GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS JANUARY 17, 2016 6:30 P.M. AGENDA

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Introduction:

Approval of Agenda:

Election of Officers:

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

- 1. 17-01 ... A request by Tim Chouinard, 1185 Sunrise Park, for two side yard variances to construct a second story to an existing home.
- 2. As ordered by the Circuit Court of Livingston County, the variance request for the property located at 5555 E. Grand River and requested by Matt Ikle for a variance to construct a detached accessory structure in the front yard.

Administrative Business:

- 1. Approval of minutes for the December 13, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.
- 2. Correspondence
- 3. Township Board Representative Report
- 4. Planning Commission Representative Report
- 5. Zoning Official Report
- 6. Member Discussion
- 7. Adjournment



2911 Dorr Road Brighton, MI 48116 810.227.5225 810.227.3420 fax genoa.org After staff review it has been determined that the applicant would require a rear yard variance. Due to publishing requirements, the meeting will have to be republished for the February 13, 2017 ZBA meeting.

SUPERVISOR

Bill Rogers

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MANAGER

Michael C. Archinal



MEMORANDUM

2911 Dorr Road Brighton, MI 48116 810.227.5225 810.227.3420 fax genoa.org Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official January 10, 2017

ZBA 17-02

TO:

FROM:

DATE:

RE:

File Number:	ZBA#17-02
Site Address:	5555 Grand River Ave. Howell 48843
Parcel Number:	4711-10-301-035
Parcel Size:	.329 acre
Applicant:	Matt Ikle, 5555 Grand River Ave. Howell 48843
Property Owner:	Same as applicant
Information Submitted:	Application, site plan, conceptual drawings
Request:	Dimensional Variance
Zoning and Existing Use:	MDR (Medium Density Residential)

Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday December 25, 2016 and 300 foot mailings were sent to any real property within 300 feet of the property in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

This case is being brought before the Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to a Court order to allow for new information to be provided to the Zoning Board of Appeals members and for the case to be reviewed with the full record including the additional information.

Background

The following is a brief summary of the background information we have on file:

March 2016: Mr. Ikle's variance was heard before the March 15th, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. The case was tabled until the April 19th, 2016 ZBA meeting. (packet and minutes are attachment #1)

April 2016: Mr. Ikle's variance was heard at the April 19th, 2016 ZBA meeting in which the variance was denied. (minutes and new information presented at the April meeting are attachment #2)

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MANAGER Michael C. Archinal **May 2016**: Mr. Ikle submitted a letter requesting minute corrections from the April 19th, 2016 ZBA meeting. No action was taken. (request and minutes are attachment #3)

June 2016: Mr. Ikle filed an appeal of the Zoning Board of Appeals decision with the Livingston County Circuit Court.

October 2016: During preparation of the Appellee brief Township staff recalled an email correspondence between Mr. Ikle's builder and Township staff. This correspondence showed that Township staff informed the builder when the original plans for the new construction were submitted in the Fall of 2015 that the proposed garage did not comply with the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed garage would need to be removed from the site plan. The Township filed a motion to supplement the record with the emails. (attachment #4)

November 2016: Mr. Ikle's case was heard before the Circuit Court. The Judge agreed to expand the record. The Judge also felt that the Zoning Board of Appeals should have the benefit of all the information. The Judge remanded the case back before the ZBA to allow the new information to be submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals members.

December 2016: Myers and Myers, LLC. submitted new information on behalf of Mr. Ikle. (attachment #5)

January 2017: Staff prepared the information above and also added documentation from the Livingston County Road Commission. This information was requested by a few of the Zoning Board of Appeals members. (attachment #6) Also, a letter from a resident was received. (attachment #7)

1. 16-10...A request by Matt Ikle, 5555 E. Grand River, for a variance to construct a detached accessory structure in the front yard.

Mr. Ikle was present. He stated that the practical difficulty for having to place this structure in the front yard is the topography of the lot and the placement of the existing sewer easement. This is the only location where he can put it. It will match the siding and stone on the home.

The Board expressed concerns with the garage entry and exit being on a curved area and on the bottom of a hill with the park across the street.

The call to the public was made at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Craig Fons of 4650 Edinburgh owns a vacant property to the west of this lot. It has been presented as a shed in the neighborhood and not as a garage. He feels the size of the structure will hinder his site lines if he was to develop his property. He does not feel the topography of the land is a problem. There are options that Mr. Ikle has. He does not see a hardship. He showed pictures depicting where the garage's roof line would be and how it would obstruct the view of the lake from his property. He does not feel the road commission will approve the driveway.

Chairman Dhaenens stated letters were received from Dave Uhrin of 5516 Wildwood, Ryan and Michelle Bradford of 5571 East Grand River, and Richard and Loretta Corrunker of 5530 Wildwood in support of this project.

The call to the public was closed at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Ikle disagrees with Mr. Fons. There are other structures in this area that are close to the shore line. He also disagrees with the safety issues of the driveway as expressed by the Board.

Chairman Dhaenens and Board Members Ledford and McCreary are not in favor of this request.

Mr. Ikle requested to table this item so he can return with his engineer.

Moved by Ledford, seconded by McCreary, to table Case #16-10 until the April 19, 2016 meeting. **The motion carried unanimously**.

Administrative Business:

1. Approval of minutes for the January 19, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

Moved by McCreary, seconded by Poissant, to approve the January 19, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting as presented. **The motion carried unanimously, with Board Member Ledford abstaining**.

Charter Township of Genoa ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MARCH 15, 2016 <u>CASE #16-10</u>

PROPERTY LOCATION:	5555 Grand River Ave.
PETITIONER:	Matt Ikle
ZONING:	MDR (Medium Density Residential)
WELL AND SEPTIC INFO:	Water and sewer
PETITIONERS REQUEST:	Requesting a variance to construct a detached accessory structure in the front yard.
CODE REFERENCE:	Sec. 11.04.01 (c)
STAFF COMMENTS:	See staff report



GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP VARIANCE APPLICATION

2911 DORR ROAD | BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN 48116 (810) 227-5225 | FAX (810) 227-3420

Case	#	16-	<u>D</u>	

Meeting Date: 3/15/16

- PAID Variance Application Fee \$125.00 for Residential | \$300.00 for Commercial/Industrial
- Copy of paperwork to Assessing Department

<u>ARTICLE 23</u> of the Genoa Township Zoning Ordinance describes the Variance procedure and the duties of the Zoning Board of Appeals (see attached).

