LAND USE BOARD<br>BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE<br>Municipal Building<br>500 West Crescent Ave. Allendale, NJ

The Regular Meeting of the Allendale Land Use Board will be held in the Council Chambers in the Allendale Municipal Building, 500 West Crescent Avenue, 2nd Floor, Allendale, NJ 07401 on March 15, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Formal action will be taken.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Open Public Meetings Act Announcement
B. Salute to Flag

## II. OATH OF OFFICE

Alternate \#1: Jason Warzala (term expiring December 31, 2024)
Alternate \#2: Gregg Butler (term expiring December 31, 2023)
III. ROLL CALL
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 15, 2023 Land Use Board Regular Meeting

## V. RESOLUTION:

Application File No: LUB 2023-03
Resolution No.: 23-14
Applicant: Craig \& Courtney Cagney
Address: 320 Park Avenue, Allendale, NJ 07401
Block: 2206 Lot: 1
Proposed: Construction of a new covered front porch, $2^{\text {nd }}$ floor addition and addition of dormer to existing detached garage. Pursuant to 270-54(B), 27014(A), 270-14(B)(3)
VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Application File No: LUB 2023-04
Applicant: 115 West Crescent, LLC
Address: 115 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ 07401
Block: 910 Lots: 5 \& 6
Proposed: Minor Subdivision Approval

Resolution of Approval 22-13
Applicant: Charles and Pamela Stock
Address: 47 Homewood Avenue, Allendale, NJ 07401
Block 507 Lot: 4
Application: Extension of Time Approval

VII OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

VIII OTHER
IX. ADJOURNMENT
**AGENDA \& AGENDA MATERIALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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February 17, 2023

## Via hand delivery

Allendale Land Use Board
Attn: Linda Garofalo, Land Use Administrator
500 West Crescent Avenue
Allendale, New Jersey 07401

## Re: 115 West Crescent LLC <br> 115 West Crescent Avenue <br> Block 910, Lots 5 \& 6 <br> Allendale, New Jersey

Dear Ms. Garofalo:
Please be advised this firm represents Applicant, 115 West Crescent LLC, in connection with its application for subdivision approval at the referenced property. In this regard, enclosed please find fifteen (15) collated sets of the following:

1. Executed Application with exhibits, addendum and certification of taxes;
2. Application Checklists;
3. Absence of Wetlands Map;

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Attorneys at Law
4. Aerial Photograph of the Site;
5. Originally signed and sealed copies of the Boundary and Topographic Survey, last revised February 10, 2023, prepared by Stonefield Engineering \& Design (1 sheet);
6. Originally signed and sealed copies of the Site Plans, last revised February 10, 2023, prepared by Stonefield Engineering \& Design (1 sheet).

Additionally, please see our client's executed W9 and the following checks made payable to the Borough of Tenafly as follows:
a. Check No. 12 in the amount of $\$ 800.00$ representing the application fee;
b. Check No. 13 in the amount of $\$ 600.00$ representing the initial escrow fee;

Kindly process the enclosed documents and distribute to Board Members and/or department heads. Thank you for your courtesies in this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at any time.


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Encl.

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Bank memo escrows fee



115 West Crescent LL_C


Pay to the order of $\$ 800.00$



- Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.


## 1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

## 115 West Crescent LLC

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1 . Check only one of the following seven boxes.
$\square$ Individual/sole proprietor orC CorporationS CorporationPartnershipTrust/estate single-member LLC Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification ( $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ corporation, $\mathrm{S}=\mathrm{S}$ corporation, $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{Partnership)}$ P Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.
Other (see instructions)
4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any)

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any)
(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.
Requester's name and address (optional)
18 Elmbrook Place
6 City, state, and ZIP code
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
7 List account number(s) here (optional)

## Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get a TIN, later.
Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see What Name and Number To Give the Requester for guidelines on whose number to enter.


## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or l am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

\section*{| Sign | Signature of |
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| Here | U.s. person |}

Date 02/17/2023

## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.
Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/Formw9.

## Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

| NAME 115 West Crescent LLC |
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| ADDRESS 115 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale |
| ZONE A 910 LYT 5 \& 6 |

$\qquad$
Block 910 Lots 5 \& 6 into three buildable lots. See attached project description rider.
SPECIFIC VARIANCE(S) REQUIRED Minimum lot width pursuant to section 270-57(F)

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS
STATUS

1. Application form complete
2. Fee paid

Provided
3. Denial by Building Inspector
4. Affidavit of Service

To Be Provided
5. Proof of Publication
6. Taxes Current

To Be Provided
Provided
7. Plot Plan
8. Maps

Provided
9. Photographs
10. Email address
akohut@wellslaw.com
11. Miscellaneous

02/16/2023
Date


## REQUIRED MATERIALS AND CHECKLIST FOR ALLENDALE LAND USE BOARD HEARINGS

This checklist and attached sample drawings are provided to ensure that you or your professionals are prepared for your hearing and that your application is complete. All items should be supplied to the extent that they are applicable to the specific application. If information is insufficient or missing, the board may deem your application incomplete and adjourn your hearing until it receives all necessary documentation. Please create 15 packets of the below information.

## I. PROVIDE AN ACCURATE SURVEY FOR THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION WHICH CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

X 1. Footprint of existing buildings or structures.
X 2. Precise distances from all property lines to closest point of principal building including steps, deck or other extensions of the building.
3. The location and precise distances of accessory buildings, such as garages and sheds, to property lines and the principal building or structure.

X 4. The location and dimensions of steps, patios, driveways, decks, pools and all other improved impervious areas and their precise distances to nearest property line and structures.
5. An accurate depiction of the proposed construction or alteration including the information requested in 1, 2, 3 and 4 above.

X 6. The precise distances from all property lines to the closest point of the proposed construction.

