### GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 6:30 P.M.

#### AGENDA

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Introduction:

Approval of Agenda:

Call to the Public: (Please Note: The Board will not begin any new business after 10:00 p.m.)

- 1. 11-13...A request by William McCririe, Sec. 22, 4430 Clifford, for a side yard variance to construct a new detached accessory structure.
- 2. 11-14...A request by James Jelnicki, Sec. 28, 4077 Homestead, for a side and front yard variance, height variance and a variance from the adjacent structure to construct a garage, porch and second story addition.
- 3. 11-15...A request by John and Jayne Berkaw, Sec. 27, 4560 Villa France, for a rear yard variance to construct an addition.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- A. Approval of minutes for the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.
- B. Correspondence
- C. Member Discussion
- D. Adjournment

# **Charter Township of Genoa**

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 CASE #11-13

PROPERTY LOCATION:

4430 Clifford

**PETITIONER:** 

William McCririe

**ZONING:** 

LRR (Lakeshore Resort Residential)

WELL AND SEPTIC INFO:

Well and sewer

PETITIONERS REQUEST:

Requesting a side and front yard variance to construct a detached

accessory structure.

**CODE REFERENCE:** 

Section 11.04.01 (e) - Detached Accessory Structure setbacks on lots

less than 1 acre.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Please also see attached comments from Rick Little at the Livingston County Road Commission. There was initially some concern that this structure and the proposed structure would be in the right of way but

that has since been determined to be false.

DETACHED ACCESSORY	Principal building setback	One	Other	Rear	Size	Heighi:
STRUCTURE Setbacks of Zoning	10	Side 10	Side 10	10	900	
	10	10	10		) 00	
Setbacks Requested		0				
Variance Amount		10				
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### GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE 2911 DORR RD. BRIGHTON, MI 48116

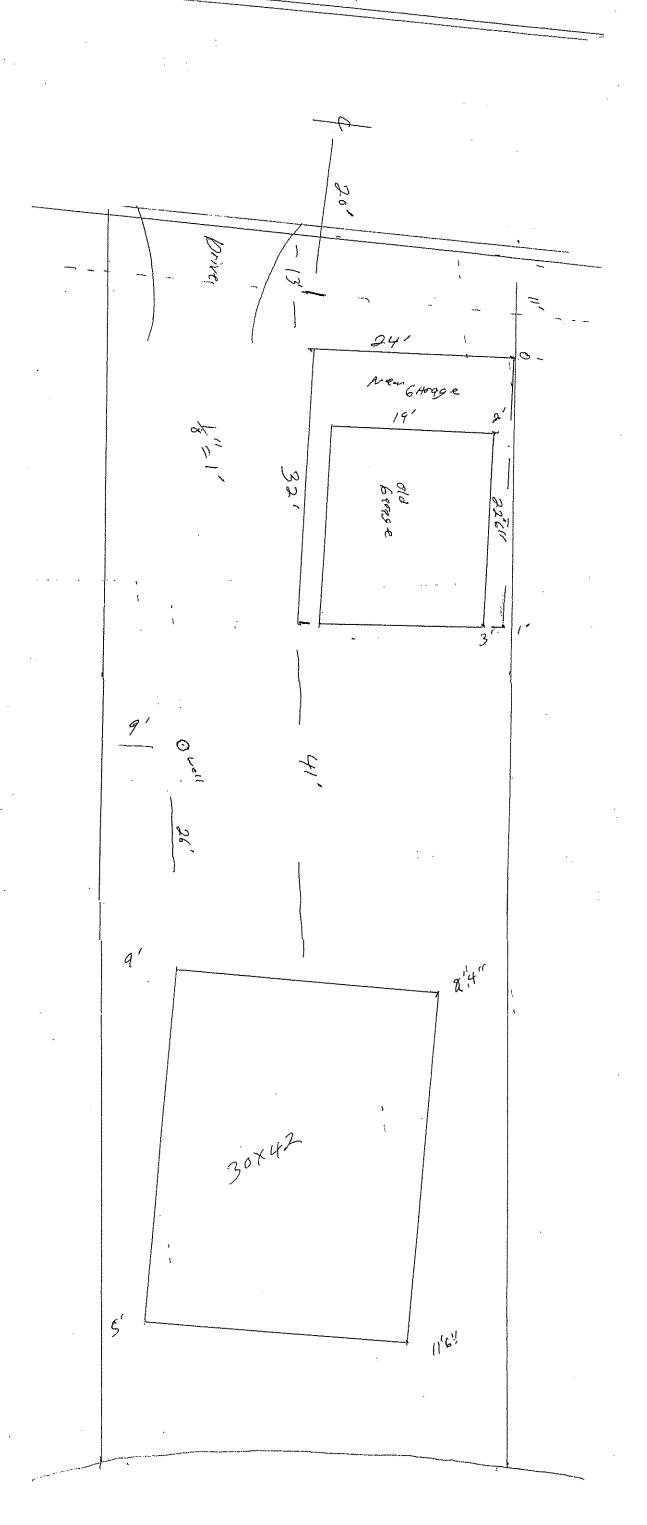
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and must receive a renewal from the ZBA.