Applica	ant/Owner: Matt IKIe,
Proper	ty Address: 5555 E. Grane River Phone: 248 207-9654
Preser	t Zoning: MDR Tax Code: <u>H711 - jo - 301 - 035</u>
	plicant respectfully requests that an adjustment of the terms of the Zoning Ordinance be made in the case property because the following peculiar or unusual conditions are present which justify variance:
1. Va	riance requested: <u>577 set BALK</u>
2. Inte	ended property modifications: 24 × 36 Garage
a.	Unusual topography/shape of land (explain): The topography and shape of the lat
	will allow only one location for an accessory buildings creating a practical difficultys
b.	Other (explain):

The following is required. Failure to meet these requirements may result in tabling of this petition:

- 1. Property must be staked showing <u>all</u> proposed improvements five (5) days before the meeting and remain in place until after the meeting;
- 2. Plot Plan drawings must be submitted, showing setbacks and elevations of proposed buildings and all other pertinent information. <u>One paper copy of all drawings is required.</u>
- 3. Waterfront properties must indicate setback from water for adjacent homes.
- 4. Petitioner (or a Representative) must be present at the meeting.

Date: 2/17/10- Signature: 11/1 9 He

Any Variance not acted upon within 12 months from the date of approval is invalid and must receive a renewal from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

After the decision is made regarding your Variance approval: Contact the Genoa Township Zoning office to discuss your next step.



TO:

RE:

FROM:

DATE:

2911 Dorr Road Brighton, MI 48116 810.227.5225 810.227.3420 fax genoa.org

MEMORANDUM

STAFF REPORT

Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official March 7, 2016

ZBA 16-10

File Number:	ZBA#16-10
Site Address:	5555 Grand River Ave. Howell 48843
Parcel Number:	4711-10-301-035
Parcel Size:	.329 acre
Applicant:	Matt Ikle, 1111 Rial Lake Dr. Howell 48843
Property Owner:	Same as applicant
Information Submitted:	Application, site plan, conceptual drawings
Request:	Dimensional Variance

Project Description: Applicant is requesting a variance to construct a detached accessory structure in the front yard.

Zoning and Existing Use: MDR (Medium Density Residential), the property has a house currently under construction.

Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday February 28, 2016 and 300 foot mailings were sent to any real property within 300 feet of the property in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

Background

The following is a brief summary of the background information we have on file:

SUPERVISOR

Gary T. McCririe

CLERK Paulette A. Skolarus

TREASURER Robin L. Hunt

MANAGER Michael C. Archinal

TRUSTEES H. James Mortensen Jean W. Ledford Todd W. Smith

Linda Rowell

• See Real Estate Summary and Record Card.

- Property previously had an apartment building on the property.
- A land use waiver was issued in 2009 for the building to be demolished due to a fire.

The proposed project is to construct a detached accessory structure in the front yard. In order to do this the applicant would be required to obtain a variance to construct the structure in the front yard. This lot borders the Glen-Echo walking path and park adjacent to the lake. Please see attached plat map. There is a 25 foot sewer easement that runs along the rear property line, severe slope to the property and it is a corner lot.



Variance Requests

The following is the section of the Zoning Ordinance that the variances are being requested from:

Sec. 11.04.01 (C) Restrictions in front yard

Standards for Approval

The following are the standards of approval that are listed in the Zoning Ordinance for Dimensional Variances:

23.05.03 Criteria Applicable to Dimensional Variances. No variance in the provisions or requirements of this Ordinance shall be authorized by the Board of Appeals unless it is found from the evidence that all of the following conditions exist:

(a) Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice. Compliance with the strict letter of the restrictions governing area, setbacks, frontage, height, bulk, density, or other dimensional provisions would unreasonably prevent the use of the property. Granting of a requested variance or appeal would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district and is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right similar to that possessed by other properties in the same zoning district and vicinity of the subject parcel.

(b) Extraordinary Circumstances. There are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applicable to the property or the intended use which are different than other properties in the same zoning district or the variance would make the property consistent with the majority of other properties in the vicinity. The need for the variance was not self-created by the applicant.

(c) Public Safety and Welfare. The granting of the variance will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property or unreasonably increase the congestion in public streets, or increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare of the inhabitants of the Township of Genoa.

(d) Impact on Surrounding Neighborhood. The variance will not interfere with or discourage the appropriate development, continued use, or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.

Summary of Findings

Please note that in order for a variance to be approved it has to meet all of the standards in 25.05.03.

The following are findings based upon the presented materials.

Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice –Compliance with the strict letter of the ordinance would prevent the applicant from constructing a detached accessory structure. Located on the lot is a 25 foot sewer easement that runs along the rear property line, the topography of the lot drops off signifantly between Grand River and the park, and it is a corner lot which means the lot has two front yards. Granting of the requested variance would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district.

Extraordinary Circumstances – The exceptional or extraordinary condition of the property is location of the sewer easement, topography of the lot and it is a corner lot. The need for the variance was not self-created by the applicant. While there are some detached accessory structures in the front yards within the surrounding neighborhood, the majority of the parcels do not have them. The need for the variance is not self-created.

Public Safety and Welfare – The granting of the variance will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property or unreasonably increase the congestion in public streets, or increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare of the inhabitants of the Township of Genoa.

Impact on Surrounding Neighborhood – The proposed variance would have a limited impact on the appropriate development, continued use, or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.

Staff Findings of Fact

- 1. The need for this variance is due to the topography of the lot, location of a 25 foot sewer easement on the rear of the lot, and it is a corner lot.
- 2. Granting of the requested variance will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property or unreasonably increase the congestion in public streets, or increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare of the inhabitants of the Township.
- 3. Granting the requested variance will not interfere with or discourage the appropriate development, continued use, or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.

Recommended Conditions

If the Zoning Board of Appeals grants the variance request staff recommends the following conditions be placed on the approval.

1. The detached accessory structure will be guttered with downspouts. The applicant must maintain drainage on their property.





Estimate Id: 4716



Gable Back View







Building Size: 24 feet wide X 36 feet long X 10 feet high

Approximate Peak Heighl: 14 feet 4 inches (172 inches)

NOTE: Overhead doors may need to be "*Wind Code Rated" depending on your building location. Confirm the door requirements with your local zoning official before construction.

Menards-provided material estimates are intended as a general construction aid and have been calculated using typical construction methods. Because of the wide variability in codes and site restrictions. al final plans and material lists must be verified with your local zoning office. Menands is a supplier of construction materials and does not assume liability for design, engineering or the completeness of any material lists provided. Underground electrical, phone and gas tines should be located and marked before your building plans are finalized. Remember to use safety equipment including dust masks and sight and hearing protection during construction to ensure a positive building experience.

To Whom It May Concern:

We are in favor of the accessory garage location at 5555 E Grand River. The Ikle's are improving the lot with building their home and the 24x36 garage on the corner.

Sincerely, TAN

Dave Uhrin 5516 Wildwood Howell, Michigan 48843

To Whom It May Concern:

We are in favor of the accessory garage location at 5555 E Grand River. The Ikle's are improving the lot with building their home and the 24x36 garage on the corner.

Sincerely,

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Ryan and Michelle Bradford 5571 E Grand River Howell, Michigan 48843 To Whom It May Concern:

We are in favor of the accessory garage location at 5555 E Grand River. The Ikle's are improving the lot with building their home and the 24x36 garage on the corner.

