

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

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

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

Present:

Matthew Coppler, City Manager
Peter Accica, Council Member
Richard Albright, City Attorney
Julie Kandt, Recording Secretary

Also Present:

Daniel Taliaferro, 22393 Maple
Tony Bellestri
Andrea Keller, 22447 Bayview

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Coppler called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and

2. CASES TO BE HEARD

Case #12-2021 22808 Harmon – Robert & Cynthia Dennison *TABLED FROM JULY*
Request to attach vinyl trellis panels to existing Kroger wall (total of 8 feet high on petitioner's side). Work already done. (*Reason for denial: over 6-feet high and attached to existing wall – not self-supported.*)

Petitioner didn't show.

Motion by Mr. Accica, seconded by Mr. Coppler to table the request until September 15, 2021.

**Ayes: 2
Motion carried**

Case #13-2021 22393 Maple – Daniel & Stephanie Taliaferro
Request to replace a 2' section and double driveway gates on an existing 6' tall vinyl privacy fence along left side property line. (*Reason for denial: Privacy fence on water adjacent property. Being that this fence was installed without a permit back in 2010 (based on Macomb County GIS images), this fence arbitration request is technically for the entire privacy fence.*)

Petitioner said I'm trying to get a fence repaired. We moved in 2017 and inherited a vinyl privacy fence, we're on the end of the canal. I would estimate that the fence has been there about 10 years. The gate is what I'm trying to get fixed. Windstorm tore the gate 3 times, and again this past year in May. Accica said there is a concrete wall back there. Petitioner said that was put in around 2018. Accica said you're on the water, but no one can really see the water from there. Petitioner said the vinyl fence is only on one side, the rest of my fence is chainlink. Accica asked if there was a permit for the original fence. Recording secretary referenced the agenda item verbiage that said there was never a permit for this fence, so this Fence Arbitration request is technically for the entire privacy fence.

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

Ayes: 2

Motion carried

Case #14-2021 22447 Bayview Dr. – Andrea Keller

Request to install 6' vinyl privacy fence from right rear corner of house, down right side property line 16 feet; then switch to 4' chain-link fence from privacy fence down to the water. (*Reason for denial: Privacy fence on water adjacent property.*)

Tony Bellestri said his client has a dog, she moved here 2 years ago, there is a chainlink fence all the way to the seawall on the west side, nothing on the east side. Bellestri showed the board pictures. There was one there, but previous owner took it down. They just want some privacy between the two of them. We are giving him 6 inches, because his deck is on our land, we had a survey done. The dotted line is the actual fence. We'll have a gate, 6-foot, white vinyl with caps, both sides are good. Neighbor granted permission. Petitioner said we're very close to the neighbor. Accica said it's a regular cyclone fence down to the water, Bellestri said yes. Petitioner asked, what if the neighbor's wife - who didn't sign the letter - comes back and says she doesn't want the fence. City attorney clarified that she had an opportunity to appear at the hearing or send a letter, and she didn't. This board's decision stands.

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

**Ayes: 2
Motion carried**

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

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Accica, seconded by Mr. Coppler to approve the minutes of July 21, 2021. as submitted.

**Ayes: 2
Motion carried**

5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Accica , seconded by Mr. Coppler, to adjourn the meeting at 2:18pm pm.

**Ayes: 2
Motion carried**

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