

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES  
FENCE ARBITRATION**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

Virtual Meeting of the Fence Arbitration Board, held via Zoom (as opposed to the Jefferson Conference Room, located at 27600 Jefferson Circle Dr., St. Clair Shores, Michigan.)

**Present:**

Matthew Coppler, City Manager  
Peter Accica, Council Member  
Bob Ihrie, City Attorney  
Julie Kandt, Recording Secretary

**Also Present:**

Shawn Bimberg, 20516 Shady Lane (via phone)

**Absent**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Coppler called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**2. CASES TO BE HEARD**

Case #01-2021 - 20502 Erben, Ann & Jim Griffin  
Request to install fencing on top of existing cyclone fence that is fence fabric (not metal), at a gauge that is not allowed, with no top rail, if not angled would exceed 6-ft, around perimeter of yard.

**Petitioner withdrew until  
there is a 3-member board.**

Motion by Mr. Koch , seconded by Mr. Accica to  
Ayes:  
Motion

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Case #02-2021 - 20516 Shady Lane - Shawn Bimberg  
Request to have good/flat side of the fence face inward.

Shawn Bimberg said I'm putting up privacy fence around whole backyard, we currently have chainlink around the whole thing, and gate across the driveway. I'm doing this because my dog jumps over the chainlink fence. Two of the neighbors actually requested on their behalf that I put the smooth side on my side, because they think the cross beams on the bad side of the fence would give the dog something to climb on. I don't think that's an issue, but they requested it and I'm fine with it, so I just want to put the good side in on those two properties. Accica asked just those two properties? Petitioner said I don't have written permission from the third neighbor...I don't care about that one, it's just the two that I have written permission from, those are the two the requested I put it that way, those are the only two sides I'm concerned about. Accica asked if the fence was up. Petitioner said they dropped off the steel poles and they can start a week from today. Posts will be 42 inches in the ground, inspector was out and measured them and approved.

Motion by Mr. Accica, seconded by Mr. Coppler to approve.

Ayes: 2  
Motion carried

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3. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Mr. Accica seconded by Mr. Coppler to approve the minutes of December 16, 2020 as submitted.**

**Ayes: 3**

**Motion carried**

5. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mr. Accica, seconded by Mr. Coppler to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 pm.**

**Ayes: 2**

**Motion carried**

(THE PRECEDING MINUTES ARE A SYNOPSIS OF THE FENCE ARBITRATION MEETING AND DO NOT REPRESENT A VERBATIM RECORD.)