

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

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

Regular Meeting of the Fence Arbitration Board, held in the Jefferson Conference Room, located at 27600 Jefferson Circle Dr., St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

**Present:**

Dustin Lent, City Manager  
Peter Accica, Council Member  
Bob Ihrie, City Attorney  
Mike Green, Asst City Manager  
Julie Kandt, Recording Secretary

**Also Present:**

Lauren Sayig, 23417 Glenbrook  
Tony Monday, 23413 Glenbrook

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Dustin Lent called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

**2. CASES TO BE HEARD**

**Case #03-2023 23417 Glenbrook – Lauren Sayig**

Request to install 6-ft wooden privacy fence around perimeter of rear yard. Removal of chain link fence on the rear and left side property lines, so the good side of new fence will face out. The right-side chain-link fence is staying, so the posts are on the outside and the good side of the new fence has to face in.

Petitioner said on that side that faces Greater Mack, those neighbors didn't want the chain link removed. I submitted a picture, from the start of the driveway to the garage, there's only enough room for a post. Then the flat side wouldn't have fit between the chain link and the post. So that's why on that side it would be opposite. Lent reiterated that the neighbor requested the chain link to stay, so in order to let it stay, you're forced to put the good side in. Petitioner said yes.

Tony Monday said I'm on the opposite side, we're all for the privacy fence. But she has trees down that side, so I understand why they want to remove the fence on my side. Monday went into detail about other trees on the property, how it's affecting his basement wall, driveway, etc. I want the trees to be removed, then I'd have no problem taking the chain link fence down. After Monday gave a lengthy explanation of his issues, Lent explained to Monday that his issues aren't relative to this case. Trees and property line issues aren't heard at this board. He told him could trim the trees if they grow on his property. He explained to Monday that the portion of fence on his side is allowed, without this board. It's the opposite side that needs a variance from this board.

**Motion by Lent, seconded by Accica, to approve the request.**

**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. Lent to approve the minutes of February 15, 2023 as submitted.**

**Ayes: 2**  
**Motion carried**

**5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Monday reiterated that if the trees are not coming down, my chain link fence is not coming down. I just wish we could come to some conclusion about the trees.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mr. Accica seconded by Mr. Lent, to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 pm.**

**Ayes: 2**  
**Motion carried**

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