

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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August 22, 2018

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Weishaar called the regular monthly Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Weishaar, Jim Johnson, Marcia Perry,
Casey Kimes, Ed Stielstra
MEMBERS ABSENT: Carl Blauwkamp, Richard Swanson
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Zoning Board of Appeals members reviewed the minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting. **A motion was made by Kimes and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes as written. Chair Weishaar called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION - MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE III. OLD BUSINESS - none

ARTICLE IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. GIOVANNUCCI VARIANCE REQUEST

Jennifer Warner Giovannucci, owner or agent of property located at 6450 Otis Road, Saugatuck, MI 49453, that being tax parcel #0311-200-011-00, requests a variance from sections 38-242 (1) and (3) of the Zoning Code. These sections requires minimum front and rear yard setbacks. Ms. Giovannucci would like to construct an addition on the existing cottage, possibly by moving a neighboring cottage onto the property, that would not meet these minimum setback requirements.

Weishaar reviewed the request. Ms. Giovannucci addressed the board speaking about the location of the cottage on the parcel, the irregular shape of the parcel, the size of the parcel and how the addition would cure the zoning nonconformity of an undersize dwelling unit.

Weishaar asked if it will be a single-story addition. Giovannucci said it will. Kimes clarified the requested variance. Johnson questioned the location of neighboring houses. Kimes asked about the quit claim deed submitted with the application and the property gap north of the cottage.

Weishaar opened the public hearing. Maria Dusenbury of 6454 Otis Road spoke in favor of the request. No other comments were offered.

A motion was made by Perry and seconded by Johnson to close the public hearing. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Stielstra and seconded by Kimes to approve the Giovannucci variance request from section 38-242 (1) and (3) of the zoning ordinance requiring compliance with the site plan submitted, compliance with the application and compliance with all federal, state, county and township laws and ordinances and the verbal representation provided at this meeting. Weishaar called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION - MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE V. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Maria Dusenbury thanked the board. Jennifer Snyder of Atlanta, GA complimented the board on their use of Robert's Rules and decorum.

ARTICLE VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Weishaar adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.