CITY OF DARIEN

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 7:00 PM City Hall Council Chambers

<u>AGENDA</u>

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Regular Meeting:
 - A. Public Hearing

Case: PZC 2017-03 8185 Chapman Court (Deolitsis)

Petitioner George Deolitsis, owner/occupant of the house at 8185 Chapman Court, seeks approval of variations to the Darien Zoning Code for side and rear setbacks for their proposed pool deck, patio, retaining wall, and steps.

- 4. Correspondence
- 5. Old Business
- 6. New Business
- 7. Approval of Minutes:
- 8. Next Meeting: November 15, 2017
- 9. Adjournment

AGENDA MEMO Planning and Zoning Commission November 1, 2017

Case

PZC 2017-03

(Deolitsis)

Issue Statement

Petitioner seeks approval of variations to the Darien Zoning Code for side and rear yard setbacks for their proposed pool deck, patio, retaining wall, and steps.

General Information

Petitioner / Property Owner:	George Deolitsis	
Property Location / PIN#:	8185 Chapman Court / 09-33-213-013	
Zoning / Land Use:	Site:	R-2 / single-family residence
	North, West, South:	R-2 / single-family residence
	East:	R-2 / stormwater detention area
Comprehensive Plan:	Future Land Use: Low Density Residential	
Size of Subject Lot:	86 feet by 130 feet = 11,180 square feet	
Natural Features:	All yards slope down from house to property lines	
	Steeper slope in rear yard down to detention area	
	Dense row of evergreen trees along both sides of rear yard	
Transportation:	Front loading garage with driveway to Chapman Court	
History: Lot is part of Smart Oaks Glen subdivision platted in 199		Daks Glen subdivision platted in 1997
	Owner built pool and applied for variation for deck in 2016	
	but engineering took longer than expected.	

Petitioner Documents (attached to this memo)

- 1. Petition dated 9/6/17
- 2. Existing Conditions on plat of survey dated 4/25/17

8185 Chapman Court

3. Grading Plan dated 4/25/17

Zoning Provisions

Section 5A-5-7-1(B):	10 foot side setback required for attached accessory structures
Section 5A-5-7-3(C)1:	20 foot rear setback required for attached accessory structures
Section 5A-2-2-3(A)(G):	Variation Authority and Standards
ILCS Section 11-13-4:	Variation Conditions

Development Description

This lot and adjacent lots were platted with a 20 foot wide drainage and detention easement across the rear of the lot. This easement area combined with the outlot to the east was designed to detain the expected volume of stormwater runoff from the subdivision. The outlot is approximately 70 feet wide across from the Subject Lot. East of the outlot are one-story office buildings with a setback of approximately 40 feet

The existing above-ground pool and deck was built prior to 2016 without a permit and it

encroaches into the easement and required setback. The proposal is to replace with a larger inground pool surrounded by a larger deck and fence with steps to a larger patio elevated on top of a 2 foot high retailing wall. The proposal complies with all zoning requirements with two exceptions:

- 1. The north portion would have steps, patio, and wall located 8 feet from the north side property instead of 10 feet as required.
- 2. The east portion would have pool deck and wall located 10 feet from the rear property line instead of 20 feet as required.

The grading plan proposes to excavate swales on both sides of the lot to compensate for the loss of stormwater detention volume due to the proposed patio and deck in the easement areas. The excavation for the swales may cause the removal of the dense row of evergreen trees.

Staff Plan Review Comments

The City Engineer has verified that the swales would provide sufficient compensatory storage. In regards to City Variation Authority (A); petitioner has not offered any statement of hardship.

In regards to the City Variation Standard (G2); the proximity of the patio to the neighbor to the north should be considered. The planned 8 foot setback of the patio, instead of the 10 foot required, would bring patio activities closer to the neighbor. The impact would be reduced if the plan is redesigned to have a 10 foot or more setback and/or if the evergreen trees are replaced and/or if a privacy fence is provided.

In regards to the State Variation Condition (3); the proximity of the deck to the neighbor to the east should be considered. The planned 10 foot rear setback of the deck, instead of the 20 foot required, would bring deck activities closer to the office building, however there would still be 120 feet of separation, which is part of the open space 'character of the area'. Also, top of existing fence at 7 feet above grade would be reduced to top deck at 2 feet above grade.