After the decision is made regarding your variance approval contact Adam or Amy a

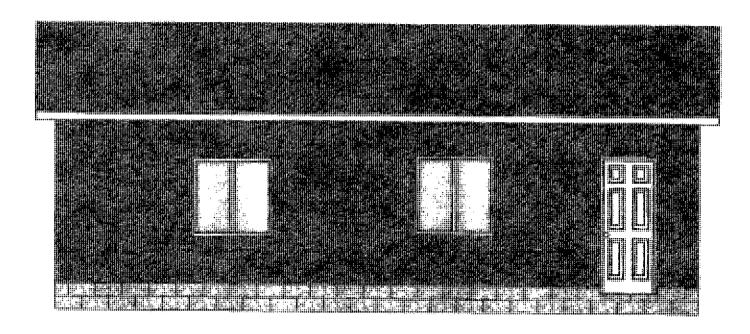
Any Variance not acted upon within 12 months from the date of approval is invalid

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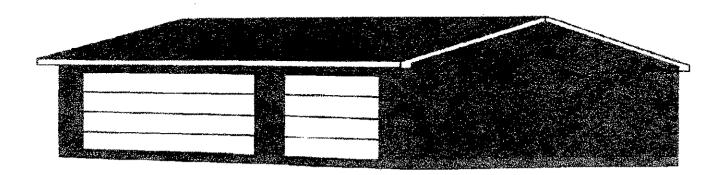




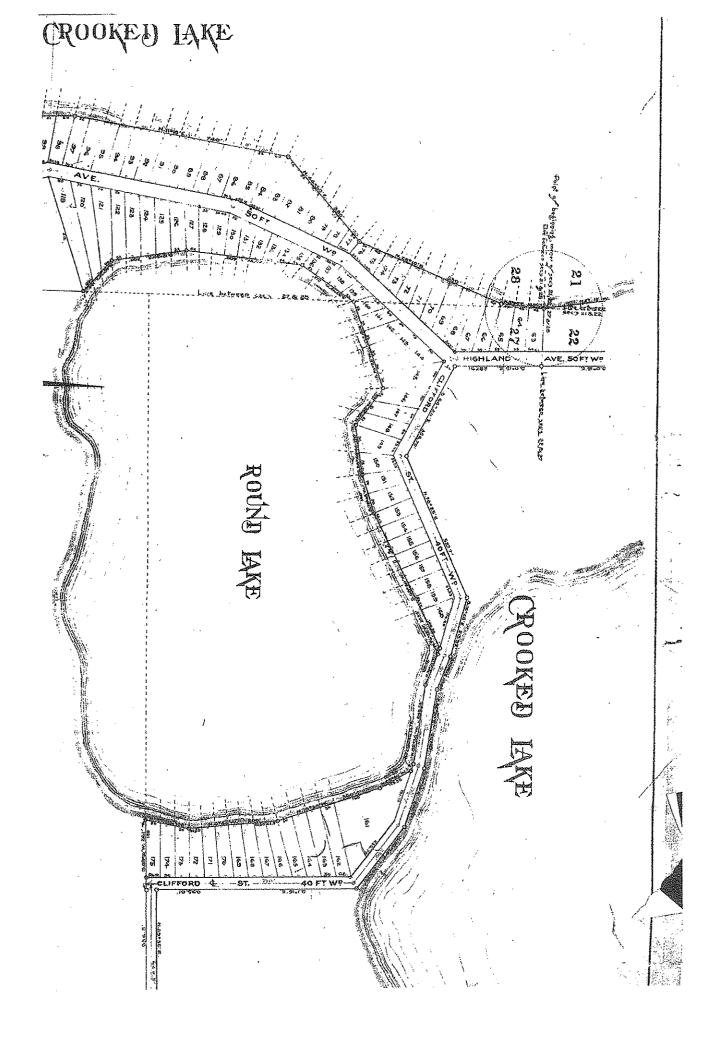
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#### **Livingston County Road Commission**

3535 Grand Oaks Drive • Howell, Michigan 48843-8575 Telephone: (517) 546-4250 • Facsimile: (517) 546-9628 URL - www.livingstonroads.org

August 5, 2011

Mr. William D. McCrirle 4430 Clifford Road Brighton MI, 48116

Re: Proposed Drive Approach and Garage Reconstruction on Clifford Road

Dear Mr. McCririe;

Having reviewed your proposed construction at the above address the Road Commission would not pose any objections to the work provided that the conditions presented by you on site and in the attached copy of your drawing can be maintained.

The essence of your request is that you propose to build a new three car side loading garage and rebuild the existing drive approach. In your proposal there would be no portion of your structure within the right of way and that the overall width of the existing approach would be reduced from the existing 50'± to a standard 20'± drive approach apron. For the purposes of this review and no other purpose, the right of way is interpreted as 20' from the travelled center of the road. The actual distance may differ but this is consistent with this type use in the area.