## II. AN ENLARGED TAX MAP DEPICTING PROPERTY IN QUESTION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES.

X 1. The precise distances from the existing buildings or structure in question to the closest point of all neighboring buildings and structures.
2. The precise distances from the proposed construction to the closest point of all neighboring buildings and structures.
III. STRUCTURAL DIMENSIONS:

X 1. All dimensions of existing building or structure.
2. All dimensions of proposed building or structure.
3. Height of existing building or structure.*
4. Height of proposed building or structure.*
*(height to be measured from lowest point of the ground that abuts the foundation of the structure to the highest point on the roof.)
5. Front, rear and side elevations of the proposed structure.
IV. FLOOR PLANS. Minor Subdivision Application

N/A 1. Floor plans of the existing interior of the building containing all relevant dimensions.
N/A 2. Floor plans of the interior of the proposed construction containing all relevant dimensions.
$x \quad 3$. Precise square footage of the existing building.
N/A 4. Precise square footage of the proposed construction.
X 5. Floor area ratio calculation pursuant to Section 270-63 of the zoning ordinance (required for all applications)

## V. PHOTOGRAPHS.

X 1. Photographs of the property in question and existing improvements may be helpful to the Board in presenting your information.
2. Photographs of views from the existing building or structure to neighboring properties and buildings which show existing plantings or other buffers are also helpful and may be requested by the Board.
(All photographs should be taken by you or someone who can testify to the Board as to when they were taken and that the photographs represent an accurate depiction of what they saw at the time.)

## VI. LANDSCAPING AND LAND FEATURES.

N/A 1. The survey, plat or plan should locate and describe any proposed landscaping to be done in connection with the application.

N/A 2. The location of any unusual property features should be indicated, such as flood plain, streams, wooded areas, rock outcroppings or steep slopes.

## VII. PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS.

X 1. Applicants should be prepared to discuss prior applications to the Land Use Board, Board of Adjustment and Planning Board and the results thereof.
VIII. Any additional information which may be deemed necessary by the Land Use Board, its Consultants or Borough departments and agencies.

## NOTE: ALL DIMENSIONS AND DISTANCES MUST BE DEPICTED TO SCALE ON DRAWINGS AND PLANS.

Any questions regarding your hearing or the checklist should be directed to the Land Use Administrator at the Borough of Allendale Municipal Building 201-818-4400 x202. Please submit fifteen (15) packets with copies of all drawings and plans to the Land Use Administrator at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing. It is suggested that the property owner refer to the appropriate building code to assure proper engineering and construction techniques, or to secure the services of a local, reputable architect and/or engineer.

## 02/16/2023

Date


## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED STRUCTURE OR USE


Floor area ratio calculation Existing: (Lot 5) 1,175 SF (Lot 6) 3,306 SF Max Permitted: (Lot 5) 4,618 SF (Lot 6) 4,634 SF (Lot 6.01) 5,458 SF Percentage of lot occupied by building(S) Existing: (Lot 5) 4.4\% (Lot 6) $18 \%$ Max Permitted: (Lot 5) 38.8\% (Lot 6) 38.7\% (Lot 6.01) 35.C Height of building(s) 2.5 stories 35 feet
Set back from front property line $35^{\prime}$ ft. From side (if corner lot) N/A ft . Zoning requirements - Frontage $115^{\prime}$, side yards $15^{\prime}$ _, set-back $\qquad$ , rear yard $50^{\prime}$
"Prevailing set-back" of adjoining buildings within one block N/A
Has there been any previous appeal involving these premises? No
If so, state character of appeal and date of disposition

Proposed use: No Change of Use/ Lot Subdivision with Single Family on Each Lot

This application for a yse variance includes an application for subdivision_X_, site plan
$\qquad$ , conditional use $\qquad$ approval.

ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THIS APPLICATION I SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING: (NOTE: All of these papers must be submitted with application.)
(a) The original Zoning Review Application, signed by the Zoning Officer and/or a true copy of the Official order issued by the Zoning Officer and signed by him, where applicable.
(b) Fifteen (15) copies of all application documents
(c) Fifteen (15) copies of a map showing all lots within 200 feet of the property; if buildings exist thereon the map shall be a certified "location map" and clearly indicate such buildings and their approximate location, together with "prevailing set-back" dimensions.
(d) Fifteen (15) copies of a Plot Plan and clearly indicate such buildings thereon with all front, side and rear yard dimensions.
(e) Fifteen (15) copies of List of Property owners served, indicating method of service on each, date of service, together with copies of the post office receipts, if any.
(f) Fifteen (15) copies of Subdivision, Site Plan, or Conditional Use application, when applicable.
(File all copies with the Land Use Administrator when only a variance is sought.)

Date: 02/16/2023


## Project Description

The Applicant is the current owner of a single-family dwelling located at 115 West Crescent Avenue, Block 910 Lots 5 and 6 in One Family Residential Zone A. The existing dilapidated dwelling is situated on a total of 65,052 SF over two adjoining lots (Lot 5: 31,911 SF and Lot 6: 33,114 SF), with the home straddling the interior lot line creating a non-confirming condition with 0 ' side yard setbacks. The lots are oversized and exceptionally deep at 321.90 FT and 352.94 FT. Furthermore, the two tax lots have existing nonconforming lot widths at 100 FT and 101.56 FT whereas 115 FT is required.

The Applicant is proposing to subdivide the two existing lots into three buildable lots to better utilize the entire property and bring the lot sizes into conformance with the surrounding neighborhood. The proposal consists of three single family lots with conforming lot sizes of 20,094 SF, 20,177 SF, and 24,754 SF whereby $20,000 \mathrm{SF}$ is required. The requested variances in conjunction with this application are for the reduction of lot widths from 100 FT and 101.56 FT to 93.28 FT for the two lots (Lot 5 and 6) and 15 FT over an existing rear access driveway. Testimony will be provided that the proposed lot widths of 93.28 FT are consistent with the adjacent lots (Block 910, Lots 7 \& 8) and overall neighborhood. The $15^{\prime}$ frontage width is located over an existing curb cut and rear driveway, with the buildable lot exceeding all minimum zoning requirements and is adequately sized at $175.84^{\prime}$ in width and $122.0^{\prime}$ in depth. It should be noted that multiple flag lot layouts exist in the vicinity of the property, including in the immediate adjacent lot and new lot lines are in context to the surrounding neighborhood. The granting of variance relief will not be a substantial detriment to the public welfare as the proposed three lots allow for lot and buildable areas that are adequately sized and shaped for dwellings to adhere to all zoning setbacks.

Schedule A

## CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSIONS OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

## LAND USE BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE

NAME OF APPLICANT: 115 West Crescent LLC
NAME OF OWNER OR DEVELOPMENT NAME: 115 West Crescent LLC
LOT 5\&6 $\qquad$ , BLOCK 910
DATE OF APPLICATION 02/16/2023
An application for development shall not be considered complete until all the material and information specified below has been submitted unless, upon receipt of written request from the applicant, a specific requirement is waived by the municipal agency, or the agency otherwise deems a requirement inapplicable to the application. Certification of completeness or a Notice of Deficiencies shall be made, and any request for waiver shall be granted or denied, within 45 days of the filing of the application with the municipal agency.