The motion to recommend approval or denial should contain 'findings of fact', which is an explanation of how the petition and the presented information either fulfills or does not fulfill any or all of the Authority, Standards and Conditions for variations.

<u>Staff Documents</u> (attached to this memo)

- Photos aerial and rear yard
- Letter from City Engineer dated 5/4/17
- Authority, Standards, and Conditions for variations

Meeting Schedule

Planning and Zoning Commission: Municipal Services Committee: City Council: November 1, 2017

CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS, Community Development Department

Variation/Special Use/Rezoning petition to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Darien:

PETITIONER INFORMATION

Petitioner's Mame lo Contact Name d omun Address, City, State, Zip Code 30h Phone #

Staff Use Only Case No.: 2017-03 Date Received: 9/4/17 Fee Paid: R360 Check No .: 1100 Hearing Date: 10/4/17

Owner's Name

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Address, City, State, Zip Code	

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Phone #

Email

Fax# gdeolitsisagmail.com Email

PROPERTY INFORMATION

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Property address

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Zoning

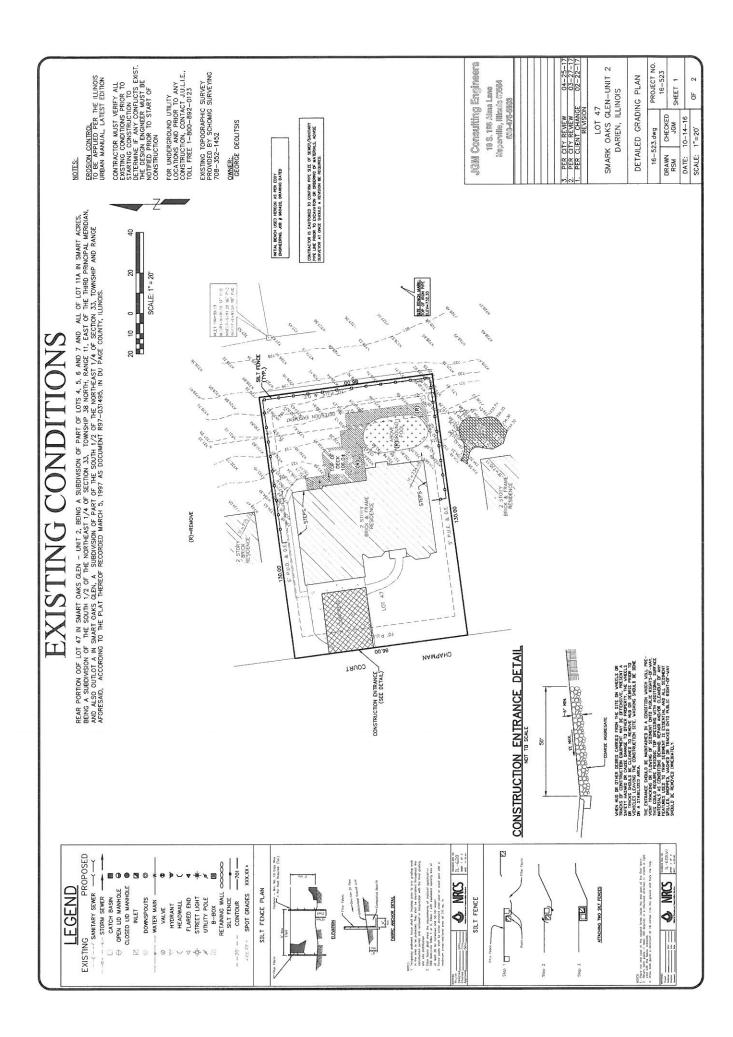
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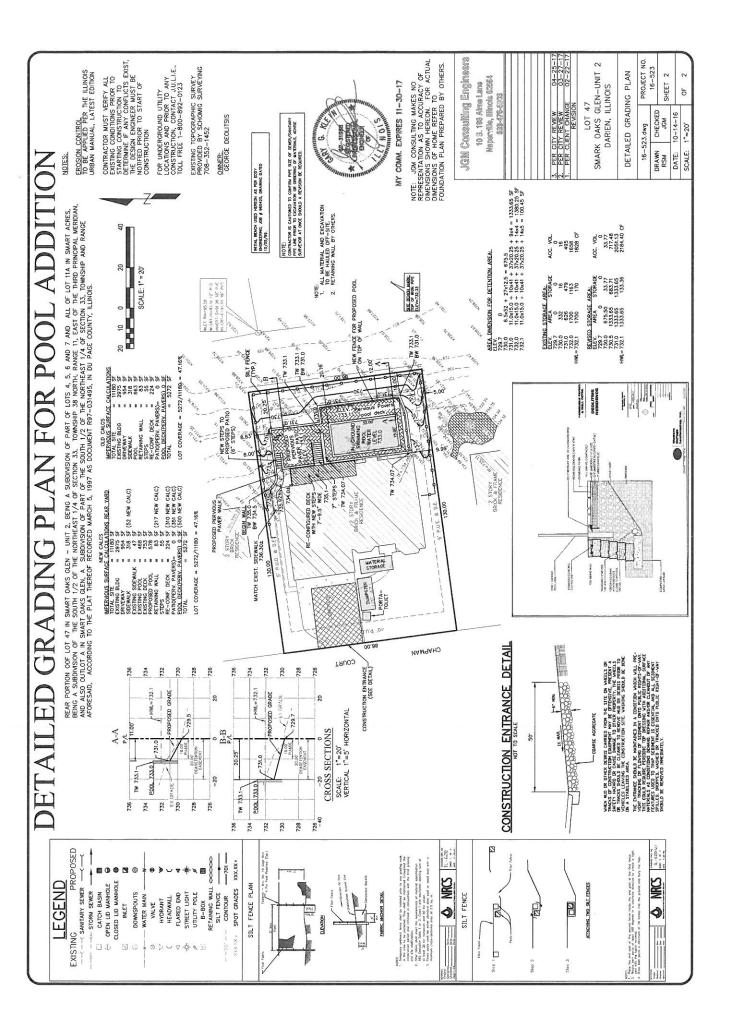
Provide legal description on a separate sheet and attach, such as the plat of survey.

