

**FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**STAFF REPORT VIRTUAL MEETING ON JULY 22, 2021 @ 7pm**

**Case Number:** B265205 - B-21-07

**Applicant:** Scott Williams

**Appeal:** Requesting a variance of 17.7 feet to the 40-foot front building restriction line, in accordance with Section 1-19-3.220 Variances and Section 1-19-6.100 Design Requirements of the Frederick County Code. If approved the variance would create a 22.3' front building restriction line.

**Location:** The property is identified as, 3130 Park Mills Road, Adamstown, MD 21710, Tax Map 95, Parcel 0166, Tax ID # 07215797, Size 24.14 Aces, Zoned Agricultural (A)

**Planning Region:** Urbana

**Zoning District:** Agricultural (A)

**Comp. Plan Designation:** Agricultural/Rural

**Applicable Ordinances:** Sec. 1-19-3.220 Variances  
Sec. 1-19-6.100 Design Requirements

**Background:**

The Applicant's property is zoned Agricultural (A) and is 24.14 acres in size. The required setbacks for this community are: front, 40 ft., side 10 ft. and rear 30 ft. The Applicant has stated in his Justification submission the reason they are asking for an attached garage in this location is to facilitate his Wife's disability.

**Proposal:**

The Applicant is requesting to build a 2 car 1 story garage 17.7' into the 40' front yard setback which makes the corner of the Garage to be 22.5' from the BRL. Applicant is requesting a variance of 17.7 feet to the 40-foot front building restriction line in accordance with Section 1-19-3.220 Variances and Section 1-19-6.100 Design Requirements of the Frederick County Zoning Ordinance. If approved would create a 22.3' front building restriction line. (Attachments 1, 2, & 3)

**General Criteria - Variance:**

Under the provisions of Section 1-19-3.220 (C) of the Frederick County Zoning Ordinance, the Board of Appeals shall not grant a variance unless and until a public hearing is held and all of the following criteria are met:

(A) The Board of Appeals may authorize a variance in height, lot area and yard regulations.

***The Applicant states that he understands this requirement.***

(B) An application for a variance shall be filed with the Board of Appeals only after refusal of zoning approval or an adverse determination has been issued by the Zoning Administrator.

***The Applicant states that he understands this requirement.***

(C) The Board of Appeals shall not grant a variance unless and until a public hearing is held and all of the following criteria are met:

***The Applicant states that he understands this requirement.***

(1) First, the Board of Appeals shall find that special conditions and circumstances exist which are unique to the land or structure involved and which are not applicable to other lands or structures in the same district.

***The Applicant states that the Property boundaries and shapes are pretty complex along with the driveway easement through the panhandle of this parcel.***

(2) Upon making this finding the Board of Appeals shall also find that the following criteria are met:

(a) That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant; and

***The Applicant states that this circumstance is not the result of any action taken by the Owner. The circumstance is created by my wife's disability.***

(b) The literal interpretation of the provisions of this chapter would result in unreasonable hardship and deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under terms of this chapter; and

***The Applicant states that the reason they are asking for an attached garage in this location is to facilitate his Wife's disability. Additionally the Applicant states that the Property access for Lot 2, to the south is very wide (Approx. 155') and the driveway is far away from the property line (Approx. 105'). There are also a large number of trees between the driveway and the house which screens the proposed Garage.***

(c) That granting the variance will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this chapter to other lands or structures in the same district; and

***The Applicant states that the approval of this Variance would not confer any special privilege.***

(d) That the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this chapter and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

***The Applicant states that the Variance will be in harmony with the neighbors and will not be detrimental to the public welfare.***

(D) In granting the variance, the Board of Appeals may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with this chapter. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the variance is granted, is a violation of this chapter.

***The Applicant states that he understands this requirement.***

(E) Under no circumstances shall the Board of Appeals grant a variance to allow a use not permissible under the terms of this chapter in the zone involved, or any use expressly or by implication prohibited by the terms of this chapter in said zone.

***The Applicant states that he understands this requirement.***

(F) Under no circumstances shall the Board of Appeals grant a variance to a nonconforming structure for the portion of structure determined by the Zoning Administrator to be nonconforming.

