# GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP <br> ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS <br> APRIL 16, 2019 <br> 6:30 P.M. <br> AGENDA 

## Call to Order:

## Pledge of Allegiance:

## Elections of Officers:

## Introductions:

## Approval of Agenda:

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

1. 19-10 ... A request by Chad Newton, 5536 Wildwood Drive, for a variance to construct decks in the front yard, building height variance and a rear and front yard variance to construct an addition.
2. 19-11 ... A request by Aaron and Lauren Richards, Parcel 3B Brighton Road, vacant property just east of Bauer Road for parcel 4711-25-300-058, for a variance to encroach into the 25 foot natural undisturbed features wetland setback to enhance the natural drainage in order to construct a new home.
3. $19-12 \ldots$ A request by Phil and Heather Sutherland, 5111 Forest View Court, for a side yard variance to construct a detached accessory structure.
4. 19-13 ... A request by Jon and Bonnie Unruh, 4220 Highcrest Drive, for a front yard variance to demolish existing home and construct a new home.
5. 19-14...A request by Patrick and Robin Fischer, 5766 Long Pointe Drive, for a front and waterfront yard variance to demolish existing home and construct a new home.
6. 19-15 ... A request by Melissa Koryabina, 4784 Nature View Court, for a side and front yard variance to construct an addition.
7. 19-16 ... A request by Joseph and Maria Perri, 3994 Highcrest, for a front yard and height variance to construct a new home.
8. 19-17...A request by Tim Chouinard, 1253 Sunrise Park Drive, for a waterfront and side yard variance to demolish existing home and construct a new home.

## Administrative Business:

1. Approval of minutes for the March 19, 2019 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

Case \# 19-10 Meeting Date: April 16, 2019
PAID Variance Application Fee
$\$ 125.00$ for Residential | $\$ 300.00$ for Commercial/Industrial

| Applicant/Owner: Chad Newton | Email: chadanewton1@gmail.com |
| :---: | :---: |
| Property Address: 5536 Wildwood Dr. | Phone: 734-699-6999 |
| Present Zoning: LRR zoning. | Tax Code: 4711-10-301-132 |

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

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The applicant is responsible for presenting the information necessary to support the relief requested. While much of the necessary information is gathered through the completed applicant, other information may be gathered by on-site visits, other sources, and during the ZBA meeting. ZBA members may visit the site without prior notification to property owners.

## Failure to meet the submittal requirements and properly stake the property showing all proposed improvements may result in postponement or denial of this petition.

Please explain the proposed variance below:

## 1. Variance requested:

Variances are being requested from the following sections of the zoning ordinance:

- Dimensional Standards in section 3.04 .01 for rear yard
- Dimensional Standards in section 3.04 .01 for building height
- Permitted Projections into yards 11.01.04: Overhanges shall project into the front yard maximum of 3 ft .
- Decks 11.04.02: Decks on the principal building shall be in the rear yard.

2. Intended property modifications:

The proposed project will provide a second floor addition to the existing non-conforming building on a corner lot, with a new deck being added on each level in the front yard as well as a small overhang over the front door on the adjacent front yard. The applicant is proposing to locate the new second floor directly above the existing first floor footprint. To gain access to the new second floor a new stair within a small 3 ft addition will be built on side of the house. The new addition will encroach into the rear yard open space by $7^{\prime}-6^{\prime \prime}$.

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

## Under each please indicate how the proposed project meets each criteria.

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.

The current house sits on a 5401 s.f. lot. This is well below the required lot area for the LRR zoning district and leaves a buildable footprint of only 45 s.f. The applicant owns the adjacent lot but can't combine the lots, because the lots are divided by the permanent walking easement that was plotted by Lake Chemung neighborhood. The overhead power line also follows the easement, further restricting any improvement to the rear of lot.

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.
The lot is a corner lot with steep slopes and many large trees. The current house is 770 s.f. which is quite small and encroaches on three of the zoning setbacks. The only option to improve the property is to build directly above the current structure as neighboring properties have done. The height of the house exceeds the zoning height on the side that faces the street because of the walkout basement. On the other three sides of the house this not an issue for the zoning height.
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.

Granting the variances will not impair the light and air to adjacent properties. Building above the existing footprint will maintain safe distances from neighboring properties. Vehicular traffic will remain the same.