The work of rebuilding the approach will require a permit to work within the right of way. We will require that sight distance be preserved and that sediments from stormwater runoff be contained on site.

If you need any more assistance feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Rick Little

Technical Services Supervisor

Copy:

Kim Hiller, John Shelton – LCRC Adam Van Tassell – Genoa Township file

# **Charter Township of Genoa**

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 CASE #11-14

PROPERTY LOCATION:

4077 Homestead

PETITIONER:

James Jelnicki

**ZONING:** 

LRR (Lakeshore Resort Residential)

WELL AND SEPTIC INFO:

Well and sewer

PETITIONERS REQUEST:

Requesting a side, front and height variance and a variance to the

adjacent structure to construct an addition.

**CODE REFERENCE:** 

Table 3.04 - Dimensional Standards - LRR (Lakeshore Resort

Residential)

**STAFF COMMENTS:** 

Petitioner is seeking to construct front and rear additions as well as a

second story to the existing structure. Petitioner's home currently

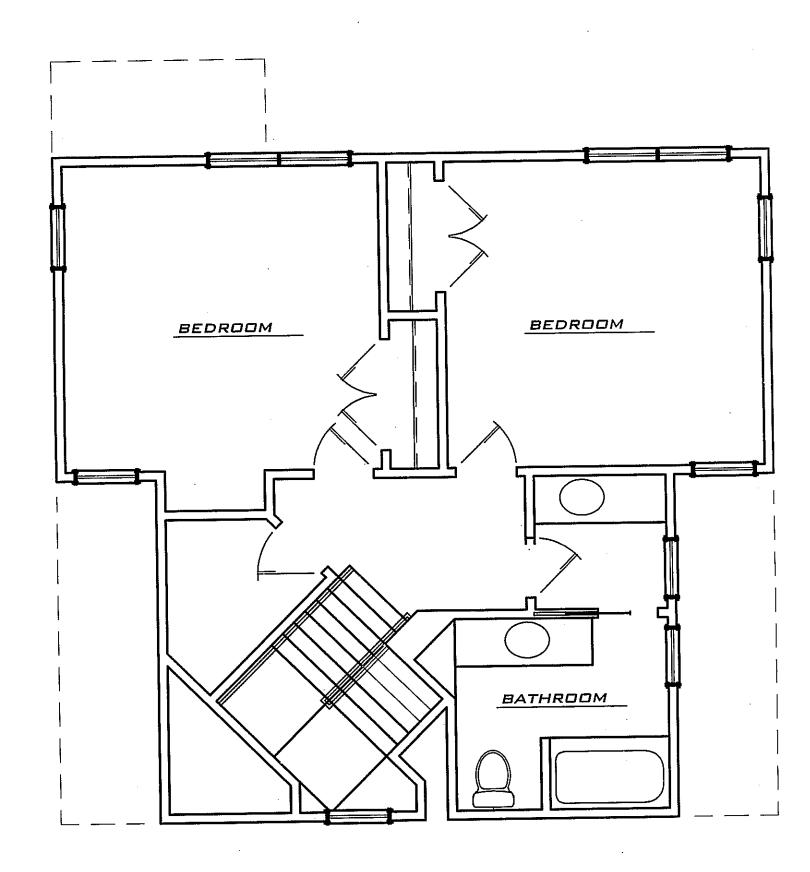
encroaches on neighboring lot. Petitioner states that the encroachment is legally resolved between the neighbors.

	Front	One Side	Other Side	Rear	Height	Waterfront
Setbacks of Zoning	35	10	10	40		
Setbacks Requested	22	0				
Variance Amount	13	10				

# **GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE** 2911 DORR RD. BRIGHTON, MI 48116 FAX (810) 227-3420 (810) 227-52,25 Case # Meeting Date: PAID Variance Application Fee \$125.00 for residential - \$300.00 for commercial/industrial Copy of paperwork to Assessing Department Article 23 of the Genoa Township Zoning Ordinance describes the Variance procedure and the duties of the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Please see attached) MRS. JAMES JELNICKI (DENNIS DINSER, DESIGNER) HOMESTEAD Phone: 248-925-7165 on 248-362-1192 11 78-701-N8 (517-540-9960) Present Zoning:\_. The applicant respectfully requests that an adjustment of the terms of the Zoning Ordinance be made in the case of their property because the following peculiar or unusual conditions are present which justify variance. 1. Variance Requested: RELIEF FROM 5 SIDEYARD SETBACK, 2. Intended property modifications: ADDING GARAGE, PORCHES, & ZND FLOOR This variance is requested because of the following reasons: Unusual topography/shape of land Utner (explain) NON-CONFORMING LOT WITH HOUSE BUILT OVER THE SIDEYARD LOT LINE Variance Application Requires the Following: (failure to meet these requirements may result in tabling of this petition. Plot Plan Drawings showing setbacks and elevations of proposed buildings showing all other pertinent information. Note: Will need 8 copies of any drawings larger than 81/2 and 14 in size. Waterfront properties must indicate setback from water for adjacent homes Property must be staked showing all proposed improvements 5 days before the meeting and remain in place until after the meeting Petitioner (or a Representative) must be present at the meeting

