

PROPOSED MINUTES  
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
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January 25, 2017

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Slikkers, Ed Stielstra, Jim Johnson, Richard Swanson  
MEMBERS ABSENT: David Weishaar, Casey Kimes, Carl Blauwkamp  
STAFF PRESENT: Crystal Bultje – Township Attorney  
Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Zoning Board of Appeals members reviewed the minutes of the November 30, 2016 meeting. **A motion was made by Swanson and seconded by Stielstra to approve the minutes as submitted. Vice Chair Slikkers called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED.**

ARTICLE III. OLD BUSINESS

A. RPE TRUST VARIANCE REQUEST (179)

Slikkers explained that the township attorney had prepared a resolution and report for the RPE Trust Variance request. Attorney Crystal Bultje noted two minor changes to the original documents submitted for review. On Item 2. of the resolution, the language is clarified as follows: All resolutions in whole or in part are revoked to the extent of such conflict. Paragraph 3. of the report clarifies the previously granted setback variance which was approved on January 26, 2015.

Slikkers asked board members for final questions or comments. Johnson confirmed the order of the variance requests for each parcel.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Swanson to approve the resolution and report as written noting the two minor changes discussed for the RPE Trust Variance Request (179). Vice Chair Slikkers called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS**

**DECISION – MOTION APPROVED.**

**B. RPE TRUST VARIANCE REQUEST (190)**

Vice Chair Slikkers explained a similar resolution and report had been prepared by the attorney for parcel 190. Slikkers asked board members for final questions or comments and there were none.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Stielstra and seconded by Johnson to approve the resolution and report as written noting the two minor changes discussed for the RPE Trust Variance Request (190). Vice Chair Slikkers called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED.**

**C. RPE TRUST VARIANCE REQUEST (219)**

Vice Chair Slikkers explained a similar resolution and report had been prepared by the attorney for parcel 219. Slikkers asked board members for final questions or comments and there were none.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Stielstra to approve the resolution and report as written noting the two minor changes discussed for the RPE Trust Variance Request (219). Vice Chair Slikkers called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED.**

**ARTICLE IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Vice Chair Slikkers stated that due to his responsibilities on the Planning Commission, he would like to step down as the Vice Chair of Zoning Board of Appeals.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Slikkers and seconded by Johnson to nominate David Weishaar as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Swanson to close the nominations. Vice Chair Slikkers called for a vote on the motion to nominate Weishaar as Chairman – UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED.**

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Slikkers and seconded by Swanson to nominate Jim Johnson as Vice Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. A motion was made by Stielstra and seconded by Slikkers to close the nominations. Vice Chair Slikkers called for a vote on the motion to nominate Johnson as Vice Chairman – UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED.**

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Slikkers and seconded by Swanson to nominate Ed Stielstra as Secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals. A motion was made by Swanson and seconded by Johnson to close the nominations. Vice Chair Slikkers called for a vote on the**

**motion to nominate Stielstra as Secretary – UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED.**

ARTICLE V. CITIZENS COMMENTS – No comments.

ARTICLE VI. ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Stielstra and seconded by Swanson to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 P.M. Vice Chair Slikkers called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**