

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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April 26, 2010

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair David Weishaar called the regular monthly Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Weishaar introduced the members of the board and staff to the audience.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Vos, Bob Slikkers, David Weishaar, Steve Brunink, Carl Blauwkamp, Bob Scanlan

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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 March 29, 2010 meeting. **A motion was made by Bob Slikkers and seconded by Carl Blauwkamp to approve the minutes as submitted. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE III. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. COOKLIN VARIANCE REQUEST

Mr. Earl Cooklin, owner or agent of property located at 4098 64th Street, that being tax parcel #0311-022-038-00, requests a variance from section 14.09(a) of the zoning ordinance. This section requires a principal building on a parcel of land that has an accessory building. Mr. Cooklin would like to raze the existing house on this property. This would create a parcel of land that has an accessory building but no principal building.

Mr. Earl Cooklin explained that he wants to tear the house down because it is unsafe for human habitants. He would like to rebuild a new home on this property. Bob Scanlan asked how soon he would rebuild. Mr. Cooklin explained that he plans to rebuild once the approval for razing the existing is received. He plans to rebuild within one year after all construction plans and financing is secured. The accessory building on the site is new.

David Weishaar opened for public hearing. No public comment or correspondence submitted. **A motion was made by Bob Slikkers and seconded by Carl Blauwkamp to close the public hearing. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Bob Slikkers stated that he would agree with up to two years to build the new home. Carl Blauwkamp agreed with the two year allowance.

Al Meshkin suggested that the approval be given to tear the old house down when they apply for the new house permit. Ms. Cooklin stated that there is some excavating to be done due to a high water table so they would like to tear the existing structure down now to allow for that.

Carl Blauwkamp reiterated that the new home construction would have to begin a maximum of two years after the razing of the existing structure.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Steve Brunink and seconded by Carl Blauwkamp to approve the request for variance with the stipulation that the new home construction begin within a maximum of two years. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

B. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

David Weishaar stated that the Chair position is open on the Board as a result of Herb Johnson's resignation. A Chair, Vice Chair and an Alternate are all needed.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Bob Slikkers and seconded by Bob Scanlan to appoint David Weishaar as Chair. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Carl Blauwkamp and seconded by Bob Scanlan to appoint Bob Slikkers as Vice Chair. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Al Meshkin stated that anyone interested in the Alternate position should contact Terry Hofmeyer.

ARTICLE V. CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

ARTICLE VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Weishaar and seconded by Carl Blauwkamp to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED