BEFORE THE ZONING HEARING BOARD OF WORCESTER TOWNSHIP MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: APPLICATION OF

WILLIAM MALIN AND SHARON SMITH

NO. 2022-01

APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

**DECISION** 

The Applicant/Owners, William Malin and Sharon Smith, propose to construct a covered

porch/deck attached to the front of the house, expanding further into the nonconforming front yard

on the property located at 2153 Weber Road, Worcester Township, in the R-175 Residential

Zoning District.

A public hearing on the above Application was held on March 22, 2022 at the Worcester

Community Hall, pursuant to Notice as required by the Worcester Township Zoning Ordinance,

as amended (hereinafter "Zoning Ordinance"), and the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning

Code. Upon consideration of the evidence and testimony presented regarding the Application, the

Zoning Hearing Board of Worcester Township enters the following Order:

**ORDER** 

(1) A variance from Section 150-162.1 of the Zoning Ordinance for expansion of a

nonconforming structure on the property, so as to permit a covered deck/porch, measuring 6 feet

by 25 feet plus step(s), to be attached to the front of the house, is GRANTED.

This Decision is subject to the following conditions:

- The Applicants shall construct the covered porch/deck in the location as described during the hearing, and shown on Exhibit A-3.
- The Applicants shall apply for and obtain all applicable Township, County and State permits and approvals relative to the construction and use in a timely manner.
- 3. All use and development permitted by this Decision shall conform to the exhibits and testimony presented by the Applicants, unless inconsistent with any specific conditions imposed by this Board, in which case these specific conditions shall take precedence.
- 4. Except as permitted by prior Decisions of this Board, the use of the subject property shall otherwise comply with the Worcester Township Code, including, but not limited to, all storm water management, fencing, setback, parking, lighting, sign and noise regulations, and all other codes, regulations and ordinances of Worcester Township.
- Pursuant to Section 150-225 of the Worcester Township Zoning Ordinance, a special exception or variance shall expire if the applicants fail to obtain a permit in connection therewith within one (1) year of the date of authorization thereof. When land development/subdivision approval is required, the special exception or variance shall expire if the applicants fail to make a diligent effort to obtain such approval within six (6) months following the date of the Zoning Hearing Board's Order. Upon receipt of land development/subdivision approval, the special exception or variance shall expire if a building permit is not obtained within six (6) months of the date of the land development/subdivision approval. The expiration date for obtaining the building permit as set forth herein may be extended by the Township for two (2) successive six (6) month periods, if, in the opinion of the Zoning Officer, the applicant is diligently pursuing the building permit.

## WORCESTER TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

Michael Libor, Chair

John D'Lauro, Vice Chair

Caesar Gambone, Secretary

Bradford Smith

Order Entered: 4/1/22
Circulation Date: 4/1/22

This Decision and Order of the Board is final and any appeal of it must be filed with the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County within thirty (30) days following the Circulation Date set forth above. The Board reserves the right to prepare Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in support of this Decision if an appeal is filed.