Sincerely,

Richard and Loretta Corrunker 5530 Wildwood Howell, Michigan 48843

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Genoa Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Board Members

In regards to agenda item 16-10 on the agenda of the March 15th, 2016 board meeting we would like you to know that we strongly oppose the granting of the requested variance. The proposed structure would have a devastating effect on the value of the 3 parcels immediately to the west of Mr. Ikle's property. We have under land contract lots 34, 33 and lot 32, which contains a dwelling currently being remodeled. Lot 33 contains a 2 car garage that was used by the previous owners in association with the dwelling on lot 32, lot 34 is vacant but we are currently considering building a structure on the parcel. The site lines from the considered structure would be severely impacted by the construction of the proposed garage. The slope of lot 34 affords the opportunity to construct something with a walkout, which nearly every house in the neighborhood has, walkouts add significant value on a house in the close proximity to any body of water. We would anticipate the proposed garage would obstruct most of the water view from the lower level and a significant portion from an upper level, leaving a homeowner on lot 34 to look at a majority shingles from level one and garage siding from a lower level.

In review of the submitted site plan Mr. Ikle has significant open space shown on the site plan to build his structure within the setback limits and not have to encroach the limits of which the property is currently zoned. He recently removed some very large trees that may have justified the encroachment but now they are gone. There are current technologize in the construction industry that afford opportunities to construct almost anything anywhere.

In our review of staff findings, our opinion is that the variance is indeed self-created in that the proposed structure would be one of very few if any in the neighborhood. While there are sheds and some small structures abound there is nothing of the magnitude of what Mr. Ikle's is proposing and certainly not anything that impacts a neighboring property like this does. With all due respect to staff, we do not see where or how the sanitary sewer easement creates any sort of need for a variance. If anything, it would create an obstacle for any future repair or replacement of said sewer in that it is in close proximity to the easement (it appears to be touching the easement line). This would put the sewer authority at the mercy of Mr. Ikle if for some reason access could not come from the west and Wildwood Dr.

We thank you for your time and consideration and pray the you deny this variance with the hopes that Mr. Ikle will use the options at his disposal that conforms to the Township's requirements if he needs a structure like the one proposed.

Sincerely,

4K Chemung Investments LLC

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Parcel Number: 4711-10-301-035

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Case #16-10

Applicant: Matt Ikle

Parcel ID: 4711-10-301-035

Meeting Date: March 15, 2016





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February 22, 2016

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS April 19, 2016, 6:30 PM

MINUTES

<u>Call to Order</u>: Chairman Dhaenens called the regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 6:30 pm at the Genoa Charter Township Hall. The members and staff of the Zoning Board of Appeals were present as follows: Jeff Dhaenens, Marianne McCreary, Jean Ledford, Barb Figurski and Jerry Poissant.

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction: The members of the Board introduced themselves.

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by Ledford, seconded by Poissant, to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion** carried unanimously.

<u>Call to the Public</u>: The call to the public was made at 6:33 p.m. with no response.

1. 16-05...A request by Michael A. Quin, 1731 Fisk Road, for a side yard setback variance to build a detached garage.

Chairman Dhaenens stated that the applicant has requested to have this item tabled until the May 17, 2016 ZBA meeting.

Moved by McCreary, seconded by Figurski, to table Agenda Item #1, Case #16-05 at the request of the applicant. **The motion carried unanimously**.

2. 16-10...A request by Matt Ikle, 5555 E. Grand River, for a variance to construct a detached accessory structure in the front yard.

Mr. Ikle stated that his builder has submitted a letter addressing the concerns of the Board at their last meeting. Also, the Livingston County Road Commission issued him a permit for the driveway. He submitted a picture showing a similar garage in a similar location on a lot in his neighborhood. He stated the practical difficulty is the topography of the lot. It does not permit the garage to be placed at any other location on the site, which he has confirmed with his engineer.

Board Member Figurski stated she visited the site today and could not determine the proposed location of the building or the driveway. Mr. Ikle stated it has been staked by his engineer and the Road Commission. Ms. Figurski feels it is too close to the road.

Chairman Dhaenens stated that the engineer noted that the garage could be placed at another location on the site; however, it would require more excavation and be more expensive.

Mr. Ikle stated that he meets the criteria for granting a variance per the Township Staff's report, and he has letters of support from his neighbors.

Board Member McCreary stated that the applicant is requesting to put a building on the waterfront side of the property that could block the neighbors' views of the lake.

Mr. Ikle stated the building materials for the garage will match the existing home. It is not a pole barn. He also disagrees that it will block the neighbors' views of the lake.

The call to the public was made at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Craig Fons of 4K Chemung Investments, LLC stated he and his partner own the adjoining lot, which are directly behind the proposed building. It would be between his property and the lake. He submitted suggestions for other locations where the building could be placed on the site. Approving this variance will adversely affect his property value and there is no hardship. The applicant has other options.

The call to the public was closed at 7:12 p.m.

All Board Members feel there are other options for the building to be placed within the building envelope. They do not agree with granting this variance.

Chairman Dhaenens stated that the Board had asked Mr. Ikle to return to them with other options. Mr. Ikle stated he met with his engineer and confirmed that due to the topography of the lot, this is the only location where it can be placed. He reiterated that the Livingston County Road Commission approved the location of the driveway.

Moved by McCreary, seconded by Figurski, to deny Request #16-10 from Matt Ikle for 5555 Grand River to construct a detached accessory structure in the front yard as it is believed it will inhibit public safety and welfare, will negatively impact the surrounding properties, it does not meet all four of the standards of approval for granting a variance, and the hardship is self-created. **The motion carried unanimously**.

3. 16-11...A request by Daniel Trosper, 4105 Highcrest, for a waterfront variance and front yard variance to construct an attached garage and second story addition to an existing home.

Ms. Laura Trosper stated they are interested in purchasing this property and if they do, they would like to construct an attached garage as well as add a second story over the existing footprint. She noted they have not yet received the survey and have only submitted a mortgage survey.

Board Member McCreary asked staff what would need to be done if the survey is different than what was submitted. Ms. Ruthig stated the applicant would need to come back for a different variance.

The call to the public was made at 7:39 p.m.

Amy Ruthig

From:	Matt Ikle <eliteins@comcast.net></eliteins@comcast.net>
Sent:	Thursday, April 07, 2016 10:33 AM
То:	Amy Ruthig
Subject:	ZBA meeting April 19th- Matt Ikle
Attachments:	ZBA 3 19 16 Matt Ikle.pdf; Ikle LRC permit 5555 E Grand River.pdf
Importance:	High

Hi Amy,

Hope you had a great vacation and well deserved time off.

I have attached a letter from my builder and photos for the ZBA meeting on the 19th. The builders letter addresses all the ZBA and Mr. Fon's concerns. The photos show current garages on Wildwood and also on Glen Echo. The 5975 Glen Echo is very comparable to my request.

I went and filed for a permit to go through the inspection process of eliminating the concerns of safety with sight distance that was brought up during the meeting. The LRC has confirmed, no safety or sight distance issues exist and actually issued the permit. (attached)

Anything else needed before the meeting, please let me know.

