

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
May 5, 2011**

Chairman Cronheim called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and stated that notice of this meeting has been posted in Borough Hall, filed with the Borough Clerk and given to the Echoes-Sentinel, Journal and the Courier-News in conformance with the N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. The salute to the flag followed.

Present on roll call: Fechtner, Hunsinger, Dallas, Kita, Bell,  
and Chairman Cronheim

Absent on roll call: Lauerman, Brown, Panzarella

Also Present: Edward P. Bennett, Jr., Zoning Officer, John P. McDonald, Esq.,  
Attorney,

**BA 11-04 Fahmy, 58 Wildwood Terrace, Block 201 Lot 14** –Any and all variances needed to increase the allowable impervious surface coverage from 25% to 35%.

Diane Fahmy, homeowner appeared before the Board. Mrs. Fahmy stated that her and her family are just completing the construction of a new home. She has met with a landscape architect and they have come up with a plan to incorporate the new home, existing pool and existing pool house.

She started by explaining she needed a walk from her driveway to her front door. Mr. Hunsinger stated that was a definite. In the rear of her home she has a door for egress and would like a concrete pad there. Chairman Cronheim stated that was needed for safety. Mrs. Fahmy explained that she is making the existing road straighter and reducing it, but it is still 10 ft. by 194 ft., she would like to have the area for her kids to ride bikes, draw with chalk etc. She stated the patio can be reduced and that a lot of it was retaining walls and tiered planters.

Mr. Bell indicated that he was not happy with the increase in impervious surface coverage. He continued to indicate that the applicant was asking for 40% more in coverage than what was allowed. Several Board members asked if she had looked into different alternatives such as stepping stone, fire bricks; pavers that allow the grass to grow through. Mr. Dallas asked what the capacity of the existing retention basins were? Chairman Cronheim felt that Mr. Stires should contact Arlene McCoy, Assistant Borough Engineer and discuss this with her. Chairman Cronheim stated that all the calculations are already completed in order to have started construction.

There were no comments or questions of the public. Chairman Cronheim stated this matter would be carried until the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to give Mr. Stires time to discuss and to allow Mrs. Fahmy to confer with her landscape architect.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting of June 2, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Hammel  
Clerk, Board of Adjustment  
Amended 4/19/11