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.
Adding a second floor will keep the majority of the improvements within the current footprint. The small 3 ' $\times 13^{\prime}$ addition for the stair is located where buildable area is allowed by zoning and will maintain a 13.8' setback from the neighbor. The lakefront decks are located over the existing ground patio, this matches the three houses to the west of property and will be in keeping with similar homes on Wildwood Dr. The small 3' overhang on the east side over the front door meets the permitted requirements for projections into required yards per 11.01 .04 of the zoning ordinance and is smaller than the existing deck on that side of the house.

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 a land use permit will be required with additional site plan and construction plans.

Date: $\qquad$ Signature:


## MEMORANDUM

| TO: | Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals |
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| FROM: | Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official |
| DATE: | April 9, 2019 |
| RE: | ZBA 19-10 |

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## STAFF REPORT

File Number: $\quad$ ZBA\#19-10
Site Address: 5536 Wildwood Drive, Howell
Parcel Number: 4711-10-301-132
Parcel Size: . 121 Acres
Applicant: Chad and Rhonda Newton, 5536 Wildwood Drive, Howell
Property Owner: Same as Applicant
Information Submitted: Application, site plan, conceptual drawings
Request: Dimensional Variances
Project Description: Applicant is requesting a rear and front yard variance, a height variance and a variance to allow two decks in the front yard to construct an addition.

Zoning and Existing Use: LRR (Lakeshore Resort Residential) Single Family Dwelling located on property.

## Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday March 31,2019 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:

- Per assessing records, year built is 1950 .
- In 2018, a waiver was issued for the parcel with the home to hook to the municipal water. The water line is located in the lot to the north with the detached garage.
- A variance for an addition was tabled in 2018. (See attached minutes)
- See Assessing Record Card.


## Summary

The proposed project is to construct an addition. In order to construct the addition, the applicant is in need of rear yard setback and front yard setback, height variance and a front yard deck variances. The applicant owns the lot to the south of the parcel (11-10-301-033) that is occupied by a detached accessory structure which is the existing access point from Grand River Avenue for the home. The two properties are divided by a 6 foot platted walkway for the subdivision which prevents them from being combined into a single tax parcel.

## Variance Requests

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

## Sec. 3.04 DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

| Table 3.04.01 <br> LRR District | Front <br> Setback | Rear <br> Setback | Building <br> Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Requirement | $35^{\prime}$ | $40^{\prime}$ | $25^{\prime}$ |
| Request | $18^{\prime}$ | $10^{\prime}$ | $28^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$ |
| Variance <br> Amount | $17^{\prime}$ | $30^{\prime}$ | $3^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$ |

## Summary of Findings of Fact- After reviewing the application and materials provided, I offer the possible findings of fact for your consideration:

Please note that in order for a variance to be approved it has to meet all of the standards in 23.05.03.
(a) Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice - Strict compliance with the setbacks would unreasonably prevent the use of the property since it would cause the lot to be unbuildable as shown on the submitted site plan. Granting of the variances would offer similar property rights as the properties in the immediate vicinity and would offer substantial justice.
(b) Extraordinary Circumstances - The exceptional or extraordinary condition of the property is the small lot size, irregular shape, typography and corner lot. In addition, this area and lot is unique because the waterfront side of the lot is also considered the front yard due the platted roadway that separates the lot from the lake which makes the walkout basement portion of the home in the front yard. The need for the variances is not self-created and is least necessary.
(c) Public Safety and Welfare - The granting of these variances would not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property. Granting of these variances would not increase the congestion in public streets and increase the danger of fire and endanger the public safety.
(d) Impact on Surrounding Neighborhood - The proposed variances would have little or no impact on 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 requests, staff recommends the following conditions be placed on the approval.

1. Drainage from the detached structure must be maintained on the lot.
recently had a survey done. Both of these reference points were used to determine his setbacks.

Motion by Board Member Ledford, seconded by Board Member Rockwell, to approved Case \#18-29 for 1195 Sunrise Park for Robert Savage for a rear yard setback variance of 25 feet from the required rear yard setback of 40 feet to 15 foot setback to construct a second story addition to a single-family home on the existing footprint, based on the following findings of fact:

- Strict compliance with the setbacks would cause the applicant to be unable to construct proposed addition. There are other homes in the vicinity that do not meet the rear yard setback; therefore the variance would provide substantial justice to the property.
- The exceptional or extraordinary condition of the property is the location of the existing home and the shape of the lot. The need for the variance to construct the addition is not self-created.
- 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 the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare of the residents of the Township of Genoa.
- The proposed variance would have little or no impact on the appropriate development, continued use, or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.
The approval of this variance is conditioned upon the following:

1. Gutters and downspouts are to be installed.
2. Drainage from the structure must be maintained on the lot.
3. Building height cannot exceed the 25 -foot height requirement.
4. The existing decks on the front and rear of the property will remain on the same configuration.