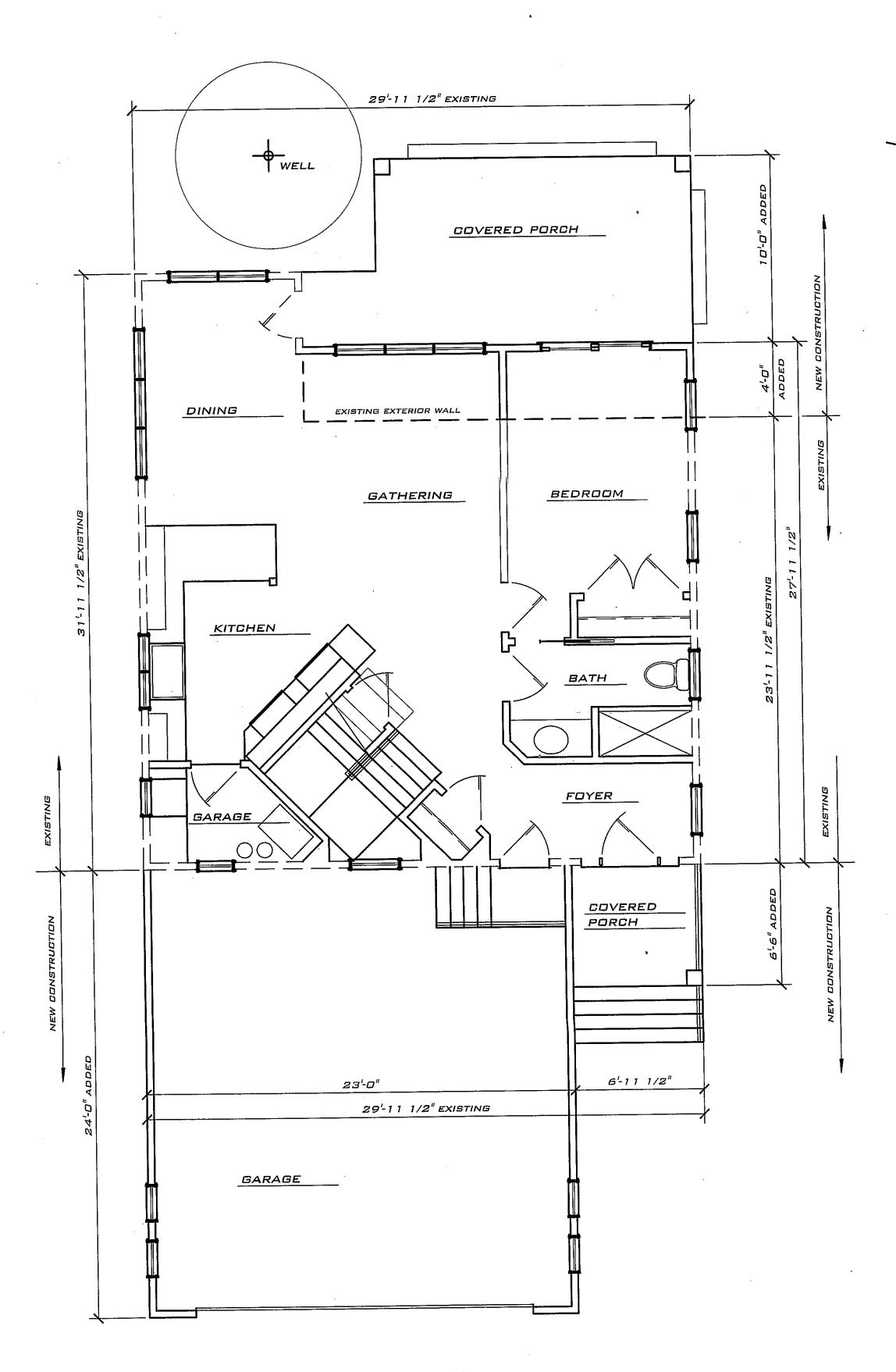
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After the decision is made regarding your variance approval contact Adam or Amy at the township office to discuss what your next step is.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"



# FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SCALE **½**" = 1'-0"

4077 HOMESTEAD, HOWELL



# SITE PLAN

SCALE 1" = 10'-0"

4077 HOMESTEAD, HOWELL

6067 SQ. FT. SITE AREA ABOVE WATER 1656 SQ. FT. TOTAL HOUSE, GARAGE, & PORCHES 27.3% LOT COVERAGE OF AREA ABOVE WATER

1013 SQ. FT. ADDITIONAL SITE AREA UNDERWATER JELNICKI RESIDENCE

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Residential Design
DENNIS DINSER

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August 4, 2011

Zoning Board of Appeals, Genoa Charter Township 2911 Dorr Road, Brighton, MI 48116

Re: case #11-14

Dear Board Members,

I'm Dennis Dinser, my design firm is Arcadian Residential Design, and I've been retained by Jim & Kitty Jelnicki to develop a plan for the addition and remodeling of thier home located at 4077 Homestead Drive.