***The Applicant states that he understands this requirement.***

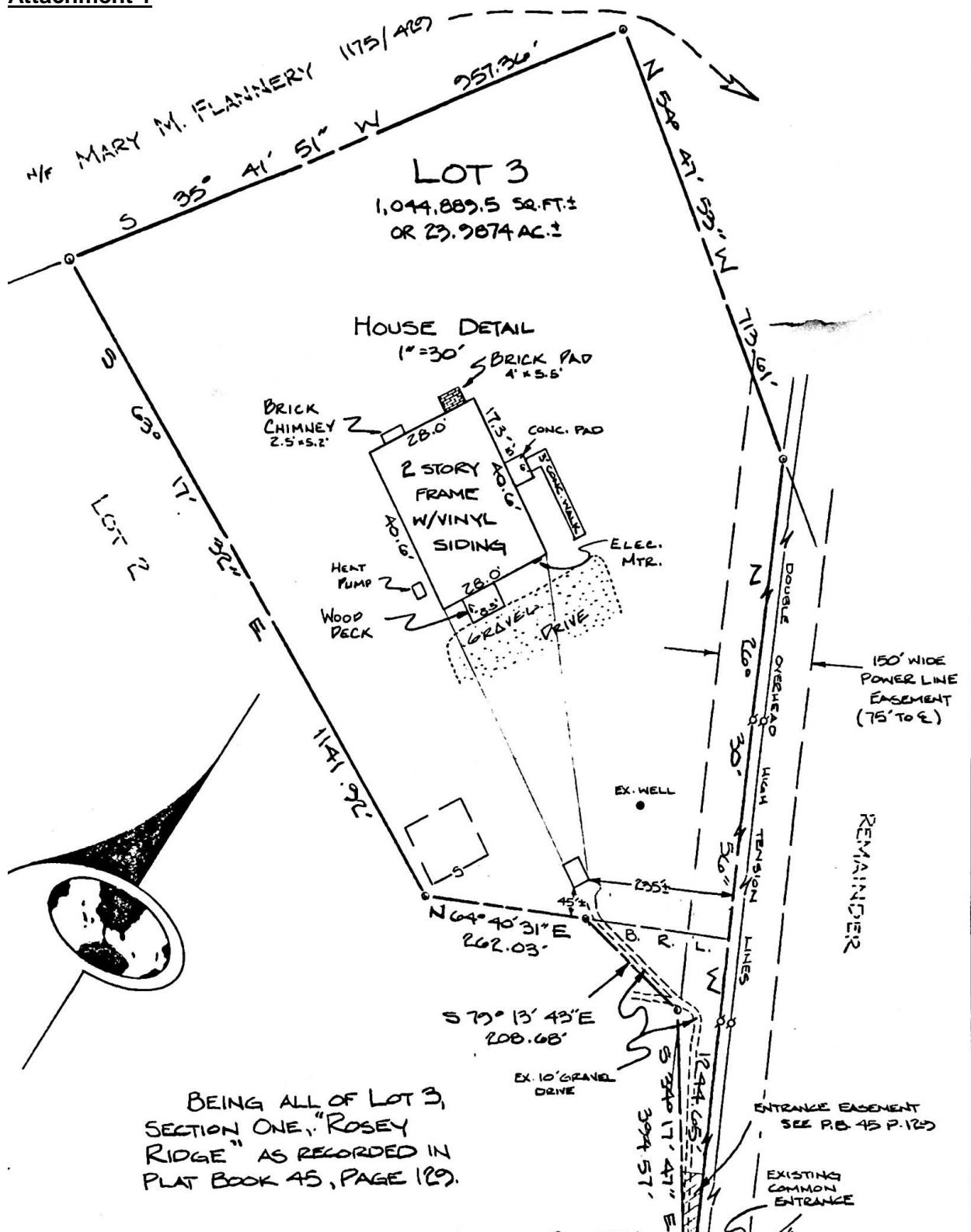
(G) A decision of the Board of Appeals granting a variance will be void 2 years from date of approval by the Board of Appeals unless the use is established, a building permit is issued, construction has begun, or final site development plan approval has been received in accordance with the terms of the decision. Upon written request submitted to the Zoning Administrator no later than 1 month prior to the expiration date and for good cause shown by the applicant, a 1 time extension may be granted by the Zoning Administrator for a period not to exceed 6 months.

