

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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March 24, 2021

ARTICLE I: CALL TO ORDER

Kimes called the regular monthly Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Casey Kimes (via Zoom from home), Jim Delaney (via Zoom from home), Marcia Perry (via Zoom from home), Barb Hibiske (via Zoom on video then on phone from Battle Creek)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Swanson

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Manager (via Zoom); Jim Hayden – Recording Secretary (in Laketown office)

ARTICLE II: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Delaney, second by Perry, to nominate Casey Kimes as chair and Marcia Perry as vice chair. Second by Perry. Nominations closed at 6:07 p.m. ROLL CALL – MOTION APPROVED. YES – Perry, Delaney, Kimes. ABSENT – Hibiske (lost Zoom connection; returned via phone at 6:12 p.m.).

ARTICLE III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Perry, second by Delaney, to approve the minutes of the Sept. 23, 2020. Chair Kimes called for a vote on the motion. YES – Perry, Delaney, Kimes. ROLL CALL – MOTION APPROVED

ARTICLE IV: OLD BUSINESS – None

ARTICLE V: NEW BUSINESS

- a. VanAcker Variance Request: Withdrawn
- b. Downing Authorization Request
Steve Downing, 3080 Sand Castle Lane, Holland, parcel # 0311-406-032-00, relating to Section 38-486 of the Zoning Ordinance, request for an automatic pool cover in place of

a fence. The board discussed the issue, noting this is the first request of its kind under the ordinance.

Bob Nolan presented an overview, saying the pool cover goes over the pool and is impenetrable, eliminating risk of children falling in pool. He noted this is not a variance but a request allowed under the ordinance. Board member Hibiske asked about the switch to control the cover. Jeremy House, pool builder, said a key opens a box with a switch to activate the pool cover. Downing said there is a full-house generator if power is interrupted. Board member Delaney asked if fallen branches and debris will block the closing of the cover. House said no. A Power Point was shared by Nolan/Downing over Zoom explaining the pool cover. Downing said he is requesting the cover instead of a fence because a fence would require earth moving and cover 3 acres and the pool cover is just as expensive as the fence.

Chair Kimes opened the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

Meshkin noted letter of support from Paul and Gloria Omohundro, 3820 Sand Castle Lane, in support of the pool cover.

Chair Kimes closed the public hearing at 6:47 p.m. Chair Kimes called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION BY ROLL CALL – MOTION APPROVED

Motion by Perry, second by Delaney, to approve authorization of the pool cover.

Board members continued discussion. Perry, Delaney and Hibiske said the pool cover seems safer than the fence and doesn't harm the aesthetics.

Amended motion by Perry, second by Delaney, to approve authorization of the pool cover as presented in submitted documents, Power Point and verbal discussion. Compliance with all state, county and local laws, ordinances and rules and compliance with Zoning Ordinance Section 38-486 is required. Chair Kimes called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION BY ROLL CALL – MOTION APPROVED

ARTICLE VI: CITIZENS COMMENTS

Nolan thanked Meshkin and the board for consideration of the pool cover.

ARTICLE VII: ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kimes adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.