The following narrative is intended to explain the criteria and process by which we have worked and now arrive before you requesting our exceptions.

The current structure is a cottage built beyond the original boundaries of the site, that portion of which was later deeded to the Jelnickis. The Jelnicki's have had the property for many years and need to make it a more livable home.

Our plan is to gently add only a 4' x 21' section to the rear of the home with a 10' x 17' covered porch. Our 4 x 21 addition will actually sit behind the current rear wall of the existing dining room, resulting in a very subtle first floor addition. This alteration will require no variance and will sit well behind the neighboring homes. This serves the Jelnicki's goal of being respectful of their neighbors in the execution of this work.

Our home's front, however, cannot be done quite so delicately. In order to achieve a garage and an entry point to the home from the front, we've explored several options, and we believe that the request before you is our most subtle solution.

A garage addition that aligns itself along the existing wall of the home neighboring lot 17 will allow almost 7' of width for our entry point.

Abosultely any garage addition would force us to request a frontyard setback variance, but the attached garage option allows us to request the minimum exception. More importantly, it allows us to conform to the pattern of development established by previous additions on Homestead Drive.

Any detached garage option would stand much further forward, have a much greater impact on neighboring properties, and force us to request a much larger frontyard variance. From a design point of view, we fear the resulting structure has the potential to damage our property value as well as our neighbor's. For these reasons, we've pursued the attached garage option.



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DENNIS DINSER

7091 AUGUSTINE COURT FENTON, MI 48430 517-540-9960

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For our proposed second floor, we're asking for the same exception from the sideyard setback. Built directly over the first floor, it will also sit on the lot line bordering lot 17. We believe, however, that the addition of the second floor is necessary to achieve our goal of a full time livable home.

There is another factor I'd like to point out, and it's a more subtle point. Walking the property, and studying the position of our home relative to the neighboring homes, you'd never realize that the property lines were so skewed. The structures align themselves with each other, not the lot lines, and the resulting relationship seems natural. Since our home's position is parallel to it's neighbors, simply extending the current side walls seems to be the most natural and comfortable response to this design problem. This is especially true given the additions to other properties on Homestead, our alterations would be quite similar to the improvements executed in the past.

We are confident that we've explored our options well, we're confident that the request before you represents the best design solution for us and for the propeties that neighbor ours.

We ask your consideration additionally because our lot is out of conformance with the zoning ordinance. We are under the minimum lot size by 45%, under the minimum lot width by 50% at the front, 38% at the rear, and our structure is built over the current lot line. Despite our undersized condition, our proposal does not violate the current ordinance's lot coverage restriction.

I regret that I will be unable to attend the ZBA meeting on August 16, but I ask that you please contact me if I've left you with any questions regarding our intent, process, or proposal. My office number is 517-540-9960 and my cell is 810-333-0935.

Thank you for your time and effort in studying our situation.

Respectfully,

# **Charter Township of Genoa**

# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 CASE #11-15

PROPERTY LOCATION:

4560 Villa France

**PETITIONER:** 

John and Jayne Berkaw

**ZONING:** 

MUPUD (Mixed Use Planned Unit Development)

WELL AND SEPTIC INFO:

Water and sewer

PETITIONERS REQUEST:

Requesting a rear yard variance to construct a four season room.

