

Design and Construction Board of Review  
Meeting Minutes  
June 2, 2025

A meeting of the Design and Construction Board of Review was held at 5:00 PM at the Rocky River City Council Chambers, with the following members present:

Steve Jennings, Member  
Kiera Szytec, Member  
Christina Schmitz, Member

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| 1. Paul Alex<br>18429 High Pkwy | Front and corner side yard fence<br>review |
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Present – Paul Alex

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| 2. Slate Interior Studio<br>3100 Wooster Ave | Signage and Exterior Paint |
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| 3. Maison Maison<br>19126 Old Detroit Rd | Storefront renovation |
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| 4. William Todd Seabrook<br>20360 Parkview Ave | New garage |
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5. Tom Galla  
1190 Woodside Dr

Corner side yard fence review

Present – Tom Galla, Homeowner

- Full renovation of his yard – did his patio and landscaping, now the fence
- On the North portion of the fence is 5'-2" away from the sidewalk, and the south portion is 3'-7" – Mr. Galla did this to keep parallel to the house
- Needs a variance for the setback and the height of the fence
- Order about 100 plants, and only 15 plants are left to plant
- The front of his lot is on Endsley, so this would make it the corner side yard
- The board would like to see the fence parallel to the sidewalk – Mr. Galla said landscaping would grow and hide that it is not parallel
- The board likes his landscaping and thinks it's very well thought out
- If the fence is in the landscaping, the squareness in his backyard is not as important
- When it's parallel at the 5'-2", it makes the walkway up to the house feel more welcoming because there is more breathing room
- The designer of the yard said that keeping the fence square with the house would make it look better
- The board said keeping the landscaping square, but changing the fence is okay – they are not proposing changes to the landscaping
- The board said, since this should typically go to BZA first, they will make recommendations and not vote on the project

The board agreed they were okay with the fence at the 48" height, but they would like to see it parallel with the sidewalk, and BZA will determine the setback. They would be okay with it closer, if need be, but will let the BZA decide that.