

Article V – Administration & Enforcement (continued)

days, or both. Each day during which a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. The imposition of any sentence shall not exempt an offender from compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, and correction shall be achieved regardless of the imposition of any sentence. Correction will be accomplished by any convicted party within 21 days of the imposition of sentence, or within 21 days following any prison term, or by another time period specifically Ordered by the Circuit Court. The foregoing penalties shall not prohibit the Township from seeking injunctive relief against the violator, or such other appropriate relief, as may be permitted by law.

Article VI – Zoning Board of Appeals

Section 600- Establishment of a Zoning Board of Appeals *Ordinance #38, January 24, 1978 *

There shall be a five member Zoning Board of Appeals as provided under the applicable State Statute, which shall have such power and duties as prescribed by law.

Section 601- Authority of the Zoning Board of Appeals

1. Hear and decide upon request, the interpretation of the provisions of this ordinance.
2. Grant variances from the strict application of the zoning ordinance when by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness, shape or topography of specific parcels of property at the time of the original enactment of this ordinance or amendments thereto or where the strict applications of these regulations or amendments thereto would result in exceptional or undue hardship upon said property; provided that such relief or variances can be granted without substantial impairment of the intent, or purpose of this ordinance. This provision shall not be construed to permit the Zoning Board, under the guise of variance, to change the use of the land.
3. Hear and decide appeals where it is alleged by appellants that there is error in any refusal of building, use or occupancy permit or in any other order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the building inspector, zoning enforcement officer, or other Township or County employee, when passing upon an application for a building or other permit, or by any other officer or body in the administration of the zoning ordinance.

Section 602- Limitation of Authority of the Zoning Board of Appeals

1. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be deemed to authorize the Zoning Board to reverse or modify any refusal of a permit or any other order, requirement, decision, or determination which conforms to the provisions of this ordinance and which, therefore, is not erroneous; nor to authorize the Zoning Board to validate, ratify, or legalize any violation of law on any of the regulations of this ordinance.
2. The Zoning Board shall not amend any portion of this ordinance or the Zoning Map nor shall such power or authority be vested in the Zoning Board.
3. A decision of the Zoning Board permitting the erection or alteration of a building or other use of land shall be valid for a period of six months, during which time a building permit for such erection or alteration shall be obtained and the erection or alteration started.
4. No application for a variance which has been denied wholly or in part by the Zoning Board shall be resubmitted for a period of one year from the date of the last denial, except on grounds of newly discovered evidence or proof of changed conditions found upon inspection by the Zoning Board to be valid.

Section 603 - Application for Variances or Appeals

1. Requests for variances or appeals may be made by submitting an application or letter to the Township Clerk. A Fee, to be determined by the Township Board of Appeals, shall accompany the application to help defray the cost of processing the said application. The application shall