Matt W. Ikle President/CEO Elite Insurance Agency 3399 E. Grand River, Ste. 201 Howell, Michigan 48843 517/545-9325 Office 517/545-9326 Fax www.EliteInsuranceAgency.com

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Hi Point Construction 11120 Linden Rd. Fenton, MI 48430

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform the board of the reasoning why the location of the detached garage has to stay as depicted on the plot plan that was submitted. Thank you in advance for taking the time to review this concern and location of the future detached garage. Here are some of the reasons why the detached garage can only be located at the bottom of the property.

- Due to the topography of the lot the grade changes in elevation over 24' from the final grade elevation at the front of the house to the bottom of the property by the lake. This will create issues with the foundation to try and divert the grade and water shed around the structure. So moving it back into the hill or to a different location is not feasible for the structure.
- 2. The sewer easement also poses a restriction. By having to stay out of the easement for the sewer we are required to have this location for the detached garage.
- 3. Discussing with the Engineers, the site lines will not be affected by the structure of the garage. Again the elevations of the surrounding lots are similar to this lot. They are all 20' or more above the garage so they will still retain the same view they have always had previously. The garage will set back off to the side from these neighboring houses.
- 4. The attached garage is adequate only for the storage and parking of 2 cars only so this detached garage is needed for storage of everything else in order to keep the lake side of the house maintained in an orderly fashion that will be pleasing to the neighbors. The intention is to use the garage for a lawnmower, yard utensils, small storage, boat and a golf cart. Given Mrs. Ikle's

disability to walk and move around this detached garage location will greatly aid her ability to be able to be use certain items as needed without having to attempt to walk up the steep grade and chance having an accident. We do understand Mrs. Ikle's disability is not a hardship that can be considered, but the board should be aware of the background.

- 5. The detached garage will have the same exterior features as the house structure. So this will actually enhance the area with the rich stone and siding colors.
- 6. Most important of all is safety for all in the area. If we located the structure further up the hill it would actually pose as a danger. When neighbors turn on Wildwood Dr. they would need to always be extra cautious to slow down to look for someone or something by the garage. The steep roadway runs parallel to the property so stopping a vehicle on a cold wintery day is definitely not always possible in icy conditions. With the detached garage located at the proposed location traffic approaching from either direction on Wildwood Dr. will be able to easily see if anyone or anything is in the roadway. The elevation of the roadway at this proposed area for the garage is generally flat and will allow the proper time to cautiously approach the garage driveway. The Livingston County Road commission has approved the site location and sight distances as of 4/5/16. We are awaiting documentation to bring to the meeting.

Please understand the importance of this detached garage and the hardships the grade conditions have caused from being able to place it any other location on the property.

Regards,

Jeremy Huntoon

Hi Point Construction 810-701-9749







APPLICATION AND PERMIT

to construct, operate, maintain use and/or remove within a county road right-of-way CRA 100 Rev 7/99 Permit Number 1605-004 Issuance Date 06-Apr-16

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS, of LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN ADDRESS: 3535 GRAND OAKS, HOWELL, MICHIGAN 48843-8575 TELEPHONE: 517-546-4250

If applicant hires a contractor to perform the work, BOTH must complete this form and BOTH assume responsibility for the provisions of this Application and Permit.

	APPLICANT	CC	DNTRACTOR	
NAME: MATT I	KLE	NAME		
MAILING ADDRESS:	5555 E. GRAND RIVER HOWELL, MI 48843	MAILING ADDRESS:		
TELEPHONE NO .:	(248) 207-9654	TELEPHONE NO.		
Applicant's Signature Title	- <u>J.</u> Date: <u>1/4/4</u> /4	Contractor's Signature	Date:	
FINA	NCIAL REQUIREMENTS		CHMENTS REQUIRED)
Application Fee Permit Fee	\$50.00	Plans and Specs.	In the little regulater	_
Est. Inspect. Fee Bond		Bond		
Deposit		Proof of Insurance		
Other		Yes	No	
To Be Billed Receipt Number	822493	P.I. \$	P.D. \$	
Date	3/29/2016	Other		
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Applicant and/or Con	tractor request a Permit for the purpose indic	ated in the attached plans and spec	ifications at the following location	on:
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RECOMMENDED FOR ISSUANCE:

JOHN SI	IELTON, ENG. TECH	Investigator
06-Apr-16	Date	Title

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

By John Shitters By

By

Genoa Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Board Members

In regards to agenda item 16-10 of the March 15th 2016 board meeting, we submitted for that meeting, a letter objecting to the request by Mr. Matt Ikle to construct a detached accessory structure at 5555 E. Grand River. Understanding that the issue is now on the April 19th meeting, we would like the board to know that our position has not changed and that Mr. Inkle's construction of the proposed building would severely devalue our parcels directly west of 5555 E. Grand River which are lots 33 and 34 of the Glen Echo subdivision.

We have reviewed the undated letter from Mr. Jeremy Huntoon of Hi Point Construction pertaining to the reasons for the chosen location. Among other things we strongly disagree with point number 3 in his letter, stating "site lines will not be affected by the structure of the garage" this simply is not the case and it certainly will affect the view from lots 33 and 34 at potential walkout and first floor levels, having a devastating effect on the value of lot 33/34 and any structure built on it.

Mr.'s Ikle and Huntoon seem to be missing the obvious solution that the structure needs to be built into the side of the hill within the property boundaries much like a walkout basement. The severe slope to which they note actually helps them, and affords the opportunity to locate a structure where it works for grading and access for Mrs. Ikle. It would allow for the garage door to look straight at the lake and lengthen the driveway entering onto Wildwood.

We have taken the liberty to sketch, on Mr. Ikle survey, an idea of where they could locate the structure that would place it inside the building envelope and give it a little buffer out to Wildwood. This structure could be built just like the basement under his home currently under construction. The concrete walls would extend far enough up so as to allow any water coming from the south to flow around the structure and on to the lake. A shingled roof could then be placed on top of the concrete walls with gutters to control roof water. I don't know if Mr. Ikle got an estimate to do it that way, but he may be surprised on how cost effective it could be and what a good solid structure he would end up with. Cost is not a hardship from what I understand, furthermore, we believe it is fundamentally wrong to devalue one property to make something more cost effective for someone else.

Mr. Ikle submitted some photo's showing some outbuildings in what I assume is our neighborhood. They do not indicate where the structures are in relation to the owner's main residence and if these structures impede anyone, beside the owner's, view of the lake. These structures appear to be many many years old, and I might guess, they were constructed before most current zoning laws were adopted. They should show you folks the importance of your duties as an appeals board and exactly why we enact rules that we can all follow and be good neighbors.

We noticed that Kensington Valley Excavating were doing work for the Ikles, they are a top notch company and we feel they could be an asset to Mr. Ikle and his builder to find a solution to the challenges on the property. We are asking no more than to be able to enjoy the same view of Lake Chemung that the Ikles strived for in the placement of their home. Mr. Nowka has offered in the past and Mr. Fons would be more than happy to help the Ikles with anything we may have the experience and expertise in. We would very much like to continue being good neighbors.

