11530 FALLS RD

Legal Owner: Trustee of Irrevocable Trust Agreement of John Carey, Marrianne Helluer

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of February 12, 2024.

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

Additional Comments:

Reviewer: Earl D. Wrenn

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Peter Gutwald, Director

DATE: February 9, 2024

Department of Permits, Approvals
Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

FROM:

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

Case 2024-0021-A

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have the following comments.

DPR: No comment.

DPW-T: No Exception taken

Landscaping: No comment.

Recreations & Parks: No Greenways affected.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: C. Pete Gutwald DATE: 2/13/2024

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM: Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2024-0021-A

INFORMATION:

Property Address: 11530 Falls Road

Petitioner: Marianne Schmitt Hellaver, Trustee

Zoning: RC 5 **Requested Action:** Variance

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for the following:

Variance -

- 1. To permit an accessory building (garage) to be located in the front and side yard in lieu of the required rear yard per Section 400.1 BCZR
- 2. To permit an accessory structure (garage) with a height of 16 feet in lieu of the required height of 15 feet per Section 400.3 BCZR

The subject property is located along Middle Road which connects to Falls Road. The property consists of an approximately 4-acre site zoned RC-5 that has an existing house that intends to undergo remodeling. Detached residential dwellings, forest conservation and farms surround the property.

The R.C.5 zoning classification was established in response to concerns over wasteful and disorderly rural-residential development and inadequate lot sizes for on-lot sewer and water systems. These issues could result in undue financial hardships and negatively affect the safety and welfare of citizens. In identifying specific areas suitable for rural-residential development, the aim is to direct future growth towards these areas and prevent disorderly development patterns. The R.C.5 zoning classification serves to provide suitable areas for rural-residential development, minimize encroachments on natural resource areas, and provide a minimum lot size for proper on-lot sewer and water system functioning.

According to Bruce Doak (representative), the property features an aging house with a garage to the front. The property is slated for renovation. The existing garage is to be demolished and replaced. The proposed location of the garage in the front yard is due to the presence of gardens, walls, and a sloping terrain in the rear yard. Furthermore, situating the garage at the rear would necessitate the construction of a new driveway, whereas the proposed location offers better accessibility from Middle Road.

The proposed development does not appear to alter the character of the RC5 zone. The applicant is advised that this site is subject to the RC 5 performance standards as listed in Section 1A04.4 BCZR. The Department supports this request with the following conditions:

- 1. The Petitioners or subsequent owners shall not convert the subject accessory building into a dwelling unit or apartment. The building shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area or kitchen facilities.
- 2. The accessory building shall not be used for commercial or industrial purposes.

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