

# CITY OF PITTSBURGH

## DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, LICENSES, AND INSPECTIONS

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## BOARD OF LICENSE AND INSPECTIONS REVIEW

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## BOARD OF LICENSE AND INSPECTIONS REVIEW HEARING MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2018 9:30AM

**Board Members present:** Alyssa P. Lyon, Siena Kane, Zeba Ahmed, and Dave Breingan

**Board Members Absent:** Evaine K. Sing

**Call to Order:** Alyssa P. Lyon

**Review and Reorder the Agenda:** Unanimously approved reordering the hearing's agenda.

**Review Conference Call and Continuance:** Alyssa P. Lyon reviewed and disclosed for the record the occurrence and purpose of an executive session held by the Board between the July 11, 2018 hearing and the October 10, 2018. Chair Lyon reviewed and disclosed for the record the Board's decision between the July 11, 2018 hearing and the October 10, 2018 hearing to continue upon appellant counsel's request to October 10, 2018, the appeal hearing scheduled for August, 2018, in Case Number: 8-2018.

**Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Hearing:** The board unanimously approved the Minutes from the July 11, 2018 meeting with the correction of the spelling of Alyssa P. Lyon's last name.

**Appeals:** 8-2018: 330 Mathews and 0 Logan Alley. IPMC 302.2 Grading and Drainage. Prior to proceeding on the merits, the parties, their counsel, and the Board agreed that the notice of appeal and the hearing would cover both 330 Mathews and 0 Logan Alley. Attorney Andrew Gross, counsel for Joseph Novakowski, the appellant, presented legal argument and testimony disputing violations O-1252486 and O-1270892. Attorney Emily McNally, counsel for PLI, and Michael Pro, the PLI inspector who issued the violations, presented photographs, documentation, testimony, and legal argument in favor of upholding the violations. The parties disagreed over the responsibility for and ownership of certain land and the trees thereon that were at issue. The Board took the case under advisement and deliberation. After advisement and deliberation, the Board has overturned the violations.

### **Public Comment:**

- Joseph Novakowski provided further comment on case 8-2018.
- Sarah Kinter, Assistant Director, Licensing and Administration, for PLI, provided various updates regarding PLI.
- Wesley S. Speary, Code Enforcement Officer for PLI, discussed and will follow up with scheduling training for the Board on Pennsylvania's Sunshine Act.

**Previous Case Determinations:** As requested by the board at the October 10, 2018 meeting, the following Case determinations have been made by the board to date (determinations will be included on all minutes moving forward):

- No. 1-2018: 3024 Iowa St—Withdrawn by Appellant.
- No. 2-2018: 3118 Westborn St—Upheld PLI determination of violation.
- No. 3-2018: 437 Grant St—Violation abated. Case closed.
- No. 4-2018: 1803 Concordia St—Reversed PLI determination of violation.

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- No. 5-2018: 3159 Beechwood Blvd—Withdrawn by Appellant.
  - No. 6-2018: 0 Beechwood Blvd—Withdrawn by PLI.
  - No. 7-2018: 2125 5<sup>th</sup> Ave—Upheld PLI determination of violation.
  - No. 8-2018: 330 Mathews Ave and 0 Logan Aly—Reversed PLI determination of violation.