Sincerely,

Craig Fons Albert Nowka 4K Chemung Investments LLC.

Genoa Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Board Members

In regards to agenda item 16-10 on the agenda of the March 15th, 2016 board meeting we would like you to know that we strongly oppose the granting of the requested variance. The proposed structure would have a devastating effect on the value of the 3 parcels immediately to the west of Mr. Ikle's property. We have under land contract lots 34, 33 and lot 32, which contains a dwelling currently being remodeled. Lot 33 contains a 2 car garage that was used by the previous owners in association with the dwelling on lot 32, lot 34 is vacant but we are currently considering building a structure on the parcel. The site lines from the considered structure would be severely impacted by the construction of the proposed garage. The slope of lot 34 affords the opportunity to construct something with a walkout, which nearly every house in the neighborhood has, walkouts add significant value on a house in the close proximity to any body of water. We would anticipate the proposed garage would obstruct most of the water view from the lower level and a significant portion from an upper level, leaving a homeowner on lot 34 to look at a majority shingles from level one and garage siding from a lower level.

In review of the submitted site plan Mr. Ikle has significant open space shown on the site plan to build his structure within the setback limits and not have to encroach the limits of which the property is currently zoned. He recently removed some very large trees that may have justified the encroachment but now they are gone. There are current technologize in the construction industry that afford opportunities to construct almost anything anywhere.

In our review of staff findings, our opinion is that the variance is indeed self-created in that the proposed structure would be one of very few if any in the neighborhood. While there are sheds and some small structures abound there is nothing of the magnitude of what Mr. Ikle's is proposing and certainly not anything that impacts a neighboring property like this does. With all due respect to staff, we do not see where or how the sanitary sewer easement creates any sort of need for a variance. If anything, it would create an obstacle for any future repair or replacement of said sewer in that it is in close proximity to the easement (it appears to be touching the easement line). This would put the sewer authority at the mercy of Mr. Ikle if for some reason access could not come from the west and Wildwood Dr.

We thank you for your time and consideration and pray the you deny this variance with the hopes that Mr. Ikle will use the options at his disposal that conforms to the Township's requirements if he needs a structure like the one proposed.

Sincerely,

4K Chemung Investments LLC

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Albert Nowka












16-17...A request by Daniel Prosper, 4105 Highcrest, for front, rear, and waterfront variances to construct a garage and a second story addition onto an existing home.

Ms. Laura Trosper stated they have received the survey and due to its results, they are requesting different variances than what was approved last month.

Board Member Figurski asked if the lot coverage is within the requirement. Ms. Ruthig stated is it below the maximum allowed.

The call to the public was made at 7:56 pm with no response.

Moved by Ledford, seconded by McCreary, to approve Case #16-17 from Daniel Trosper, 4105 Highcrest, for a 35-foot front-yard setback variance from the required 35 feet to 0 feet, a 9-foot rear-yard setback variance from the required 40 feet to 31 feet, and a 17-foot waterfront variance from the required 48 feet to 31 feet to construct a second story addition with an attached garage, based on the following findings of fact:

- Strict compliance with the setback would prevent the applicant from erecting a garage and second story addition.
- The need for the variance is due to the location of the existing home on the lot.
- The granting of this variance will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent properties or unreasonably increase the congestion in public streets or increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare of the air of residents of the Township.
- The granting of this variance will not interfere with or discourage the appropriate development, continued use or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.

Granting of this variance is conditioned upon:

• The addition will be guttered with downspouts and water runoff directed toward the lake.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Business:

1. Approval of minutes for the April 19, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

Ms. Ruthig stated that Mr. Ikle would like to have a sentence removed from the minutes of the meeting when his case was discussed. All members agree that the sentence should remain because that is what was said in the meeting.

Moved by Figurski, seconded by McCreary, to approve the April 19, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting minutes as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Amy Ruthig

From:	Matt Ikle <eliteins@comcast.net></eliteins@comcast.net>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 04, 2016 4:01 PM
То:	Amy Ruthig
Subject:	Ikle ZBA revised minutes request
Attachments:	IKLE ZBA 4 19 16 minutes.pdf
Importance:	High

Genoa Township ZBA Committee Members and Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official:

Please consider this email a formal request to correct the ZBA meeting minutes of April 19th, 2016.

3rd paragraph states "Chairman Dhaenens stated that the engineer noted that the garage could be placed at another location on the site; however, it would require more excavation and be more expensive."

This is not a correct statement of the facts. At no time did my Engineer, Builder or myself state there are other location options.

I formally request the 3rd paragraph in its entirety be removed from the minutes.

Please email the revised minutes after the meeting.

Sincerely,

Matt W. Ikle 5555 E Grand River 248/207-9654 cell

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS April 19, 2016, 6:30 PM

MINUTES

<u>Call to Order</u>: Chairman Dhaenens called the regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 6:30 pm at the Genoa Charter Township Hall. The members and staff of the Zoning Board of Appeals were present as follows: Jeff Dhaenens, Marianne McCreary, Jean Ledford, Barb Figurski and Jerry Poissant.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction: The members of the Board introduced themselves.

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by Ledford, seconded by Poissant, to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion** carried unanimously.

<u>Call to the Public</u>: The call to the public was made at 6:33 p.m. with no response.

1. 16-05...A request by Michael A. Quin, 1731 Fisk Road, for a side yard setback variance to build a detached garage.

Chairman Dhaenens stated that the applicant has requested to have this item tabled until the May 17, 2016 ZBA meeting.

Moved by McCreary, seconded by Figurski, to table Agenda Item #1, Case #16-05 at the request of the applicant. **The motion carried unanimously**.

2. 16-10...A request by Matt Ikle, 5555 E. Grand River, for a variance to construct a detached accessory structure in the front yard.

Mr. Ikle stated that his builder has submitted a letter addressing the concerns of the Board at their last meeting. Also, the Livingston County Road Commission issued him a permit for the driveway. He submitted a picture showing a similar garage in a similar location on a lot in his neighborhood. He stated the practical difficulty is the topography of the lot. It does not permit the garage to be placed at any other location on the site, which he has confirmed with his engineer.

Board Member Figurski stated she visited the site today and could not determine the proposed location of the building or the driveway. Mr. Ikle stated it has been staked by his engineer and the Road Commission. Ms. Figurski feels it is too close to the road.

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Chairman Dhaenens stated that the engineer noted that the garage could be placed at another location on the site; however, it would require more excavation and be more expensive.