No public hearing shall be scheduled for an application until the same has been deemed complete by the appropriate administrative officer or otherwise as permitted by the law.

## Schedule "A" - General Requirements.

(Applicable to all applications)

1. Fifteen (15) copies of the appropriate application form(s), completely filled in and filed with the appropriate administrative officer. If any item is not applicable to the Applicant, it should so be indicated on the application form(s).
2. Certificate of Borough Tax Collector that all taxes and assessments on the property are paid.
3. Receipt indicating that fees and escrow deposits are paid pursuant to schedule.
4. Fifteen (15) copies of any required plot plan, site plan, or subdivision plan, clearly and legibly drawn at a scale of not smaller than 1 inch $=100$ feet. Said plans to be prepared by a licensed engineer or land surveyor of the State of New Jersey as applicable with name address and seal of preparer on plat. Entire tract to be shown on one sheet.

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5. Affidavit of ownership. If Applicant is not the owner, Applicant's interest in land; e.g, tenant, contract/purchaser, lienholder, etc.
6. One of the following:
a) A letter of interpretation from the N.J.D.E.P. indicating the absence of freshwater wetlands, or indicating the presence and verifying delineation of the boundaries of freshwater wetlands, or ,
b) A letter of exemption from the N.J.D.E.P. certifying that the proposed activity is exempt from the Freshwater Wetlands
c) A copy of any application made to the N.J.D.E.P for any permit concerning a proposed regulated activity in or around freshwater wetlands.

The Land Use Board may waive the above requirements where it can be established by the applicant and verified by the board and its professionals that no wetlands exist on site or no contiguous property owned by the applicant.
7. If Applicant is a corporation or partnership, list the names and addresses of all stockholders or individual partners owning at least $10 \%$ of its stock of any class as required by N.J.S. 40:55D-48.1 et seq.
8. Number and name(s) of witnesses and their expertise, if any.
9. Statement as to any requirements for which waiver is sought together with statement of reasons why waivers should be granted.
10. In subdivision and site plan applications for residential construction, a certification of the applicant or the applicant's engineer that the application complies with all requirements of the Residential Site Improvement Standards or other applicable regulations adopted by the Department of Community Affairs. If exceptions or waivers from such standards are sought, a statement of the hardship claimed, the reasons and conditions justifying the same and identification of any danger to health, safety or welfare resulting from adherence to said standards.


Schedule "B" - Plat Specifications for Site Plans and Subdivisions

## General Information on Plat

1. Metes and bounds description of parcel in question based upon current land survey information.
2. Property line shown in degree, minutes and seconds.
3. Key map showing location of tract to be considered in relation to surrounding area, within 500 feet
4. Title block containing name of applicant, preparer, lot and block number, date prepared, date of last amendment and zoning district.
5. Each block and lot numbered in conformity with the municipal tax map as determined by the municipal tax assessor.
6. Scale of map, both written and graphic.
7. North arrow giving reference meridian.
8. Space for signature of Chairman and Secretary of the Municipal Agency.
9. Names of owner and all property owners within 200 feet of subject property.
10. Location of existing and proposed property and structures with dimensions in feet up to the nearest two decimal places, with setback, side yard and rear yard distances for existing structures and with building envelope of each proposed lot formed by minimum front, rear and side yard distances.
11. Schedule of Zone Requirements for zoning district in which parcel is located, indicating all setbacks, lot coverage, height, floor area ratio, and density, both as to required and proposed.
12. Acreage of affected parcel to the nearest hundredth of an acre.
13. Delineation of proposed lots, specifying areas of lots in acres, if on acre or over, and in square feet.
14. Provide a Polaroid or other similar photograph of the premises in question taken from the opposite side of the street.
Natural Features and Topography
Topography of the site and within 200 feet thereof.
15. Contours to determine the natural drainage of the land. Intervals shall be: up to $10 \%$ grade- 2 feet; over ${ }^{`} 10 \%$ grade- 5 feet.

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16. Cliffs and rock outcroppings.(Preliminary Site Plans and major subdivision only.)
17. Location of flood plains or flood hazard areas.
18. Natural and artificial watercourses, streams, shorelines and water boundaries and encroachment lines.
19. Aquifer recharge areas, including safe sustained ground water yield.
20. Wooded areas indicating predominant species and size.
21. Location of trees 6 inches or more in diameter, as measured one foot above ground level, outside of wooded area, designating species of each. (Preliminary Site Plans and major subdivision only.)
22. Areas in which construction is precluded due to presence of stream corridors and/or steep slopes.
23. All areas to be disturbed by grading or construction. Man-made Features On Site And Within 200 Feet Thereof
24. Location of existing structures and their setbacks from existing and proposed property lines.
25. Location of existing easements or rights of way including power lines.
26. Location of existing railroads, bridges, culverts, drain pipes, water and sewer mains and other man-made installations affecting the tract.
27. Location of existing wells and septic systems on the property and within 100 feet.
28. Plans and profiles of proposed utility layouts such as sewers, storm drains, water, gas and electric, showing feasible connections to existing or proposed utility systems. (Major site plans and subdivisions only.)
29. Location and description of monuments, whether set or to be set. (Preliminary Site Plans and major subdivision only.)
30. Plans, profiles and cross-sections of all proposed streets and private roadways on the property and within 200 feet of the tract.
31. Indication of required road dedication.
32. Road orientation (as it relates to energy conservation)
33. Sketch of prospective future street system of the entire tract where a preliminary plat covers only a portion thereof.
34. Proposed sign easements where required.
35. Proposed drainage easements where required.
36. Natural resource inventory information including:

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a) Soil types as shown by the current Soil Conservation and Survey Maps.
b) Soil depth to restrictive layers of soil.
c) Soil depth to bedrock
d) Permeability of the soil by layers.
e) Height of soil water table and type of water table
f) Flood plain soil (status).
g) Limitation for foundation
h) Limitation for septic tank absorption field (only where septic tank is proposed to be used.)
i) Limitation for local road and streets
j) Agricultural capacity classifications
k) Erosion hazard.
37. Landscaping plan including the types, quantity, size and location of all proposed vegetation. The scientific and common names of all vegetation shall be included. (Preliminary Site Plans and major subdivision only.)
38. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan consistent with the requirements of the local soil conservation district.
39. Design calculations showing proposed drainage facilities to be in accordance with the appropriate drainage run-off requirements.
40. The purpose of any proposed easement of land reserved or dedicated to public or common use shall be designated and the proposed use of sites other than residential shall be noted.
41. Any sections for which a waiver is specifically being requested and a narrative paragraph explaining why the Applicant is entitled to such waiver.
42. Proof that application has been made to the Bergen County Planning Board.
43. Proof that a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan has been submitted to the B.C.S.C.D. if more than 5,000 square feet of ground is to be disturbed.
44. An environmental impact statement if required.


