# **Franklin Township**

Somerset County, New Jersey

# **Technical Review Committee**

# MEMORANDUM

- To: Zoning Board of Adjustment
- From: Technical Review Committee
- Date: August 20, 2020
- Re: Joseph McGuire Impervious Surface "C" Variance for Patio 14 Sherman Circle (Block 401; Lot 24)

As requested, we have reviewed the submitted application materials listed below and issue the following report for the Board's consideration.

### Site and Project Description

The subject site is a roughly 20,000 square foot site within the R-20 Residential zoning district. The site is currently improved with a single-family home which is served by public water and sewer.

The application seeks to erect a 36-foot by 23-foot (828 square foot) patio to the rear of the existing house. The following variance is required:

• Impervious Coverage: 25% permitted - roughly 26% existing - 31% proposed

The application materials (most relevant portions included in this memorandum) show:

- the size and location of the patio; and
- the applicant's justification for the variance

#### Variances - Overview

#### <u>'C' Variances</u>

With respect to the 'c' variances, the applicant needs to demonstrate whether each would satisfy the c-1 (hardship) and/or c-2 (advancement of the MLUL) criteria.

With respect to the c-2 criteria, the applicant would need to demonstrate that the proposed variances would represent a better zoning alternative than compliant development such that the purposes of the MLUL would be advanced. Alternatively, the applicant would need to prove that a hardship (C-1) exists such that the application cannot be made to comply.

Municipal Building

Municipal Building 475 DeMott Lane Somerset, NJ 08873 732.873.2500 Fax: 732.873.0844 www.franklintwpnj.org With respect to the negative criteria, the applicant must demonstrate that the variances would not result in substantial detriment to the public good ("1st prong" of negative criteria) and will not substantially impair the intent and purpose of the zone plan and zoning ordinance ("2nd prong of negative criteria). Finally, the applicant must prove that benefits of granting the variances would substantially outweigh any detriments resulting from grant of the variances.

### **Review Comments**

1. The TRC offers no comments or concerns related to the variance request.



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PART A

#### APPLICANT REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING:

Explain, in detail sufficient for the Board to understand the nature of the proposal, the exact nature of the proposed application and proposed physical modifications to be made to the site, building(s) and/or signage including the proposed use of the premises.

Hello! We would like to request a Variance to exceed the 25% maximum impervious surface coverage ordinance in order for us to install a larger paver patio in the back of our house for our family's enjoyment. We would like to remove our current 384 square foot solid concrete patio slab and replace it with a larger sized paver patio that will be approximately 828 square feet. We would use eco-friendly, permeable pavers that we would like to enclose with a 24 inch tall block wall perimeter and (4) 36 inch tall columns. Please see the enclosed schedules for additional details.

Identify the type of variance(s) requested. Check all that apply.

"C" Variance(s)

- The strict application of the provisions of the Development Ordinance would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties or exceptional and undue hardship - N.J.S.A., 40:55D-70.C(1)
- The purposes of the Municipal Land Use Law would be advanced by a deviation from the zoning ordinance requirements and the benefits of the deviation would substantially outweigh any detriment N.J.S.A., 40:55D-70.C(2)

"D" Variance(s):

- Use or principal structure in a district restricted against such use or principal structure N.J.S.A., 40:55D-70.D(1)
- Expansion of a nonconforming use N.J.S.A., 40:55D-70D(2)
- Deviation from a specification or standard pertaining solely to a conditional use N.J.S.A., 40:55D-70. D(3)
- Increase in the permitted floor area ratio N.J.S.A., 40:55D-70.D(4)
- Increase in the permitted density N.J.S.A., 40:55D-70.D(5)
- Height of a principal structure exceeds by 10 feet or 10% the maximum height permitted in the district for a principal structure N.J.S.A., 40:55D-70.D(6)

Joseph A. McGuire (Homeowner) 14 Sherman Circle, Somerset, NJ 08873 Block # 401 Lot# 24 Mobile: 908.420.8889 Fax: 732.902.6605 Email: JosephAMcGuire@aol.com

