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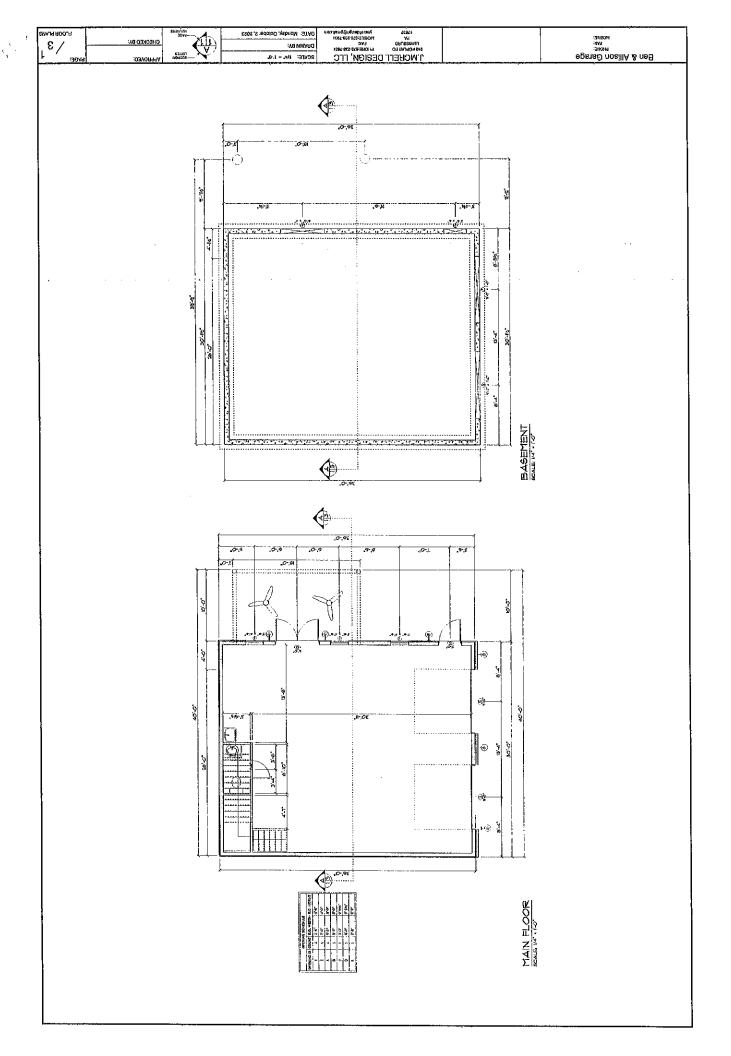
## Supplemental Statement/Narrative concerning Variance 2133 Loring Drive

The proposal is to construct a 30.12' wide X 36.00' deep two-car detached garage with a 10.00' X 18.00' open porch, with the garage observing a maximum height of 25' at the peak of the roof to permit the use of the attic area as a hobby room.

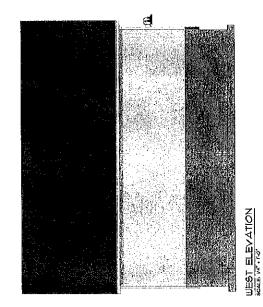
The site currently consists of 1.0179-acres of land with an existing dwelling, patio, pool area, shed, access walks and driveway. According to Lehigh County records, the dwelling was constructed in 2003, before the current owner acquired the property in 2018. The prior owner sited the dwelling, driveway and pool area in close proximity to the Northerly property line. Due to the location of the existing driveway and dwelling and other on-site improvements, the most logical location for a detached garage is in this general area. This affords the use of the attic area of the proposed garage as a hobby room. Also, there will be a powder room (toilet and sink) that may be used by pool guests along with the attached porch adjacent to the pool area. See attached plan. The variance request is to permit a height of 25' where the Zoning Ordinance permits 20' maximum height for a detached garage. The garage will have a roof over the ground floor and the proposed hobby room will occupy the attic area only. An adjoining porch area will not have any attic area. The architecture of the garage will be in harmony with the existing dwelling which has similar roof lines. The applicant has no intention to rent the hobby room to anyone for any use and understands that any other use beyond a hobby room would need additional approvals from South Whitehall Township, including an accessory dwelling unit use.

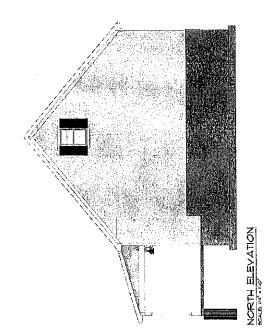
The site and surrounding neighborhood is zoned RR-2, Rural Residential, and the proposal will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood in that the garage will blend into the neighboring structures. The site has several unique physical and topographic challenges including a rather irregular-shaped property and the existing improvements limit the size of the garage footprint. The dwelling was constructed by a prior owner in 2003 and the current owners only wish to use the attic space over the ground floor of the garage as a hobby room. This utilization of the attic area represents the minimum relief needed to accommodate the owner's desires and maintain the unique physical features of the property.

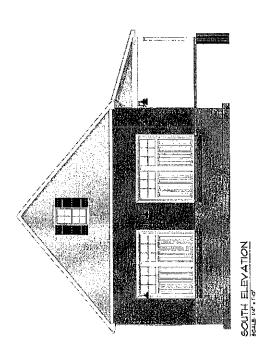
The applicant is the owner of the property and is performing this work to enhance their quality of life and remain within South Whitehall Township. A variance of Section 350-24(c)(2) of the South Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance would afford that opportunity.

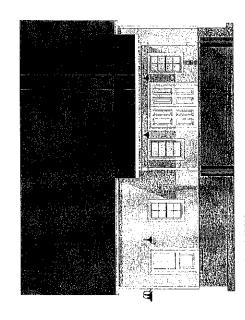












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