## Borough of Allendale Land Use Board

## Disclosure Statement - Appendix A

Name of Applicant: 115 West Crescent LLC
Address: c/o Cindy Schottanes, 18 Elmbrook Place
City: Bloomfield
State: NJ Zip: 07003 Phone: ( 908 ) 210-8620
Applicant is a Corporation Partnership Individual

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40-55D-48.1, the names and addresses of all persons owning $10 \%$ of the stock in a corporate applicant or $10 \%$ interest in any partnership applicant must be disclosed. List names, addresses and partnership interest here.

Name: Martin Schottanes Interest \% 50
Address: 60 Cherokee Avenue City: Allendale State: NJ
Name: Cindy Schottanes Interest \% 50
Address: 18 Elmbrook Place City: Bloomfield State: NJ

Name: $\qquad$ Interest \% $\qquad$
Address: $\qquad$ City: $\qquad$ State: $\qquad$
Name: $\qquad$ Interest \%

Address: $\qquad$ City: $\qquad$ State: $\qquad$
Name: $\qquad$ Interest \% $\qquad$
Address: $\qquad$ City: $\qquad$ State: $\qquad$
INTEREST OF APPLICANT (Owner, Lessee, Etc.) Owner
NAME OF OWNER: (If Different from Applicant) $\qquad$
Name of Applicant's ATTORNEY: Wells, Jaworski \& Liebman LLP, Andrew Kohut, Esq.
Address: 12 Route 17 North, PO Box 1827 City: Paramus

State: New Jersey Zip: 07653 Phone: ( 201) 587-0888

Name of Applicant's ARCHITECT: $\qquad$
Address: $\qquad$ City : $\qquad$
State : $\qquad$ Zip: $\qquad$ Phone: ( )

Name of Applicant's SURVEYOR: Stonefield Engineering \& Design, Thomas Miller No. 24 GSO 03626400
Address: 92 Park Avenue City: Rutherford

State: New Jersey Zip: 07070 Phone: ( 201) 340-4468

Name of Applicant's ENGINEER: $\qquad$
Address: $\qquad$ City: $\qquad$
State: $\qquad$ Zip: $\qquad$ Phone: ( ) $\qquad$
Name of Applicant's PLANNING CONSULTANT: Phillips Preiss, Paul Grygiel AICP, PP
Address: 70 Hudson Street, Suite 5B City: Hoboken

State: $\qquad$ Zip: 07030 Phone: ( 201 ) 420-6262

Name of Applicant's TRAFFIC ENGINEER: $\qquad$
Address: $\qquad$ City: $\qquad$
State: $\qquad$ Zip: Phone: ( )


## THE BOROUGH OF <br> AlLENDALE

| Block/Lot/Qual: | 910. 5. <br> 115 W CRESCENT AVE <br> 115 WEST CRESCENT LLC <br> 115 W CRESCENT AVE <br> ALLENDALE, NJ 07401 | Tax Account Id: | $\begin{aligned} & 824 \\ & 2 \text { - Residential } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Property Location: |  | Property Class: |  |
| Owner Name/Address: |  | Land Value: | 616,700 |
|  |  | Improvement Value: | 142,300 |
|  |  | Exempt Value: | 0 |
|  |  | Total Assessed Value: | 759,000 |
|  |  | Additional Lots: | 6 |
| Special Taxing Districts: |  | Deductions: |  |



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# Borough of Allendale Land Use Board <br> Variance or Waiver Relief - Appendix B 

## Section 1 - APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE RELIEF

In connection with your application for variance relief, please set forth:

1. The section(s) of the ordinance regulations of the Borough of Allendale from which variance relief is requested: Section 270-57 (F)
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2. The nature of the variance relief requested: Applicant proposes lot widths of 93.28 FT and 15 FT where 115 FT is required.
3. In what manner, in this particular case, the strict application of the foregoing ordinance regulations will result on practical difficulties or undue hardship upon you inconsistent with the general purpose and intent of said regulations:The existing two lots are existing non-conforming lot widths at 100 FT and 101.56 FT . The lot widths are slightly reduced to accommodate the lot frontage for an existing rear driveway to the proposed third lot. This 15 ' lot frontage is technical in nature for the driveway width, the true lot width for the proposed third lot where a dwelling would be is 175.84 FT. These variances will allow for the proper development of the entire property.
4. In what manner, in this particular case, there exist exceptional circumstances or conditions applicable to the premises which are the subject of this application, which do not apply generally to other premises located in the same zone district or neighborhood: In this particular situation, there are two existing oversized and exceptionally deep lots of 321.90 FT and 352.94 FT that are underutilized. The proposed subdivision allows for the appropriate development with conforming lot areas as evident by the minimal variance relief required.
5. In what manner, in this particular case, the granting of the variance relief requested will not be substantially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the premises in the area in which the premises which are the subject of this application are located:
The proposal requires minimal variance relief. The adjusted lot frontages of 93.28 FT are consistent with the adjacent properties along Crescent Avenue. A similar lot layout for the proposed 6.01 exists in the adjacent property of Block 910, Lot 4 and broader neighborhood. This lot also better aligns with the neighboring Block 910, Lot 9.03. The new proposed lots will conform with all zoning setbacks for residential single family development.
Section 2 - APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION OR SITE PLAN RELIEF FROM DESIGN STANDARDS
In connection with your application for preliminary subdivision deviation relief or preliminary site plan deviation relief, please set forth:
6. The section(s) of the Residential Site Improvement Standards (RSIS) of the Borough of Allendale Land Subdivision or Site Plan Ordinances from which deviation relief is requested: N/A
7. In what manner, in this particular case, this literal enforcement of the provisions of said sections is impracticable and will exact undue hardship because of peculiar conditions pertaining to the premises which are the subject of this application: N/A

## Section 3 - APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OR WAIVER OR SITE PLAN AND/OR SUBDIVISION DETALLS.

In connection with your application for modification or waiver of site plan and/or subdivision details, please set forth:

1. The Borough Ordinances or RSIS provision of requiring site plan and/or subdivision details which are purposely omitted from your development plan and the reasons for such omission:
N/A
2. The peculiar conditions applicable to the premises which are the subject of this application or applicable to the proposed construction thereon, which render the omitted site plan and/or subdivision details unnecessary to properly evaluate your site plan and/or subdivision:
N/A
3.15.2018

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## Parking Stalls

## Handicapped stalls

Loading Spaces

## Garage(s)/Stalls

Distance of the nearest part of the lot(s) to the nearest residential zone

### 3.15.2018

* To demonstrate permitted values can be achieved per Zoning. Application is for Minor Subdivision only.


## APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Application No. $\qquad$
Filing Date $\qquad$
Time Limitation Date $\qquad$
Notice of Incomplete Application $\qquad$

SECTION I. APPLICANT HEREBY APPLIES FOR:
$\qquad$ Concept Review
Preliminary Site Plan Approval
Final Site Plan Approval
Application Perfected $\qquad$
Nature of Disposition $\qquad$
Date of Disposition $\qquad$
7. The zone district in which premise are located is Zone A
8. Now located on premise is a Single Family Residential
9. The date of the last deed of record is $10 / 27 / 2022$, $\qquad$ , which deed was recorded in the Deed Book 4847 at page 678 —.
10. The grantee(s) named in said deed were 115 West Crescent LLC
11. The interest of the applicant in premise, if other than the owner, is:

## B. SUBJECT PROPERTY SITE DATA

Location: 115 West Crescent Avenue
(Street Address, Cross Streets or Other Identifications)
Tax Map: Page(s): Sheet $9 \quad$ Block(s): $910 \quad$ Lot(s): 5 \& 6
Dimensions:


Describe in detail the exact nature of the application and to the changes to be made to the subject property, including proposed use of premise.

Applicant is proposing a minor subdivision of two existing lots into three buildable lots for a single family dwelling on each
lot. See attached Project Description.

Proposed Number of Buildings: N/A
Proposed Gross Floor Area of all structures: N/A_Sq. Ft.
Percentage of coverage by buildings: N/A
Percentage by impervious cover: N/A
Number of existing lots: $\qquad$ 2 Proposed number of lots: 3

Proposed No. of dwelling units: N/A
Proposed area to be disturbed : $\qquad$ Sq. Ft.

Existing Building Height:
Proposed Building Height: N/A
Anticipated Number of Employees per Shift:_N/A Hours of Operation: N/A
Restrictions, covenants, easements, association by-laws, existing or proposed on property:
Existing: Yes
No Proposed:
Attach legible copies of deed restrictions.
Does the within proposal affect a Municipal or State designated historic site and/or building? Yes

## C - ZONING DATA: SEE ZONING SCHEDULE ANNEXED AS APPENDIX C

(State current zone in which lot(s) is located)

D-EXISTING CONDITIONS: (Attach additional sheets containing responses to the following);

1. Are there any buildings or signs now on the site? Yes No If yes, which if any, is the applicant proposing to remove.
The existing dwelling on Lot $5 \& 6$ will be demolished.
2. Is the applicant proposing to erect new signs on the site? Yes

No If yes, describe proposed sign locations, sign design, dimensions as depicted on plans and state whether the proposed sign(s) comply with Borough sign ordinance.
3. Is the applicant proposing the removal of any existing fences? Yes proposed fence(s) comply with the Borough Fence Ordinance.
4. Is the site in conformance with the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough?

The site has existing nonconformities of minimum lot width and minimum side yard setbacks.
5. Identify the soils at the site, using the U.S. SCS descriptions. What percentage of the site is covered by each soil type.

Soil Map Unit Percentage Cover Acidity Erodibility Drainage
6. Describe dominant flora and fauna at the site.
7. Are there threatened or endangered wildlife and/or vegetative species at the site? Yes $\qquad$ No $X$
8. What is the source of information leading to your conclusions about threatened or endangered wildlife or species? Absence.
9. If endangered or threatened species are associated with the site, list them below.
10. Percentage of site with

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E. REVISIONS TO APPROVED PLANS: Please indicate prior Allendale LUB application numbers, the original requirements of the approved plan and the requested change or revision (attach separate sheet if necessary).

## Section III. APPLICATION INFORMATION

A. Does the current owner or the applicant now own or have any interest in any other property which adjoins the premises which are the subject of this application? $\qquad$ Yes $\qquad$ No
(If yes, describe the contiguous property by reference to the current tax map of Borough of
B. Have the premises which are the subject of this application been the subject of Land Use Board action? $\frac{\mathrm{Xes}}{\text { (If yes, please attach a copy of the Land Use Board resolution to this application) }}$
C. Are the premises which are the subject of this application located within 100 feet of a brook or located on a County roadD X_Yes No. Do the said premises consist of more than one acre in area? $X \quad$ Yes ___ No - Does the proposed improvement on said premises involve the installation of more than five parking spaces? $\qquad$ Yes $\qquad$ No
D. Is any portion of the premises which are the subject of this application intended to be dedicated or reserved for the public use? $\qquad$ Yes X No
E. If this application is for final subdivision approval, does the final plat follow exactly the preliminary plat in regard to details and area covered? _X_Yes ___ No If not, indicate material changes
F. If this application is for variance relief, has a decision been rendered or an order issued by the Borough Director of Buildings and Inspections? $\qquad$ Yes X_No
I. The details of the within application are shown on a certain plan entitled

Minor Subdivision Plan
Said plan is comprised of 1 sheets.

Section IV. INFORMATION TO BE SET FORTH IN APPENDIX B.
i. If this application is for various relief, pursuant to 40:55D-60 (c), please set forth in Appendix B, Section 1, hereof, all of the information requested.
ii. If this application is for subdivision or site plan standards relief, please set forth in Appendix B, Section 2 hereof, all of the information requested.
iii. If this application is for modification or waiver of site plan or subdivision details, please set forth in Appendix B, Section 3 hereof, all of the information requested.

