

**MARIEMONT PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 7, 2020**

The Mariemont Planning Commission met Monday December 7, 2020. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present were Mrs. Rankin, Ms. Reed, Mr. Van Stone and Mr. Blum. The Building Administrator Don Keyes and Aileen Beatty were present virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr. Van Stone moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to accept the minutes as written for September 23, 2020. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Blum for his time served on the Planning Commission. His term expires at the end of the year. Bob Rich will be a member of the Planning Commission commencing in 2021.

The first request was from Greg and Maura Spreen, 3708 East Street, Mariemont, Ohio to receive a rear yard variance in order to install a deck onto the rear of the house.

Findings of the Building Commissioner: The rear yard setback requirement for this house is 30 feet. The house is 33 feet from the rear property line. The proposed deck will be 8 feet wide resulting in a 25-foot setback; a 5-foot variance request.

The Spreen's indicated that they wanted to make the outside area more useable as their children grow older. They had a professional designer develop the plans.

Mr. Van Stone suggested to make sure the water has sufficient area to drain for the hot tub. Mr. Spreen indicated that the area will be concrete with concrete pavers on top.

Mr. Van Stone moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to approve the variance request based on Section 151.024(3)(b)(2)(c)(d)(e)(f). On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Brown said there was another request on the agenda from a resident who wanted to install a fence in front of the house along two streets of the corner lot. It would require a variance from the Village to install the fence on Village property. Mayor Brown said he spoke with Solicitor McTigue. His legal opinion was this is not a variance the Planning Commission can grant. It has to do with potential property ownership to the resident if allowed. Mayor Brown spoke with the applicant who asked to have the request withdrawn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ms. Shelly Reed, Secretary