***The Applicant states that he understands this requirement.***

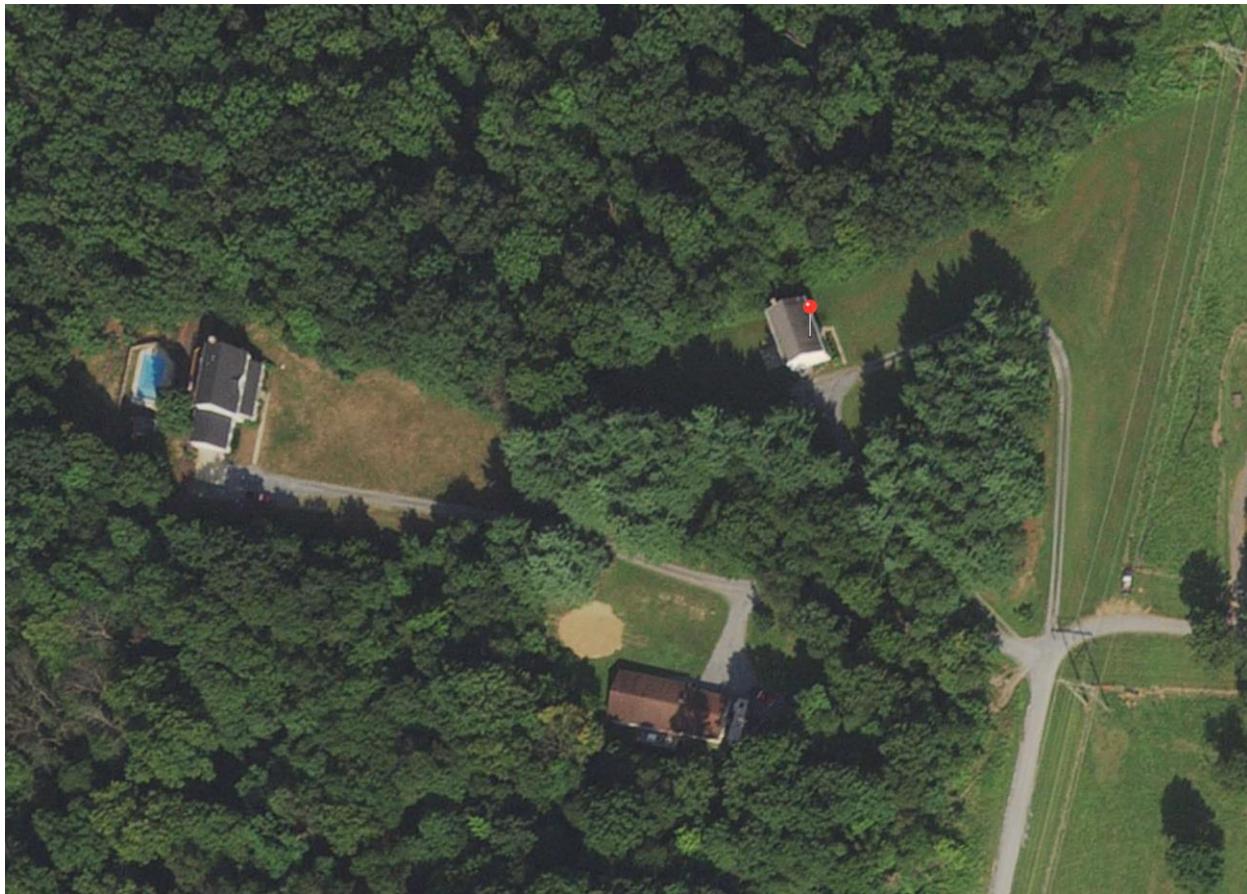
**Actions Needed:**

Staff requests that the Board review the general criteria for a Variance under Section 1-19-3.220 Variances and Section 1-19-6.100 Design Requirements and render a decision on the Applicant's request for a 17.7 ft. variance from the 40 ft. required front building restriction line,

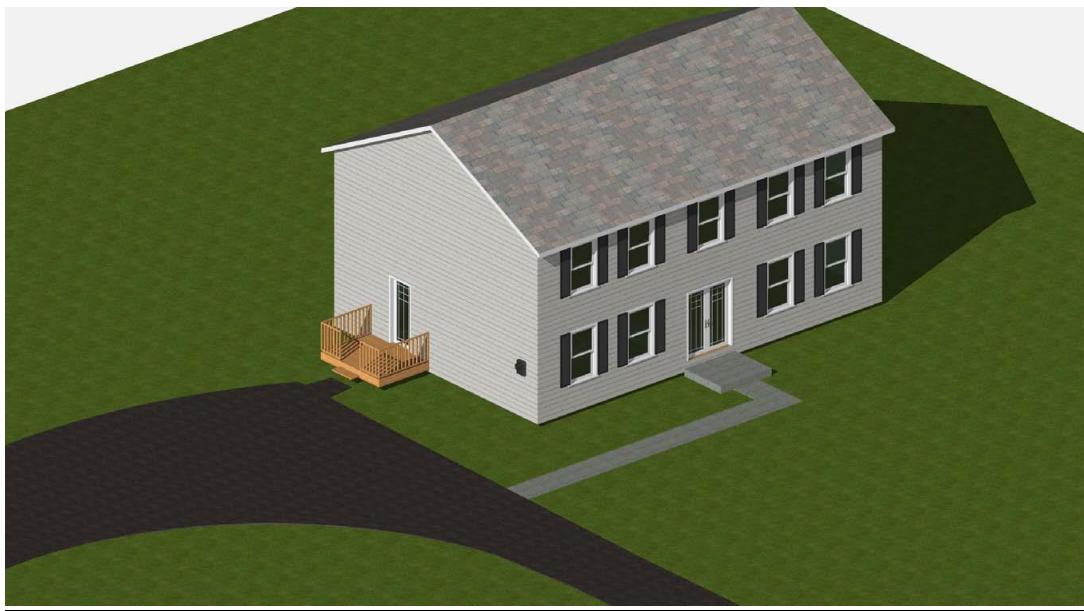
Attachment 1



**Attachment 2**



**Attachment 3**



## GIS Maps