Section V. AUTHORIZATION BY OWNER
115 West Crescent LLC $\qquad$ is hereby authorized to file the within application with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of glendale

Dated: 02/16/2023


## Section VI. CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT

The undersigned applicant does hereby certify that all of the statements contained in this application are true.
Dated: $\qquad$


APPLICANT

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| Land Use Board | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Warzala Alt. \#1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Butler Alt. \#2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

RESOLUTION 23-14

## LAND USE BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FOR CRAIG \& COURTNEY CAGNEY BLOCK 2206, LOT 1 (a/k/a 320 Park Avenue)

WHEREAS, the applicants, CRAIG \& COURTNEY CAGNEY, the owners of the property located at 320 Park Avenue, known as Block 2206, Lot 1, on the Tax Map, in the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, applied to the Land Use Board of the Borough of Allendale in an application dated January 31, 2023 for approval of variance relief for a proposed addition and renovations to the premises, which is located in the AA residential zone, from the Allendale Code, Zoning; and

WHEREAS, variance relief is necessary since the property is pre-existing non-conforming, and the proposed addition/renovation requires variance relief from bulk standards in the Allendale Code; and

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WHEREAS, the application and plans specifically seek approval to construct an addition and renovations to the existing dwelling, including a new covered front porch, a second floor addition to the existing home, and an addition and dormer to the existing detached garage; and

WHEREAS, the application seeks specific variance relief for two front yard setbacks, accessory building height, and accessory building encroachment on a corner lot; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Board considered the matter at the February 15, 2023 regular meeting of the Land Use Board at which time the applicants and their retained professionals personally appeared and testified;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Allendale Land Use Board that it
hereby makes the following findings of fact and conclusions:

1. Notice of the public hearing was properly given by the applicant in accordance with applicable law.
2. The property is located at 320 Park Avenue, known as Block 2206, Lot 1, on the Tax Map of the Borough of Allendale. The property is located in the AA residential zone. The application was in evidence. The application and plans propose additions and renovations to the dwelling (including footprint expansions and multiple-story additions) as well as garage (including dormers and plumbing). The application and plans request relief for conflicts with: §270-14A (accessory building height); §27014B (accessory building location); §270-37A (alterations to nonconforming structures); and §270-54B (front yard) of the Code.
3. As part of the application, the applicant submitted a Land Use Application and associated documents, and an architectural plan set entitled, "Craig \& Courtney, Cagney, Residence, 320 Park Ave, Allendale, NJ 07401 " consisting of 4 sheets. The plans prepared by Peter B. Cooper \& Associates (Peter B. Cooper, RA) were dated November 17, 2022. A Landscape Plan identified as Exhibit L-1 was also presented to the Board, as were various photographs of the subject site (Exhibit A-1).
4. Borough Engineer, Michael Vreeland, P.E. reviewed the submissions by the applicant and prepared a Memorandum dated February 12, 2023. The Memorandum was in evidence and reviewed and examined by the members of the Land Use Board.

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5. Variance relief is required because this property located in the AA residential zone has pre-existing, non-conforming conditions, and includes new and additional encroachments as well as vertical expansions above existing nonconformities (conflicting with $\S 270-37 \mathrm{~A}$ ). Specific relief is request as set forth below:
$\S 270-14 \mathrm{~A}$ - Accessory Building Height. The noted 28.9 ft existing height $\pm 7.9 \mathrm{ft}$ more than the required 21 ft . The proposal includes dormers. The application does not appear to alter this condition.
$\S 270-14 \mathrm{~B}$ - Accessory Building Location. The location of the existing accessory building does not conform to the street setback requirements. The proposal includes alteration to the accessory building. The application does not appear to alter this condition.
§270-17B - Minimum Building Envelope. The existing building envelope does not conform to the required minimum $50 \mathrm{ft} \times 50 \mathrm{ft}$ area. The application does not appear to alter this condition.
§270-54B - Front Setback. The noted 14.1 ft (Park Ave) and 23.1 ft (West Crescent Ave) existing front setbacks are $\pm 25.9 \mathrm{ft}$ less and $\pm 16.9 \mathrm{ft}$ less than the required 40 ft . The application does not appear to alter these conditions.
6. The property is located on the north side of Park Avenue (at the intersection of West Crescent Avenue). The Property is a corner lot facing on both West Crescent Avenue and Park Avenue. The property is located within the Borough's AA Residence Zone District. The Hohokus Creek crosses the northern end of the property. The property is developed with a single-family dwelling, detached garage and associated amenities. The application and plans propose additions and renovations to the main dwelling and accessory structure.
7. The applicant and their architect, Peter Cooper, AIA, were sworn and testified as to the existing conditions of the property. Mr. Cooper was accepted as an expert in the field of architecture by the Board. Mr. Cooper testified that the lot was unique due to its situation on the corner of Park Avenue and West Crescent Avenue, and that the main house dated from the 1870 's. It is a pie-shaped lot, and the main structure is in the small corner of the pie. There is considerable slope change on the lot, which restricts development and takes up nearly $1 / 3$ of the lot. There is very little flat area on the lot. The setback on West Crescent Avenue and Park Avenue, deemed two front lots under the Code, are preexisting non-conforming. The proposed addition to the main structure seeks to upgrade the property by adding new bedrooms on a second story, a new family room and a new covered porch under proposed master suite. There will be considerable aesthetic improvements, including gables, a steep pitched roof, boxed bay windows, and roof returns, which will give the structure a classic farmhouse look to match the neighborhood. There will be new siding. There will also be landscaping improvements and the existing buffer landscaping on West Crescent Avenue will remain. The hardship is the shape of the lot, location of the house on the lot, the lot slope and pre-existing, non-conformities. Any improvements on

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the property would require variance relief, due to the pre-existing non-conforming conditions. The addition would be aesthetically pleasing to the property and consistent with the neighborhood. There would be no negative impact on surrounding properties or the neighborhood, and visible impact would be minimal. The applicants testified that they considered other options, but that the proposed addition was the least intrusive and minimal option that was suitable for their needs.

In connection with the accessory structure, it was testified that it presently exists in the setback zone. It is a one and a half story structure out of grade on the Park Avenue side. Since there is currently no garage on site, conversion of this accessory structure to a working garage would be an improvement to the site. The structure is presently failing and in disrepair, and the improvements planned include a dormer, new stone veneer and new siding in order to bring the structure up to acceptable standards and code compliance. The proposed use is as an office/family recreation space. In order to make the structure code compliant by adding stairs (to replace a ladder), the roof needs to be raised. The second story is proposed for storage, and a powder room will be added to the first story.
8. Borough Engineer, Michael Vreeland, P.E. reviewed the submissions by the applicant and prepared a Memorandum dated February 12, 2023. The Memorandum was in evidence and reviewed and examined by the members of the Land Use Board. Mr. Vreeland also provided testimony relative to the application to the Land Use Board. Mr. Vreeland testified that the proposed addition would have no impact on surrounding properties and would be an aesthetic improvement, especially to the barn/garage. The applicant specifically agreed to incorporate the recommendations of the Borough Engineer's review letter and testimony into the renovation plans.
9. Three members of the public appeared in connection with the application and expressed their support for the proposed improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, based upon the factual and legal evidence, testimony and contentions set forth herein, that the Allendale Land Use Board hereby grants the applicant's request for a variance relief, and to permit the addition and renovations as proposed in the application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Allendale Land Use Board hereby determines that the variance hereby granted constitutes a "hardship" variance under N.J.S.A. 40:55 D-70C.(1); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Allendale Land Use Board specially adopts and accepts the testimony of the applicants and their retained professionals, and the Borough Engineer, in connection with the testimony that the applicant is entitled to variance relief, due to the unique nature of