**CODE REFERENCE:** 

Villas of Oak Pointe PUD

**STAFF COMMENTS:** 

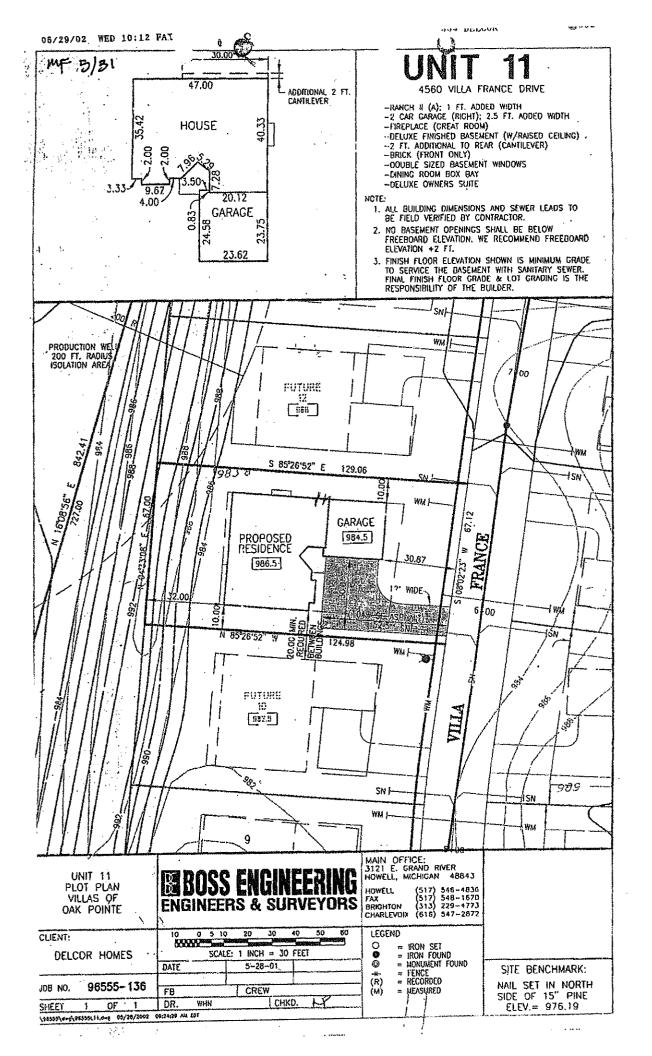
None

	Front	One Side	Other Side	Rear	Height	Waterfront
Setbacks of	25	20 between	20 between	30	n/a	n/a
Zoning		units	units			
Setbacks				20		
Requested						
Variance Amount				10		

# **GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE**

2911 DORR RD. BRIGHTON, MI 48116

PHONE: (810) 227-5225					
\$125.00 for residential - \$300.00 for commercial/industrial					
Applicant/Owner: John D. and Jayne C. Berkaw					
operty Address: 4560 Villa France Dr. Brighton, MI 4811 Phone (734) 358-3443					
t Zoning: MUPUD Tax Code (Staff will provide if unknown) 11-27-301-011					
The applicant respectfully requests that an adjustment to the terms of the Zoning Ordinance be made in the case of their property because the following peculiar or unusual conditions are present which justify the variance.					
<u>Variance Requested</u> : Permit the construction of a four season porch as illustrated in the attached sketch which would require a reduction in the set back from 30 feet to 20 feet. This variance is requested because of the following reasons (All of the following MUST be filled out):					
a. Substantial Justice: (How would this variance benefit both you and your surrounding neighbors?)					
It would permit us to enjoy our backyard area to the same extent as enjoyed by our neighbors in their backyards. It will increase the value of our home which helps enhance the value of all the surrounding homes in our neighborhood.					
b. Extraordinary Circumstances: (What is it about your property which requires this variance? Narrow/odd shaped lot, steep grade, existing placement of the house on the lot, etc.):					
The placement of our home was, for unknown reasons, set back approximately 6.6 feet further from the street than our neighbors' homes which restricts the space behind the house available for decks and additions. In addition, it is an exterior lot which backs up to the Oak Pointe Golf Course driving range and thus there are no neighbors behind us.					
c. Public Safety and Welfare: (If granted, how would this variance impact the neighbor's access to light and/or air, impact traffic congestion or affect the public safety and comfort of the surrounding neighborhood?)					
If granted, the variance would have no impact on the items enumerated above.					
<ul> <li>Impact on Surrounding Neighborhood: (If granted, how would this variance impact the surrounding neighborhood's ability to pursue appropriate development as well as the effect on property values?)</li> </ul>					
If granted, the variance would have no impact on the ability to pursue appropriate development and may modestly enhance the value of surrounding properties.					
VARIANCE APPLICATION REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING. VARIANCES WILL BE TABLED UNTIL THESE ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED/MET:					
<ul> <li>Plot Plan Drawings showing setbacks and elevations of proposed buildings showing all other pertinent information. Note: Will need 8 copies of any drawings larger than 81/2 and 14 in size.</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>Waterfront properties must indicate setback from water for adjacent homes</li> <li>Property must be staked showing all proposed improvements 5 days before the meeting and</li> </ul>					
remain in place until after the meeting					
Petitioner (or a Representative) must be present at the meeting					
Signature: OR D. Berkon Tape C. Bykan Date: 7/22/11					
Any variance not acted upon within 12 months from the date of approval is invalid and must receive					
a renewal from the ZBA. After the decision is made regarding your variance approval contact Adam or Amy at the Township					
office to discuss what your next step is.					
For Office Use Only					
PAID Variance Application Fee Copy of paperwork to Assessing Department					





From: Jayne Berkaw <jayne@berkaw.com>

Date: 7/21/2011 6:28 PM

To: John Berkaw <john@berkaw.com>

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liew of neighbor's enclosed porch to the South



