

PROPOSED MINUTES  
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
4338 BEELINE ROAD  
ALLEGAN COUNTY  
HOLLAND, MI 49423  
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September 24, 2007

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Roger Prins called the regular monthly Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Prins introduced the members of the board to the audience.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Prins, David Weishaar, Carl Blauwkamp, Michael Donovan, Steve Brunink, Glenn Vos

MEMBERS ABSENT: Herb Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager  
Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Zoning Board of Appeals members reviewed the minutes of the June 25, 2007 meeting. **A motion was made by Michael Donovan and seconded by Carl Blauwkamp to approve the minutes. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE III. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. GRAF VARIANCE REQUEST

Richard and Dee Graf, owner or agent of property located at 6459 Otis Road, that being tax parcel #0311-034-046-00, request a variance from sections 7.04(a) and 7.04(b) of the Zoning Ordinance. Section 7.04(a) requires a minimum 40' front yard setback. Section 7.04(b) requires a minimum 10' side yard setback. The Grafts would like to enlarge an existing deck. The deck does not currently meet the required setback. Enlarging the deck will increase the nonconformity.

Leonard Merek represented the Grafts and explained that five feet would be added on to the east side of existing deck, and four feet on the north side.

Roger Prins asked for clarification of the extension as it relates to the lot line. Leonard Merek stated that if five-feet would be on the lot line, it would be readjusted to a four-foot extension.

David Weishaar asked if approving this request would be perpetuating an already nonconforming situation where no true hardship is present. Roger Prins confirmed the validation of David's concerns. Carl Blauwkamp stated that due to the current situation in this particular area, he sees no issue with the request. Steve Brunink agreed with Carl Blauwkamp's position. Michael Donovan agreed with David's concern, however, Mr. and Mrs. Graf have obtained signatures of support from the affected neighbors and the request is very minimal.

Roger Prins opened for public hearing. No public comment.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Michael Donovan and seconded Carl Blauwkamp to close the public hearing. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Carl Blauwkamp and seconded by Steve Brunink to approve the variance request at a four-foot extension to the east and north, and not a five-foot extension as mentioned in the application. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE V. CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

ARTICLE VI. ADJOURNMENT

Roger Prins adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.