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the property, namely the shape of the lot and placement of the structures on the lot, and the pre-existing non-conforming conditions, namely the front yard setback encroachments and accessory structure encroachments, which are all deemed hardships by the Board. Further, there is a lawful, pre-zoning structure on the lot, and there is a steep slope on the lot which contributes to the unique orientation and topography. Notably, both the home and accessory structure have historical character, and the proposed addition/improvements will preserve and enhance this unique historical design through the planned aesthetic improvements. The hardships associated with the present condition of the property and premises outweigh the negative criteria to the Borough zoning ordinances and the zone plan and neighborhood. Further, the addition will be aesthetically pleasing, it will conform with FAR regulations, and will not be obtrusive due to the placement and location of the proposed improvements and existing encroachments which will not be expanded, and the maintenance of the existing buffer vegetation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Allendale Land Use Board hereby grants approval of the requested variance, subject to the following conditions, which shall be complied with prior to the issuance of a construction permit:
A. All fees and assessments required by ordinances, and due and owing to the Borough of Allendale for this site for professional review and approval of the applicant's plans, shall be paid in full to the Borough of Allendale by the applicant.
B. Applicant and professionals shall work with the Borough Engineer in the event that any field adjustments shall be required for the proper construction of the proposed improvements, so as not to negatively impact any surrounding properties and to minimize and address any stormwater or drainage issues, and comply with Mr. Vreeland's February 12, 2023 review letter.
C. Applicant shall submit revised plans and landscape plans consistent with the testimony and to correct any deficiencies/errors in the submitted plans

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D. Applicant shall prepare and submit an "As-Built" survey plot and plan as a condition of issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED construction shall proceed in accordance with this Resolution, the approved plans and drawings marked in evidence, the testimony of the applicant in accordance with all applicable State, County and Municipal codes, ordinances, rules and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Land Use Board Secretary shall mail a copy of this Resolution within ten days from the date of adoption thereof to the applicant or to their attorney, if any, without charge; and to all other persons who request the same and pay the required fee therefore. The Secretary shall also file a copy of this Resolution in the offices of the Borough Clerk, Building Inspector, Construction Code Official, Tax Assessor and the Borough Attorney and shall publish a brief notice of the decision in the official newspaper, the cost of which shall be paid for by the applicant. Approved:

ALLENDALE LAND USE BOARD

KEVIN QUINN, Chairman

Attest:

JOSEPH DALOISIO, SECRETARY

Adopted: March 15, 2023

February 23, 2023
Ms. Linda Garofalo
Land Use Administrator
Borough of Allendale
500 West Crescent Avenue
Allendale, NJ 07401
(201) $818-4400 \times 212$

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BOROUGH OF GLENDALE
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BOROUGH OF ALLENDE
LAND USE BOARD
Dear Ms. Garofalo,

This letter is to request a one (1) year extension for the variance we received to attached our garage to the house and expand above the garage at our Allendale residence:

210 East Crescent Ave
Block: 507
Lot 4

While our intention was to start construction in 2022, we have postponed this until 2023 due to economic conditions. We appreciation your consideration for this extension.
Sincerely,
Charles \& Pamela Stock


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| Land Use Board | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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LAND USE BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE
RESOLUTION APPROVING
APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FOR
CHARLES \& PAMELA STOCK
BLOCK 507, LOT 4
(a/k/a 210 EAST CRESCENT AVENUE)

WHEREAS, the applicants, CHARLES \& PAMELA STOCK, the owners of the property located at 210 East Crescent Avenue, known as Block 507, Lot 4 on the Tax Map, in the Borough of Allendale, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, applied to the Land Use Board of the Borough of Allendale in an application dated December 23, 2021 for approval of variance relief for a proposed addition and renovations to the premises, which is located in the AA residential zone, from the Allendale Code, Zoning; and

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WHEREAS, variance relief is necessary since the property is pre-existing nonconforming, and the proposed addition/renovation requires variance relief from bulk standards in the Allendale Code; and

WHEREAS, the application and plans specifically seek approval to construct an addition and renovations to the existing dwelling, including a second story addition above the existing structure in the rear of the house; and

WHEREAS, the application seeks specific variance relief for front yard and side yard encroachments, height, and for addition to the non-conforming structure; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Board considered the matter at the February 16, 2022 regular meeting of the Land Use Board at which time the applicants and their professional personally appeared and testified;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Allendale Land Use Board that it hereby makes the following findings of fact and conclusions:

1. Notice of the public hearing was properly given by the applicant in accordance with applicable law.
2. The property is located at 210 East Crescent Avenue, known as Block 507, Lot 4, on the Tax Map of the Borough of Allendale. The property is located in the AA residential zone. The application was in evidence.
3. As part of the application, the applicant submitted Plans entitled, "Residence, Stock Residence, Charles \& Pamela Stock, 210 East Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ 07401". The plans prepared by GL Architecture + Interior Design consist of seven (7) sheets and are dated December 8,2021 and various photographs and correspondence. These plans and exhibits were in evidence and reviewed and examined by the members of the Land Use Board.