Amy Ruthig

From: Sent: To: Subject: Amy Ruthig Wednesday, October 26, 2016 3:32 PM Amy Ruthig FW: 5555 Grand River

Amy Ruthig Zoning Official



From: Amy Ruthig Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 9:38 AM To: Hi Point Construction Subject: Re: 5555 Grand River

Thank you for the revisions they look good. I am out of office today I will get them reviewed and back with you Monday morning. Have a great weekend.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 13, 2015, at 9:06 AM, Hi Point Construction <<u>ieremy@hipointconstruction.net</u>> wrote:

I just sent you the revised plot plan. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you, Jeremy Huntoon 810-701-9749 jeremy@hipointconstruction.net

On Nov 12, 2015, at 4:19 PM, Amy Ruthig <<u>amy@genoa.org</u>> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Per our conversation earlier today, I am in need of the following information:

Rear setback from the property line, not the next door neighbors as depicted on the site plan;

Setback from waterfront

Also, on the plan it shows for a future pole barn, however due to the parcel being a corner lot it has two front yards and accessory structures are not allowed in the front yard for a MDR (Medium Density Residential) zoning.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You, Amy Ruthig Zoning Official







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December 29, 2016

Via Hand Delivery

Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals 2911 Dorr Road Brighton, MI 48116 Attention: Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official

> RE: Ikle, Matt 5555 E. Grand River

Dear Amy:

Enclosed please find supporting documentation for consideration by the Zoning Board of Appeals at its meeting scheduled for January 17, 2017 with regard to the above-referenced property.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Very Truly Yours,

MYERS & MYERS, PLLC

Connie Spring, Legal Assistant Direct Dial: 517-376-3459

/cs Enclosures

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December 13, 2016

Matthew and Angellina Ikle 5555 E. Grand River Howell, Michigan, 48843

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ikle,

Realty Concierge Group (RCG) is happy to provide this Broker Opinion of Value (BOV), regarding your concern of adding a 24x36 accessory building on Lot 35 at 5555 E Grand River, Howell, Michigan, 48843.

After assessing the proposed location on the lower level northwest corner near the lake, I would agree that it is the best location based on accessibility, driveway location, and functional use of the remaining open space available. It is very unfortunate to have the sewer easement and the topography assuming so much of your lot.

Reviewing the possibility of a new build on Lot 34, it looks like from the Glen Echo Plot Plan that it would not be able to be a walkout site with the lot only having frontage on Grand River and not on the lakeside of Wildwood Drive. Looking at the current elevations on your Lot 35 and the neighbors Lot 34, I agree that there would be no sight restrictions for Lot 34 to the lake, being so high up over the proposed height of 14 foot at the peak of your accessory building. I would suggest highly conducting a line of sight confirmation with your Civil Engineer. Your main concern of the surrounding neighbor's property being affected after the accessory building being completed, I don't see any adverse effects of market values as long it is not a pole barn or shed type structure.

With your explanation stating it will match the current home exterior (which is very upscale), it will enhance the community and surrounding properties. Driving around on Wildwood Drive and Glen Echo, I did see other accessory buildings that would be comparable to the size of your proposed building.

The inquiry of how much market value can be added to your home is approximately 50% of the value of the accessory building, approximately \$9,000.

Thank you for contacting me and if there is anything in the future I can assist with, please let me know.

Enjoy your new home!

Sincerely,

Joel Schmidt Broker, Realty Concierge Group (RCG)



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12/14/16 Ikle Residence- Detached Garage 5555 East Grand River Ave. Howell, MI

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that we were requested to remove the detached garage from the plot plan for the approval of the building permit. This was requested since the homeowner had to present the detached garage plan and location to the ZBA at the monthly meeting. We were requested to remove the detached garage from the plot plan in order to have the permit approved for the house in a timely matter. The required variance for the detached garage from the ZBA board would have delayed the approval until the following monthly meeting. Please let me know if you have any further questions at all.

Regards,

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Jeremy Huntoon Owner



Attachment #6

APPLICATION AND PERMIT

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	HOWELL, MI 48843	3	
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06-Apr-16	Date	Title

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

By John Shitters By

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Design Feature		Standard	Range	
A	Driveway Width	12'	10' to 30'	
В	Entering Radius	10'	5' to 15'	
С	Exiting Radius	10'	5' to 15'	
D	Total Opening (A+B+C)	32'	20' to <u>60'</u>	

The Standard shall be used unless engineering judgement determines that another dimension within the range is more suitable for a particular site or special condition and is approved by Livingston County Road Commission.

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Supplemental Notice to Permit Holders

In the interest of highway safety, Michigan Law (1925 P.A. 368, as amended MCLA 247.171) prohibits the placement of any object, except authorized mailbox mountings, within the highway right-of-way without a permit from the road authority.

In many instances, property owners or contractors place fences, rocks/boulders, trees/shrubs, unyielding mailboxes, earthwork or other objects within the road right-of-way as a measure of improving landscape. However, these fixed objects often become hazards to errant motorists, vision obstructions, or interference to public utilities.

Any structural or ornamental object, whether permanent or temporary, placed within the county road rightof-way without a permit from the Livingston County Road Commission (LCRC) shall be subject to removal by LCRC forces. Further, any costs incurred by the LCRC may be recovered from the property owner by statute.

We ask your cooperation in keeping the highway right-of-way free of all objects other than standard mailboxes and mailbox supports. Acceptable mailbox standards are provided below:

- Mailbox is of light steel, aluminum or plastic construction that meets U. S. Postal Service requirements.
- > No more that two mailboxes per support structure.
- > Mailbox post is not set in concrete or filled with any material.
- > Mailbox post is a single wood or metal post.
- ➤ Wood post does not exceed 4-inch x 4-inch square or 4 ½ -inch diameter round.
- Metal post does not exceed weight of 3 lbs./ft.
- > Mailbox is adequately attached to the post to prevent separation if impacted by a motor vehicle.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Livingston County Road Commission 3535 Grand Oaks Drive Howell, Michigan 48843 (517) 546-4250



Sight Distance

Sight distance is the distance along a roadway that an object of specified height is continuously visible to a driver. The following sight distance values, according to the posted or absolute regulatory speed limit, are required for residential driveway approaches.

Required Sight Distance (feet)			
Speed Limit (mph)	Standard	Minimum Allowable	
30 or below	350	260	
35	400	300	
40	450	335	
45	500	375	
50	550	410	
55	600	450	

If a driveway approach is intended to serve only one single-family dwelling, then the values listed as standard represent the minimum requirements for sight distance where existing roadway and site characteristics allow. Where conditions do not allow for the standard, the driveway shall be located in the best location, maximizing sight distance as close to the standard as possible. A permit will not be issued where the minimum allowable sight distance, based on speed conditions, cannot be achieved.

If a driveway approach is intended to serve more than one single-family dwelling, then the values listed as standard represent the minimum requirements for sight distance. A permit will not be issued where the standard sight distance, based on speed conditions, cannot be achieved.

In some instances, the Livingston County Road Commission may reduce the sight distance requirements where conditions limit vehicle speeds in the vicinity of the proposed approach.

On gravel roads that do not have a posted speed limit, residential driveway approaches shall meet the 45-mph requirements for sight distance.

On roadways serving through traffic that have a 25-mph prima facie limit posted, residential driveway approaches shall meet the value listed as standard for sight distance.

