

Property Standards Appeal Committee Minutes
August 24, 2022 – 3:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Present: G. Konorowski, Chair
F. Mielewczyk, Member
G. Shakthi, Member

Also Present: K. Novia, Supervisor, By-law and Animal Services
T. Babcock, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer
H. Ellis, Council & Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: R. Peers, Member

Call to Order

1. Appointment of Chair

- 1.1** The Committee was advised that the appointment for Chair of the Property Standards Appeal Committee for the January 1, 2022 to November 14, 2022 term would take place at this time as Alexander Wray, former Chair, is no longer on the Committee.

Heather Ellis called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Property Standards Appeal Committee.

Frank Mielewczyk nominated Glen Konorowski for the position of Chair of the Property Standards Appeal Committee.

Glen Konorowski accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations and the nominations were closed.

Recommendation:

Moved By Frank Mielewczyk

That Glen Konorowski be appointed Chair of the Property Standards Appeal Committee for a term ending on November 14, 2022.

Carried

2. Disclosures of Interest

2.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

Kate Novia, Supervisor of By-law and Animal Services, addressed the Committee and appellants and outlined the powers of the Property Standards Officer. K. Novia explained that the Committee has all of the powers of the Property Standards Officer and may confirm, rescind, or modify the Order.

3. Appeal Hearing

3.1 Property Standards Order Appeal
360 Columbus Road West
Appeal # PSA 22-02, File/Order # 22-104315

T. Babcock, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, provided an overview of the Property Standards Order issued on June 10, 2022. Mr. Babcock advised that there were concerns regarding an unsecure building with graffiti on the walls. He stated that the appellant painted over the graffiti and secured the building by boarding up the entry points.

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of the Committee and Mr. Babcock regarding whether the building was now in compliance with the Property Standards By-law.

P. Lysyk and M. Lysyk, the appellants, appeared before the Committee and advised that the building had been vandalized which caused the damage. Mr. Lysyk stated that the graffiti had been removed, the building was secured, and that the building was currently being used to store wood. He requested that the Committee rescind the Property Standards Order.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of the Committee and Mr. Lysyk regarding:

- whether the building was being used for storage;
- how often the appellant accessed the building;
- how the appellant was accessing the building as the entry points had been boarded up; and,
- the amount of time required by the appellant to comply with the Property Standards By-law.

T. Babcock provided a final statement indicating that there was no access point into the building and therefore the building was considered to be a vacant building in accordance with the Town's Property Standards By-law.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of the Committee and Mr. Lysyk regarding:

- how the appellant accessed the building in its current state; and,
- whether an access door could be installed and how long that would take.

The Committee excused the appellants, K. Novia, and T. Babcock from the virtual meeting at 3:28 p.m. and reviewed the matter.

The appellants, K. Novia, and T. Babcock returned to the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Recommendation:

Moved By Gowri Shakthi

That the Property Standards Order #22-104315 be confirmed.

Carried

4. Adjournment

4.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Frank Mielewczyk

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Secretary, Property Standards Appeal
Committee