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4. Borough Engineer, Michael Vreeland, P.E. reviewed the submissions by the applicant and prepared a Memorandum dated February 11, 2022. The Memorandum was in evidence and reviewed and examined by the members of the Land Use Board.
5. Variance relief is required because this property located in the AA residential zone and has pre-existing, non-conforming conditions, due to the undersized lot condition and undersized lot width, structure in place, and proposed addition, as follows:
§270-54E - Area
The existing lot area is $\pm 7,000$ sf less than the required 26,000 sf lot area. The proposal does not appear to alter this condition.
§270-54F - Width
The existing lot width is $\pm 35 \mathrm{ft}$ less than the required 130 ft lot width. The proposal does not appear to alter this condition
§270-64B(2) - Side Yard Setbacks
The proposal will expand the dwelling footprint by connecting the detached garage (previously an accessory structure) to the house and also increase the enhanced side yard setback requirement. The dwelling will encroach $\pm 22 \mathrm{ft}(\mathrm{L})$ and $\pm 1.1 \mathrm{ft}(\mathrm{R})$ into the 29.5 ft enhanced setback requirement.
6. The subject property is currently developed with a single family dwelling, detached garage and associated amenities. The application and plans propose to construct additions and renovations to the existing dwelling (including connecting and expanding the garage, front porch, and 2 nd story addition over connected garage with rear stairs). The subject property is located within Allendale's AA (Residential) Zone.
7. The applicants and their professional architect, Vincent Laino, were sworn and testified as to the existing conditions of the property. Mr. Laino testified that the lot was undersized, the lot width was undersized and that the property was depressed in grade from the roadway. The addition/renovation would consist of connecting the existing stand-alone accessory structure/garage to the house, enlarging the garage to better accommodate a car and storage, to add a mudroom and living space above the new mudroom and garage. The addition/renovation was contemplated to upgrade the home and better accommodate their family. Any improvements on the property would require variance relief, due to the pre-existing non-conforming conditions. It was noted that the property is in an older section of the Borough, with an oddly shaped and undersized lot which is depressed from the roadway. The house structure is also located off-center on the lot, with a grade differential from the front to the rear. The addition is within FAR requirements and coverage requirements of the Code. Mr. Laino testified that there was adequate screening on the side of the property with existing landscaping, and that the application did not

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call for the removal of any existing buffer screening or trees on the property. The addition would be aesthetically pleasing to the property, in that new siding, roofing and architectural details would be added throughout, and consistent with the existing style and design of the premises, functional for the family and shielded from neighbors by existing vegetation and open space which would remain.

Mr. Laino also testified that there would be no impact on any surrounding properties or the zone, since there would be no expansion of the presently existing non-conforming condition in connection with the side encroachment, and that the benefits of the variance relief would outweigh any detriments. Additionally, as viewed from the street, the house is below street grade, which minimizes the impact of the development. Various alternatives were reviewed, and the application as presented was deemed the best alternative for development.
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Approved:


Adopted: March 14, 2022
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L. Garofalo, Land Use Administrator / C. Botta, Board Attorney

FROM: Joseph Vuich apR R.U.L
CC: M. \& C. Shottanes, Applicants / Kohut, Applicant's Attorney

RE: LUB 2023-04-115 West Crescent LLC
Minor Subdivision w/ 'C' Variances
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VCEA Project No. ALN-1001.058
DATE:
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We have reviewed the aforementioned information along with the Borough Code, visited the site and offer the following comments for the Board's consideration:

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The subject property is commonly known as 115 West Crescent Avenue. It is a $\pm 1.493$ acre parcel, comprised of Block 910 , Lot 5 containing $\pm 0.733$ acres and Lot 6 containing $\pm 0.760$ acres. The property is located within the Borough's A Residence Zone District. It has frontage on West Crescent Avenue (CR 81) to the west and is surrounded by single-family residential uses on all sides. The property is developed with a $1 \frac{1}{2}$ story single-family dwelling, which straddles the common lot line. The dwelling has two existing driveways, one to an attached garage in the center

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of the West Crescent Avenue frontage, the other along the northern lot line to a rear parking area. An existing shed is located in the rear yard, also straddling the common lot line. Additionally, we understand both lots have been taxed by the Borough as a single tract.

The Applicant proposes to consolidate two lots and subdivide into three lots, requiring variance relief for lot widths of 93.28 feet, 93.28 feet, and 15 feet whereas minimum 115 feet is required.

## 2. TECHNICAL COMPLETENESS

We have reviewed the application for technical completeness in accordance with the Application Checklist. Based on the nature of the proposal, we believe the Applicant's submission is sufficient to conduct technical review.

We defer to the Land Use Administrator and the Board Attorney regarding administrative and legal completeness matters.

## 3. ZONING

We have reviewed this application in accordance with the requirements of the Borough's Code. Based on this review we find the following:

### 3.1. Subdivision:

When adjacent lots are owned by the same person or entity the following issues arise: Do they merge into one lot and is a subdivision needed.

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### 3.2. Non-Conforming Conditions:

### 3.2.1. §270-57F - Minimum Lot Width

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### 3.3. Discussion:

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The Applicant has requested " $C$ " variances in conjunction with this proposal.
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As in all variance cases, the Applicant bears the burden of proving both the positive and negative criteria. Relief cannot be granted unless it can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and unless it will not substantially impair the intent and purpose of the zone plan and zoning ordinance.

We specifically note that it is the Applicant's burden to show the special reasons and satisfy the negative criteria. As such, the Applicant will need to present additional information concerning the aforementioned issues as well as the positive and negative elements pertaining to the subject proposal.

## 4. TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMENTS

4.1. The subject property has frontage on West Crescent Avenue (CR 81), therefore requiring Bergen County Planning Board approval.
4.2. The Borough Tax Assessor shall review and approve the proposed lot numbering designations before any documents are recorded and new addresses are assigned.
4.3. The Minor Subdivision Plat shall be in conformance with the State of New Jersey Recordation Act, N.J.S.A. 46:26B-2(a3).
4.4. A note should be added to the plans indicating whether the Minor Subdivision will be filed by deed or plat. Our office has reviewed the metes and bounds descriptions provided on the Minor Subdivision Plat and has verified boundary closure of each newly created lot within an acceptable error tolerance. If filed by deed, the Applicant shall prepare stand alone descriptions for the purpose of filing.
4.5. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:40-5.1(m)1, "The licensee shall provide appropriate survey information, including monumentation, as set forth above, to permit a subsequent licensed professional land surveyor to accurately lay out newly described lots." The Applicant shall provide sufficient monumentation so that each lot can be field located.
4.6. The Applicant's Land Surveyor has submitted the Boundary and Topographic Survey of the subject property with the application. In doing so, they have satisfied the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:40-5.1(m)3 to certify that the boundary survey is accurate and was prepared under their supervision.
4.7. Testimony shall be provided to confirm the existing home, which straddles both the existing and proposed common lot line, is intended to be demolished.
4.8. Testimony shall be provided with respect to the Proposed Lot 6.01 flag lot configuration, its viability for a single-family dwelling characteristic to the A Residence Zone District, and the extent of mature tree clearing necessary to develop the lot.
4.9. Electronic (CAD \& PDF) files of the Minor Subdivision Plat shall be provided to the Borough Engineer to facilitate Tax Map updates.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