Sight distance shall be measured on the edge of the roadway at the center of the approach, using an eye height of 3.5 feet above the road edge and sighting a target 4.25 feet high along the center of each lane on the road. A portion of the target being sighted shall be continuously in view for the required sight distance values. Further, the approach should be located to provide as much of the target in view as possible. The approach should also be located to maximize the view of oncoming traffic for a motorist on the existing county road preparing to turn left at the driveway.

The same sight distance required at the edge of the road shall be continuously provided, along the center of the approach, to a point 15 feet off the edge of the road. The Road Commission may reduce this requirement to a point not less than 10 feet off the edge of the road, depending on site-specific conditions.

A clear vision area, as shown in Figure 1, shall be provided prior to construction and use of any residential driveway approach entering onto a roadway under the jurisdiction of the Livingston County Road Commission. To provide for adequate vision, all obstructions must be removed within the clear vision area. The property owner shall maintain the clear vision area in perpetuity.





Genoa Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Board Members

I recently received a notice of Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for January 17th 2017. This is an ongoing appeal from a Mr. Matt Ikle to construct a pole barn outside the setback limits established by Genoa Township as written in the Township zoning guidelines. At the March 15th meeting and again on the 19th of April 2016, I attended and spoke out against the granting of a variance. I have enclosed the previous two letters of explanation that I submitted for each meeting which I believe makes my position very clear. Nothing has changed regarding my position as stated in those letters, and Mr. Ikle's constructing of the proposed polebarn, no doubt would have a devastating effect on my property.

Mr. Ikle submits with his new request a letter Dated December 13th from Mr. Joel Schmidt. With all due respect to Mr. Schmidt, I would disagree that it is the best location for the building. The most accessible spot for the proposed structure would be in the building envelope immediately west of the Ikle's new home, there is a very large paved driveway in that area and with a minimal amount of grading, could fit the building in nicely. He refers to a driveway location but I cannot tell where that driveway is located as it does not show up on the submitted schematic. I'm baffled by his statement regarding functional use of remaining space because no matter where this building is located it still takes up an area roughly 24'x 36'. I'm also not sure how unfortunate having the sewer easement abutting his property, it is entirely outside the setback limits and unless granted a variance no one would be able to build anything in that area. Mr. Schmidt contends my site is not walkout capable? That is simply untrue and for sure, it is prime property for a walkout.

As long as Mr. Schmidt brings the sewer easement up, the sewer has been there at least 10 years, long before Mr. Ikle purchased the property. Also, something the board should consider, is that any future repair/replacement of that sewer line, and a significant amount of the line upstream, would need to be accessed from Wildwood Dr. Mr. Ikle's barn, if placed as he has requested, would create a pinch point of access and make it very difficult to get the needed equipment and materials into the work area, especially if a repair needed to happen east of the proposed polebarn. I have been in the heavy construction business for almost 40 years and have done many repairs and replacement work projects, many for the Genoa Township. I know firsthand the associated cost's when obstacles come into play, the right equipment is needed always, and this barn could become another costly example if indeed it becomes an obstacle in any future repair or replacement project. Also, it is possible the owner at the time of that sewer installation, signed over a construction easement adjoining the permanent sewer easement and that would be exactly where the Ikle's want to place their pole barn.

Please note that along with this letter I have submitted some of the information as previous submitted. There are pictures that show the site lines from my lot and a reference to the proposed pole barn's height. There are two drawings I sketched up for the Ikle's, showing a couple different locations inside the setback limits that this building could be built and even offering my expertise in construction with no response at all. Mr. Ikle seems intent on bullying is way to what suits his needs, and his wallet. He doesn't care about the impact on the neighboring properties and how it would devalue my lot in particular. He seems to be able to find people to offer opinions that suit his needs whether true, partly true or downright false. This variance request does not meet the Township requirements to be granted,

economics is not a hardship, Mr. Ikle said himself in one of the two meetings, that building a garage into the side of the hill would cost too much, and he does not have that sort of money in his budget. While that may be true and unfortunate for him, his constructing that barn in that location would no doubt devalue my lot and cost me too much, I would certainly not have that loss in my budget. I continue to be steadfast in the opinion that granting Mr. Ikle's variance and him being allowed to build his barn in front of my lot is not fair, under any circumstance.

Respectfully submitted.

Craig Fons 4K Chemung Investments LLC Owner lot's 33,34 and 132 Glen Echo Subdivision0

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Genoa Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Board Members

In regards to agenda item 16-10 of the March 15th 2016 board meeting, we submitted for that meeting, a letter objecting to the request by Mr. Matt Ikle to construct a detached accessory structure at 5555 E. Grand River. Understanding that the issue is now on the April 19th meeting, we would like the board to know that our position has not changed and that Mr. Inkle's construction of the proposed building would severely devalue our parcels directly west of 5555 E. Grand River which are lots 33 and 34 of the Glen Echo subdivision.

We have reviewed the undated letter from Mr. Jeremy Huntoon of Hi Point Construction pertaining to the reasons for the chosen location. Among other things we strongly disagree with point number 3 in his letter, stating "site lines will not be affected by the structure of the garage" this simply is not the case and it certainly will affect the view from lots 33 and 34 at potential walkout and first floor levels, having a devastating effect on the value of lot 33/34 and any structure built on it.

Mr.'s Ikle and Huntoon seem to be missing the obvious solution that the structure needs to be built into the side of the hill within the property boundaries much like a walkout basement. The severe slope to which they note actually helps them, and affords the opportunity to locate a structure where it works for grading and access for Mrs. Ikle. It would allow for the garage door to look straight at the lake and lengthen the driveway entering onto Wildwood.

We have taken the liberty to sketch, on Mr. Ikle survey, an idea of where they could locate the structure that would place it inside the building envelope and give it a little buffer out to Wildwood. This structure could be built just like the basement under his home currently under construction. The concrete walls would extend far enough up so as to allow any water coming from the south to flow around the structure and on to the lake. A shingled roof could then be placed on top of the concrete walls with gutters to control roof water. I don't know if Mr. Ikle got an estimate to do it that way, but he may be surprised on how cost effective it could be and what a good solid structure he would end up with. Cost is not a hardship from what I understand, furthermore, we believe it is fundamentally wrong to devalue one property to make something more cost effective for someone else.

Mr. Ikle submitted some photo's showing some outbuildings in what I assume is our neighborhood. They do not indicate where the structures are in relation to the owner's main residence and if these structures impede anyone, beside the owner's, view of the lake. These structures appear to be many many years old, and I might guess, they were constructed before most current zoning laws were adopted. They should show you folks the importance of your duties as an appeals board and exactly why we enact rules that we can all follow and be good neighbors.

We noticed that Kensington Valley Excavating were doing work for the Ikles, they are a top notch company and we feel they could be an asset to Mr. Ikle and his builder to find a solution to the challenges on the property. We are asking no more than to be able to enjoy the same view of Lake Chemung that the Ikles strived for in the placement of their home. Mr. Nowka has offered in the past and Mr. Fons would be more than happy to help the Ikles with anything we may have the experience and expertise in. We would very much like to continue being good neighbors.