### Re: ZONING APPLICATION DESCRIPTION OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACE - PERMEABLE PAVER PATIO

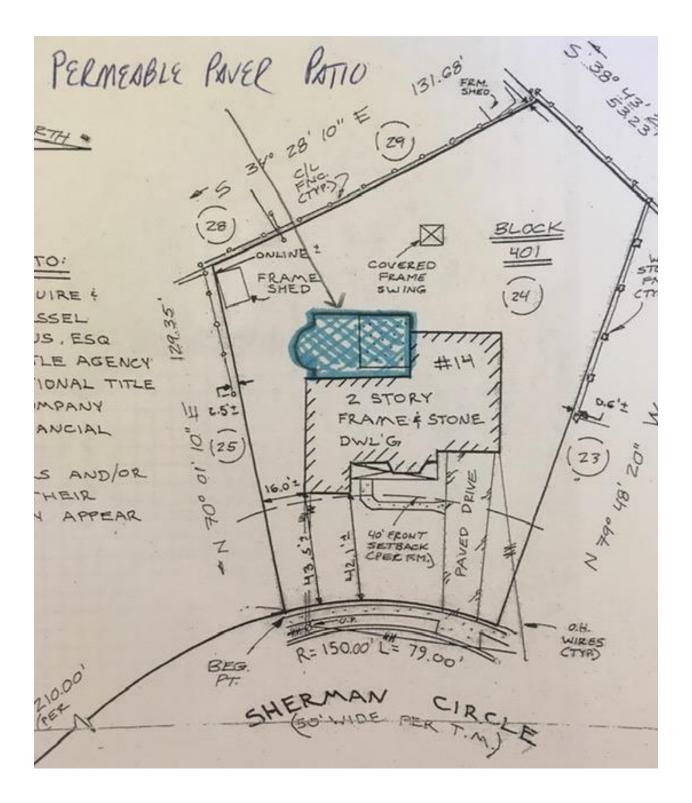
#### **Description of the Project:**

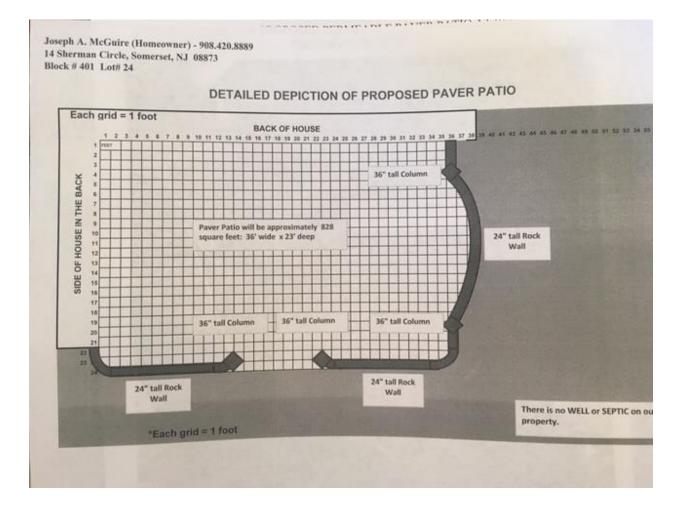
#### 1. Paver Patio

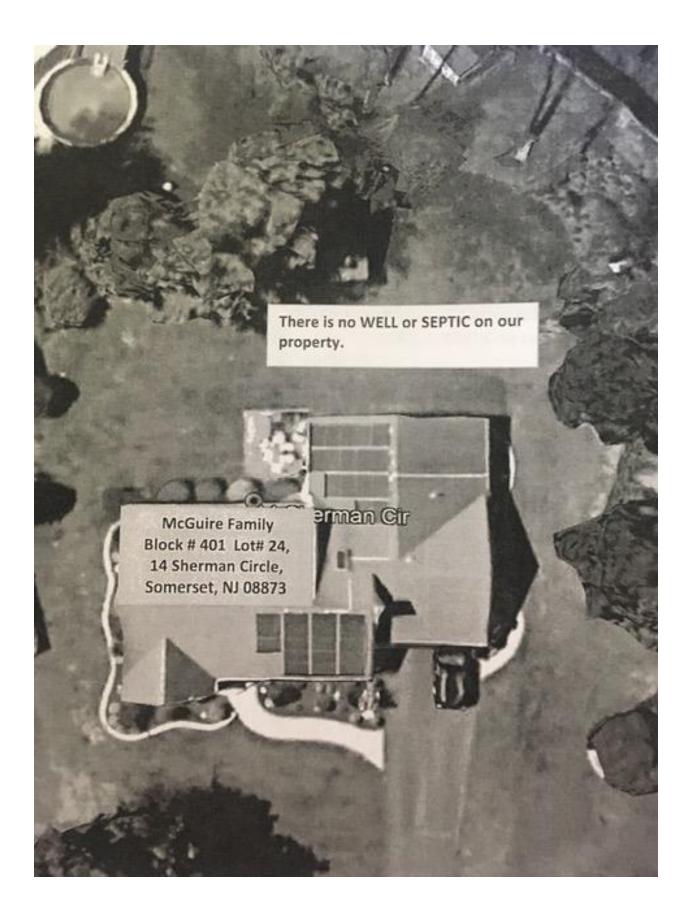
We would like to remove our current 384 square foot  $(14' \times 16')$  concrete patio slab and replace it with a larger sized paver patio that will be approximately 828 square feet  $(36' \times 23')$ . The new paver patio will utilize eco-friendly, permeable pavers that will be partially enclosed with 24 inch tall block walls and (4) 36 inch tall columns.