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May 4, 2017

City of Darien 1702 Plainfield Road Darien, Illinois 60561

Attention: Dan Gombac

Subject: 8185 Chapman Court (CBBEL Project No. 95-323 H211)

Dear Dan:

We have completed our review of the proposed grading plan for the new in-ground pool at the aforementioned property prepared by JGM Consulting Engineers and dated April 25, 2017. Our previous comments on the plan have now been addressed. Please note that the proposed pool deck/patio encroaches into the detention easement and proposed compensation for filled detention volume extends outside of the detention easement. A plat of easement should be required to grant additional detention. We also suggest that the portion of the detention easement encroached on by the pool deck should be vacated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Daniel L. Lynch, PE, CFM Head, Municipal Engineering Department





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VARIATION AUTHORITY & STANDARDS

Zoning Code Section 5A-2-2-3 (A): Authority

In cases where there are practical difficulties or particular hardships in the way of carrying out the strict letter of any of the regulations adopted by this Title, the City Council may, by ordinance, determine and vary the application of such regulations.

Zoning Code Section 5A-2-2-3 (G): Standards

The City shall not vary the provisions of this Title unless findings of fact have been made on the following:

- 1. Whether the purpose of the variation is not based primarily upon a desire to increase financial gain and the general character of the property will be adversely altered.
- 2. Whether the overall value of the property will be improved and there will not be any potential adverse effects on the neighboring properties.
- 3. Whether the alleged need for the variation has been created by any person presently having a proprietary interest in the premises.
- 4. Whether the proposed variation will impair an adequate supply of light and air in adjacent property, substantially increase congestion in the public streets, increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety.
- 5. Whether the proposed variation will adversely alter the essential character of the neighborhood.

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CODE 65 ILCS

Sections 11-13-4 and 11-13-5: VARIATIONS

A variation shall be permitted only if the evidence sustains each of the following three **conditions:**

- 1. The property in question cannot yield a reasonable return if permitted to be used only under the conditions allowed by the regulations in that zone.
- 2. The plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances.
- 3. The variation if granted will not alter the essential character of the locality.

The corporate authorities may provide general or specific rules implementing, but not inconsistent with, the rules herein provided.