Sincerely,

Craig Fons Albert Nowka 4K Chemung Investments LLC.

Genoa Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Board Members

In regards to agenda item 16-10 on the agenda of the March 15th, 2016 board meeting we would like you to know that we strongly oppose the granting of the requested variance. The proposed structure would have a devastating effect on the value of the 3 parcels immediately to the west of Mr. Ikle's property. We have under land contract lots 34, 33 and lot 32, which contains a dwelling currently being remodeled. Lot 33 contains a 2 car garage that was used by the previous owners in association with the dwelling on lot 32, lot 34 is vacant but we are currently considering building a structure on the parcel. The site lines from the considered structure would be severely impacted by the construction of the proposed garage. The slope of lot 34 affords the opportunity to construct something with a walkout, which nearly every house in the neighborhood has, walkouts add significant value on a house in the close proximity to any body of water. We would anticipate the proposed garage would obstruct most of the water view from the lower level and a significant portion from an upper level, leaving a homeowner on lot 34 to look at a majority shingles from level one and garage siding from a lower level.

In review of the submitted site plan Mr. Ikle has significant open space shown on the site plan to build his structure within the setback limits and not have to encroach the limits of which the property is currently zoned. He recently removed some very large trees that may have justified the encroachment but now they are gone. There are current technologize in the construction industry that afford opportunities to construct almost anything anywhere.

In our review of staff findings, our opinion is that the variance is indeed self-created in that the proposed structure would be one of very few if any in the neighborhood. While there are sheds and some small structures abound there is nothing of the magnitude of what Mr. Ikle's is proposing and certainly not anything that impacts a neighboring property like this does. With all due respect to staff, we do not see where or how the sanitary sewer easement creates any sort of need for a variance. If anything, it would create an obstacle for any future repair or replacement of said sewer in that it is in close proximity to the easement (it appears to be touching the easement line). This would put the sewer authority at the mercy of Mr. Ikle if for some reason access could not come from the west and Wildwood Dr.

We thank you for your time and consideration and pray the you deny this variance with the hopes that Mr. Ikle will use the options at his disposal that conforms to the Township's requirements if he needs a structure like the one proposed.

Sincerely,

Craig S Fon

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To: Genoa Township ZBA Matt Ikle Variance Request ZBA Meeting January 17, 2017

I have been working with Craig Fons the owner of 5536 Wildwood Drive and Lots 33 & 34 of Glen Echo Sub/Plat for the sale of his property.

The proposed variance for Matt Ikle of 5555 Grand River, Howell for the construction of a detached accessory structure in the front yard does not comply to the Township variance requirements as there is "No Hardship" to homeowner. After reviewing all the documents it appears there is plenty of room to build the structure within lot # 35 without a variance.

If the ZBA approves the variance it would cause a hardship to Mr. Fons as he has vacant lots that would allow the construction of a home on Lots 33 & 34 and the structure as proposed by Mr. Ikle would obstruct the view of the Lake to Mr. Fons property therefore, reducing the value of Mr. Fons property.

As a Realtor I am all for Private Property rights and granting variances in hardship situations would be the prudent reason for such variances.

On behalf of my client Craig Fons I would ask the ZBA to deny Matt Ikle's request and suggest that the structure be built in the lots building envelope and set back requirements. (See attached drawings of where the proposed structure meets the current Township requirements).

Sincerely, Kevin M Gerkin

Associate Broker RE/MAX Platinum kevingerkin@gmail.com (810) 227-4545





GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS December 13, 2016, 6:30 PM

MINUTES

<u>Call to Order</u>: Chairman Dhaenens called the regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 6:32 pm at the Genoa Charter Township Hall. The members and staff of the Zoning Board of Appeals were present as follows: Jeff Dhaenens, Marianne McCreary, Jean Ledford, Barb Figurski, Dean Tengel, Amy Ruthig, Zoning Administrator; Kelly VanMarter, Community Development Director/Assistant Township Manager; and Joe Seward, Township Attorney.

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction: The members of the Board introduced themselves.

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by Ledford, seconded by Figurski, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

<u>Call to the Public</u>: The call to the public was made at 6:33 pm with no response.

1. 16-36...A request by Ray Johnson, 4821 Pinehurst Court, for a rear yard variance to construct an addition to an existing home.

Mr. Johnson was not present. Mr. Chris Ouellette of 11648 Maxfield Lane, Hartland, was present to represent the applicant. He stated that Mr. Johnson would like to remove the existing porch and put in a kitchen. The variance is needed due to the location of the existing home on the lot. The extension will not extend further toward the rear of the lot than the current home.

Board Member McCreary is concerned that the access road to the home is only 16-feet wide and questioned who maintains it, as it relates to construction traffic for this work.

The call to the public was made at 6:53 pm with no response.

Moved by McCreary, seconded by Ledford to approval Case #16-36, 4821 Pinehurst Court, for a rear yard setback of 25' 7" for a variance of 24' 5" from the required 50 feet to add an addition to the home, based on the following finding of facts:

- The current location of the home is already 26 feet from the rear set back.
- The rear setback is consistent with neighboring properties on the east side of Pinehurst Road that are directly south of this property.
- The extraordinary circumstances are the preexisting location of the home and the narrowness of the lot.
- Granting this variance will be consistent with neighboring properties.
- The need for the variance is not self-created.

- Granting this variance will not impair adequate light and air to adjacent properties and will not unreasonably increase the congestion on public streets.
- The proposed variance will have little or no impact on the appropriate development, continued use or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood or value.

This variance is conditioned upon:

- Drainage from the home must be maintained on the lot.
- Structure must be guttered with downspouts.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268 § 8 (e).

Moved by McCreary, seconded by Figurski, to enter into a closed session at 6:57 pm to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried unanimously with a roll-call vote.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 8:01 pm.

Administrative Business:

1. Approval of minutes for the November 15, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

Moved by Figurski, seconded by Tengel, to approve the November 15, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting minutes with the deletion of the last two sentences in the "Zoning Official Report" item. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- 2. Correspondence Ms. Ruthig distributed an informational newsletter from Michigan Planner magazine.
- 3. Township Board Representative Report Board Member Ledford gave a review of the Township Board Meetings of November 21, 2016 and December 5, 2016
- 4. Planning Commission Representative Report Board Member Figurski gave a review of the Planning Commission meeting of November 14, 2016.
- Zoning Official Report
 Ms. Ruth stated that Mr. Ikle will be resubmitting his request and it will be on the January meeting agenda. One other item will be on the agenda as well.
- 6. Member Discussion There were no member discussion items.
- 7. Adjournment

Moved by Figurski, seconded by McCreary, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. **The motion** carried unanimously.

12-13-16 ZBA Unapproved Minutes

Respectfully submitted:

Patty Thomas, Recording Secretary