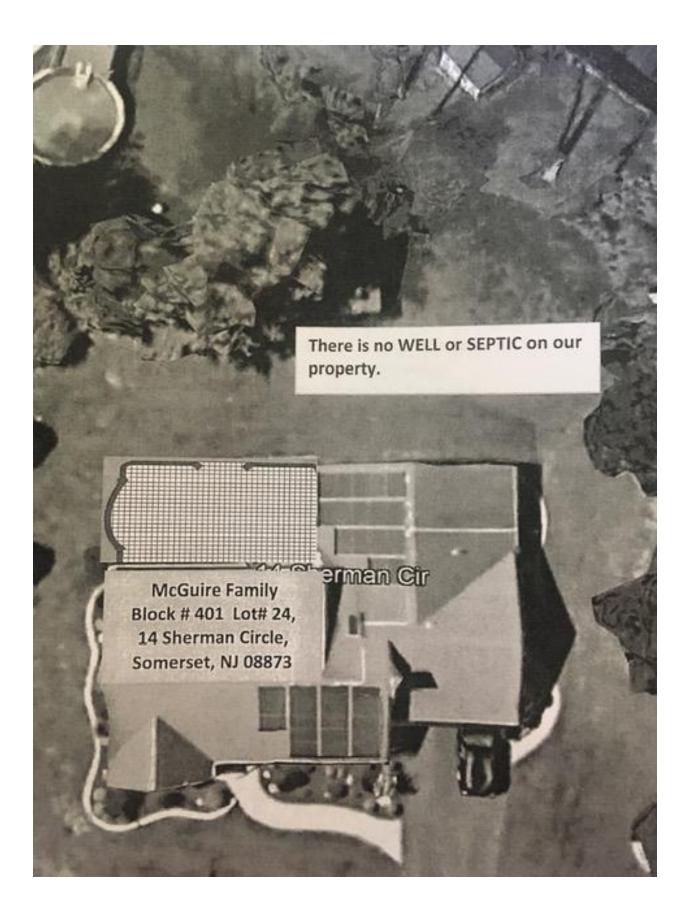
Please see the following enclosed documents:

- \* The Zoning Permit Application for Impervious Surface with our \$30 check.
- \* A photocopy of our signed/sealed survey with the proposed patio drawn in.
- \* A detailed depiction of the paver patio drawn to scale.
- \* "Before" and "After" Paver Patio drawings that I prepared to assist with a visual depiction of the proposed paver patio.
- \* Techo Bloc Permeable Paver information









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