

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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August 25, 2014

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

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: David Weishaar, Steve Brunink,
Bob Slikkers and Ed Stielstra
MEMBERS ABSENT: Glenn Voss and Carl Blauwkamp
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Zoning Board of Appeals members reviewed the minutes of the July 28, 2014 meeting. **A motion was made by Slikkers and seconded by Stielstra to approve the minutes as submitted. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE III. OLD BUSINESS - None

ARTICLE IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. BULLOCK VARIANCE REQUEST

Mr. Richard Bullock, owner or agent of property located at 3612 B Street, that being tax parcel #0311-034-050-00, requests a variance from section 38-242(3) of the Zoning Code. Section 38-242(3) requires a minimum rear yard setback of 50 feet on lakefront lots. Mr. Bullock would like to construct a roof over an existing deck on this property. That roofed deck would have less than the required 50 foot rear yard setback.

Mr. Bullock addressed the Board and explained the loss of a tree that used to provide shade to the deck. They would like to construct a roof over a portion of the deck. The setbacks from the existing deck would not change.

Meshkin explained the existing deck was approved by variance in 1992. Prior to that there was a screened porch on this area of the house.

Chairman Weishaar opened the public hearing. Slikkers read a group of letters signed by several neighbors supporting the request. **Following no further public comment Chairman Weishaar closed the public hearing.**

Members of the Board discussed the request. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Brunink and seconded by Steilstra to approve the variance request finding practical difficulty and requiring compliance with all written and verbal representations presented. Chairman Weishaar called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE V. CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

ARTICLE VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 P.M.