

**LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP**  
**ZONING HEARING BOARD MINUTES**

**February 28, 2023**

The February 28, 2023 Zoning Hearing Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Charles Ervin. Members present were William Royer and Ronald Beitler. Also, in attendance were Carl Best, Zoning Officer and Ronald Corkery, Solicitor. The hearing was held at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Campus, Meeting Room A, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA. 18062.

On a motion by Mr. Royer, second by Mr. Ervin and a unanimous vote, the minutes for January 28, 2023 were approved.

On a motion by Mr. Royer second by Mr. Ervin and a unanimous vote, the Invoice for Attorney Ron Corkery were approved.

Mr. Best is sworn in and testifies that he is the Zoning Officer for Lower Macungie Township and that the following Appeals were properly advertised, that adjoining property owners were notified and that the properties were posted and a record of the Appeals are on file.

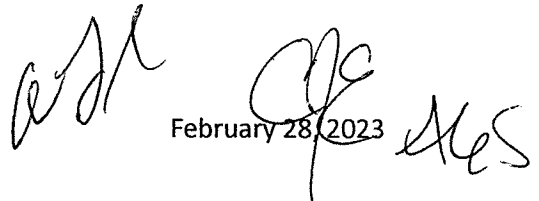
**Appeals to the Zoning Hearing Board:**

**Appeal No. 06-2023** of Joann Nonnemaker-Markowicz 1139 Nonnemaker Lane, Allentown PA. 18103.

Mr. Best stated that the existing use is a nonconforming use which predated the Zoning Ordinance. The applicant wishes to expand the use by adding some livestock.

Ms. Nonnemaker is sworn in. Ms. Nonnemaker stated that the total area land area for the farm is approximately 22 acres. The farm is currently active having some animals and farmed for agriculture. Corn and soy beans are grown as crops. Tim Nonnemaker (Brother) is sworn in and stated that he works the fields and grows the crops. Ms. Nonnemaker stated that the cost to have a working farm has tripled over the past twenty (20) years.

Ms. Nonnemaker would like to add chickens, goats and several cows to the farm. There are several horses at the farm now. The chickens would be housed in an enclosed building the cows as well as the goats would be housed in a separate building which are existing. There would be no expansion of any of the existing farm buildings.

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Ms. Nonnemaker would like to have a maximum of fifty (50) chickens, twenty (20) goats, twelve (12) horses and five (5) steers.

Doctor Luther Rhodes 3965 East Texas Road supports the application and has no objection.

Ms. Nonnemaker submits a letter to the ZHB from Melissa Clewell 1331 Kressler Rd. supporting this application.

There are no objectors or interested parties in this Appeal.

On a motion by Mr. Ervin, second by Mr. Royer and a vote in favor by Mr. Beitler, the request to expand the nonconforming use with the condition that Ms. Nonnemaker be limited to having a maximum of fifty (50) chickens, twenty (20) goats, twelve (12) horses and five (5) steers, is approved by a 3-0 vote.

On a motion by Mr. Ervin and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

***The minutes are only a summary of the meeting. The official transcript should be consulted for completeness and accuracy.***

Respectfully submitted; Carl L. Best, Zoning Officer