Jayne 734.635.8462 jayne@berkaw.com

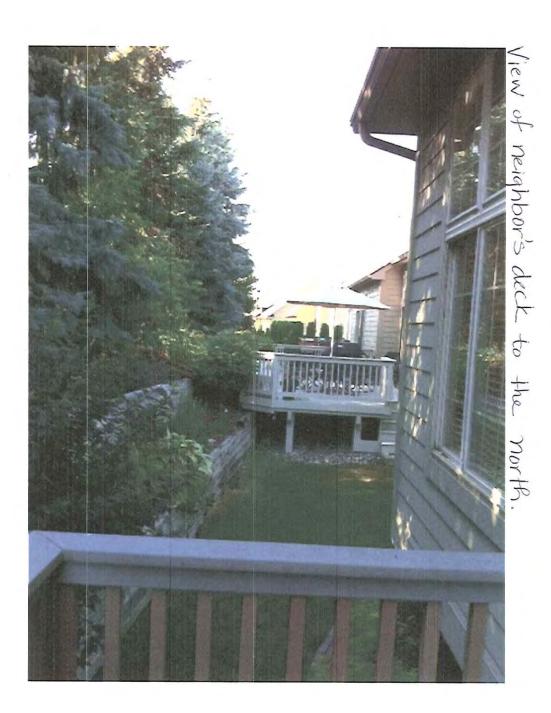
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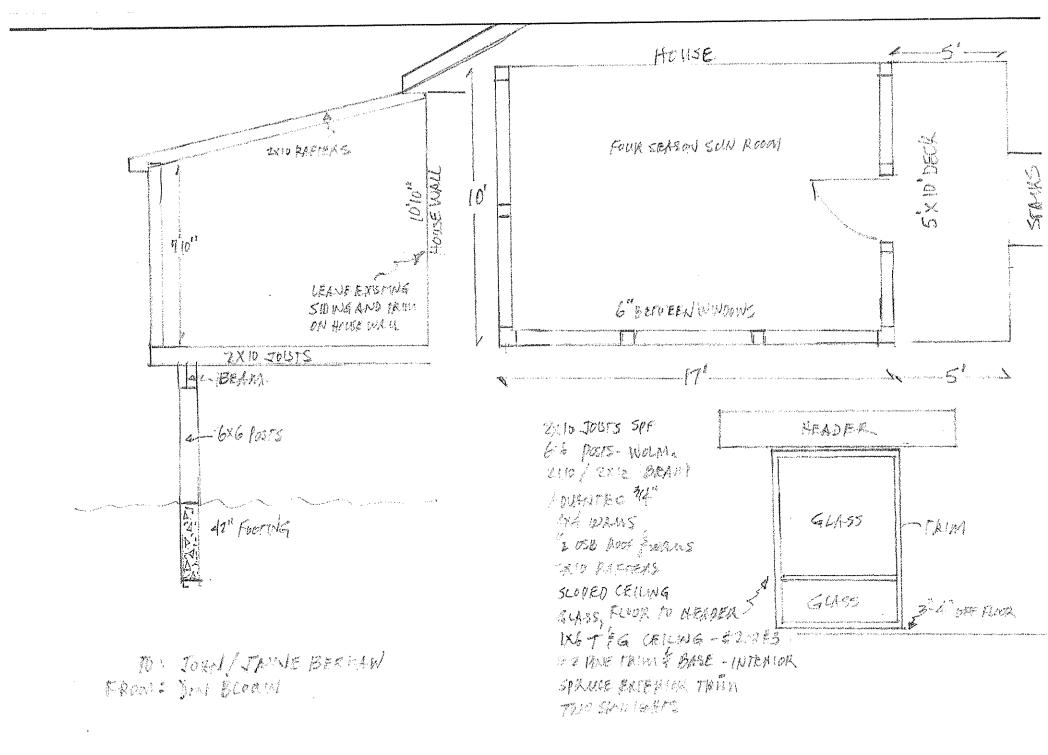
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Jayne 734.635.8462 jayne@berkaw.com



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#### **Amy Ruthig**

From: Adam VanTassell

Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:29 AM

To: Amy Ruthig

Subject: FW: Zoning Meeting 8/16/11.

From: James Stratton [mailto:limpy38@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 4:13 PM

To: Adam VanTassell

Subject: Zoning Meeting 8/16/11.

I have no problem with the request for a variance for John Berkaw to build a four seasons room on his home next door. The current deck is to small and was never used by the person who lived there. The deck that was built by Delcor as part of the house and is already closer that the 30' offset. The drainage is not a problem as I have a French drain that moves the rain & Sump pump water down to the pond # 5. Water drains well from the lot. As the house sits with the back facing the berm with tall trees and hides the fence that is down the East side of the driving range of Oak Pointe Country Club, having a room there will not be seen by anyone from the front of the lot.

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I already gave John my approval for the room.

Jim Stratton

Phone: 810.220.2384 Cell: 810.599.1756

Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.

Ben Franklin

### Villas of Oak Pointe Condominium Association

### Request for Architectural Modification

Owner Name: John and Jayne Berkaw Date: Aug 3, 2011

Address 4560 Villa France Dr. Villas of Oak Pointe Unit: 11

John's cell phone: (734) 358-3443 Jayne's cell phone (734) 635-8462

Co-owner acknowledges responsibility for underground utilities: gas, electric, telephone, cable TV. Call Miss Dig at 1-800-482-7171 at least 72 hours prior to commencing work. Co-owner acknowledges responsibility for all landscaping and building structures in and around unit (such as sod, driveways, sprinklers, plantings, etc.)

