



BZA 12-3-2025

The Board of Zoning Appeals for Boston Heights met on 12-3-2025 to discuss a variance for a garden fence at 6877 Olde Eight Road. George and Janean Curfman explained that the fence is necessary for growing produce and keeping deer out. The zoning inspector confirmed the fence is prohibited but does not violate setback or visibility rules. The board recommended painting the fence black or disguising it by June. The motion to grant variance with this condition was unanimously approved. The meeting also approved the minutes from November 5, 2025.

Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call

- Bill Hinkle calls the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Village of Boston Heights to order at 7:01 PM.
- Mayor Antal calls the roll: Mr. Maccarone, Ms. May, Mr. Fenn, and Mr. Wells are present.
- Bill Hinkle notes that they have a full roster and a quorum.
- A motion to amend the agenda is made and seconded to correct the misspelling of "yard" as "year."

Introduction of the Applicants

- Bill Hinkle swears in George and Janean Curfman, the applicants.
- George Curfman explains that the fence in question is a garden fence necessary for growing produce and is technically prohibited under the chain link fence provision.
- Janean Curfman adds that the garden is necessary due to the lack of sunlight in other parts of the yard and the difficulty of moving plants.

Zoning Inspector's Testimony

- Jason Popiel, the zoning inspector, confirms that the fence is in the front yard and that the property did not qualify for grandfathering.
- The fence does not violate setback or visibility requirements.
- D. Maccarone inquires about the property's mulching, and George Curfman explains that it is no longer present.

Discussion on Garden Fence and Deer Protection

- George Curfman describes the fence as a hardware cloth with a galvanized finish, which is more open than chain link.
- D. Maccarone asks about regulations regarding gardens in the front yard, and Bill Hinkle confirms that there are no specific regulations.
- George Curfman mentions that the fence keeps deer out, and Janean Curfman adds that painting the fence black could make it less noticeable.

Board's Consideration and Conditions

- Bill Hinkle suggests that the board could ask for the fence to be painted black or otherwise disguised.
- D. Maccarone recommends that the fence be painted black or disguised within six months.
- A motion to grant the variance with the condition of painting the fence is made by Mr. Maccarone and seconded by Mr. Fenn.

Vote on Variance and Adjournment

- The board votes unanimously to grant the variance with the condition of painting the fence by June.
- Bill Hinkle thanks the applicants and informs them to try to get the painting done by June.
- A motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Mrs. May and seconded by Mr. Maccarone.
- The meeting is adjourned at 7:27 PM.