#### Limited Common Element

Explanation: Permit the construction of a four season porch as illustrated in the attached sketch which would require a reduction in the set back from 30 feet to 20 feet. This addition would permit us to enjoy our backyard area to the same extent as enjoyed by our neighbors in their backyards. Please see the attached pictures that show our current narrow deck as compared to our neighbors' use of their backyards for a screened in porch and a large deck, both of which received Architectural Committee approval prior to their construction. A number of the properties on the West side of the street are unique from the standpoint of backing up to the Oak Pointe Golf Course driving range. Thus, our view is limited, but there are no units behind us that would be impacted by the construction.

Another factor is that the addition will increase the value of our home which also helps enhance the value of all the surrounding homes in our neighborhood. We recently met Charlene Zervas, who moved into a home on the East side of our street in early July. She told us that they had seriously considered buying our home because of its great floor plan, but ultimately decided against buying it because of the small deck which makes the backyard less than desirable. They had thought of doing what we are requesting approval for, but didn't want to go through the hassle that would be involved in that process.

Attach a drawing (1/2" = 1 foot) or clear illustration of what is being proposed. Add dimensions, sizes and spacing. Also add copies of brochures or other descriptive literature when applicable.

Neighbor's Approval (aggrature):

2. Jale Hove

Villas of Oak Pointe Condominium Association Request for Modifications 9/18/2010

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Work to be performed by: Blonin Construction Donald Blouin Builder license # 2101062942

Address 280 Our Land Ln, Milford, Mi 48381 Phone (248) 722-2399

A licensed builder who is insured must perform construction. All applicable codes and regulations must be followed and permits must be obtained by the Owner at his/her expense.

All installation costs and future maintenance costs related to this modification are the responsibility of the owner. Furthermore, any costs incurred by the Association because of this modification shall be billed to the owner for reimbursement to the Association. Furthermore, any costs incurred because of this modification due to any future legal or regulatory agency requirements shall be paid by the Owner.

Furthermore, the proposed modification may not interfere with the sprinkler system and any relocation of sprinkler heads shall be at the owners expense.

This modification must comply with all Bylaws, occupancy agreements and other applicable regulations established by the Board of Directors.

The Owner accepts full responsibility for notifying the next owner of this unit of this modification and all responsibilities contained herein shall pass to the new owner.

I attest that all the above information is truthful and accurate and hereby respectfully request the Board to review the information provided and grant approval in writing in a timely manner.

This request is: Urgent (within days)

NO WORK SHALL COMMENCE UNTIL WRITTEN APPROVAL IS GRANTED

Co-Owner Signature

Co-Owner Signature

Villas of Oak Pointe Soudominium Association

Request for Modifications

9/18/2010

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Investigated by Villas of Oak Points Board Date 8/2/11
X Approved by the Board Denied by the Board
Stipulations to Approval/Denial! The project may not begin until the request for a rear yard Delback various is approved by Serva Towaship.  3. The exterior fusial maluding pand color and phongles mint be The samual the exterior hairs fusial. 3. The co-occuers understand they are responsible for berne wavelenance tincluding replacement of timber and removal of trees when necessary and any required modifications to the atmosphere that may kelectly from berner tree replacement maintenance. The co-occuers to be behalf of the Board of Directors
Signature Susan Cope Date \$/6//1 Signature Coursel January Date 3/9//
RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO A BOARD MEMBER OR MAIL TO THE FOLLOWING:
Villas of Oak Pointe C/o Kramer-Triad Management Group 1100 Victors Way Suite 50 Ann Arbor, MI 48108
800-794-9297
Oak Pointe Architectural Review Committee: Approved Conditionally Approved  Disapproved
Conditions (if required)
Oak Pointe Architectural Review Committee By

understand they are responsible for any golf ball damage to the enclosed deck 5. The co-broners well remedy any drainage issues that may result from the expansion of the enclosed deck

#### GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS JULY 19TH, 2011 6:30 P.M.

#### **MINUTES**

Chairman Dhaenens called the regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 6:30 p.m. The board members in attendance were as follows: Jeff Dhaenens, Marianne McCreary, Chris Grajek, and Steve Wildman. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. Chairman Dhaenens then gave a brief introduction to the ZBA. There were two people in the audience.

**Moved** by McCreary, support by Grajek, to approve the agenda with the change to move the Approval of the July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Zoning Board of Appeals minutes first on the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

**Moved** by McCreary, supported by Wildman, to approve the May 17th, 2011 Zoning Board of Appeals minutes with corrections. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

11-12...A request by Cecil Thomas, Sec 19, 3083 Beattie Road, for a side and rear yard variance to construct a detached accessory structure.

A call to the public was made with no response. Nancy Viscomi, 2937 Willow Lane, New Hudson 48165, spoke in support of the petitioner's configuration.

**Moved** by Wildman, supported by McCreary, to approve case # 11-12 with a 15 foot side and a 30 foot rear yard variance. The finding of the fact is the typography of the land and the position of the existing house. Vote as follows: Yeas – McCreary, Wildman, Grajek. Nays – Dhaenens.

**Moved** by Grajek, supported by Wildman, to adjourned the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at 6:45 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

Respectfully Submitted By:

Adam VanTassell