## The motion carried unanimously.

2. 18-30... A request by Rhonda Newton, 5536 Wildwood Drive, for front, side, and rear yard variances to construct an attached garage.

Mr. Chris Bonk, the developer for the applicant, was present. The homeowner wishes to add an attached garage and a driveway onto Wildwood. He stated the lot is odd shaped. The applicant owns this property and the property to the north. There is an existing public walking path between these two properties. Because of the path, the two properties are not able to be combined, unless this portion of the path was vacated. He stated that many of the homes in the area have attached garages in the front yard that do not meet the setback. Additionally, there is a very steep embankment and a large
tree so someone driving on the roadway would not be able to drive off the road onto the property and into the home.

Chairman Tengel asked the applicant if they have received approval from the Livingston County Road Commission for the driveway. Mr. Bonk stated he will request that if he receives approval of the variances from the Township.

Board Member McCreary stated there was a previous applicant requesting a driveway onto Wildwood and the Road Commission stated they would not allow a driveway access in this area because of the lack of site distance. She feels that imposing any further on that corner is putting the public at risk, especially it being a dirt road and in the winter weather. Mr. Bonk suggested placing the driveway access on Grand River, instead of onto Wildwood.

Mr. Chad Newton, the homeowner, was present. He stated they would be willing to just add an addition to the home, and not a garage, and they would not need to install the new driveway. They purchased the home last year and have done a lot of work on the home; however, it is very small.

Board Member McCreary suggested that the applicant pursue the vacation of the walking path, combine the two properties, and build the garage and/or addition in that area.

The call to public was made at 7:03 pm with no response.

There were three letters of support received. Mr. Richard Corrunker, Jennifer and Joe Tiano, and Matt Ikle of 5555 E. Grand River are in support of granting the variances.

The applicant requested to have their request tabled this evening.

Moved by Board Member Rockwell, seconded by Board Member Rassel, to table Case \#18-30 for 5536 Wildwood Drive by Rhonda Newton, per the applicant's request, until the May 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting or sooner. The motion carried unanimously.

## Administrative Business:

1. Approval of the minutes for the September 18, 2018 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting.

## GENOA TOWNSHIP



## GENOA TOWNSHIP ZONE BOARD OF APPEALS

APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS
FOR THE ADDITION TO
CHAD AND RHONDA NEWTON, 5536 WILDWOOD DR., HOWELL MI., 48843

## LIST OF DRAWINGS

T1 TITLE SHEET
A1 SITE PLAN - (EXISTING)
A2 BASEMENT PLAN - (EXISTING)
A3 FIRST FLOOR PLAN - (EXISTING)
A4 SOUTH SITE ELEVATION - (EXISTING)
A5 WESTELEVATION - (EXISTING)
A6 NORTH ELEVATION - (EXISTING)
A7 EAST ELEVATION - (EXISTING)
A8 SITE PLAN - (PROPOSED)
A9 BASEMENT PLAN - (PROPOSED)
A10 FIRST FLOOR PLAN - (PROPOSED)
A11 SECOND FLOOR PLAN - (PROPOSED)
A12 ROOF PLAN- (PROPOSED)
A13 WEST ELEVATION - (PROPOSED)
A14 SOUTH ELEVATION - (PROPOSED)
A15 EAST ELEVATION - (PROPOSED)
A16 NORTH ELEVATION - (PROPOSED)

| SITE DATA |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | EXISTING CONDITIONS | PROPOSED | REQUIRED |
| Zoning | (LRR) | (LRR) | Lakeshore Resort Residential (LRR) |
| Use | Single Family | Single Family | Residential |
| Required Setback |  |  |  |
| Front | 18 ft | 18 ft | 35 ft |
| Rear | 19.1 ft | 19.1 ft | 40 ft |
| Side | 16.8 ft | 13.8 ft | mininium 10ft, total of 20 ft . |
| Building Height | 14'-6" , 1 story | 24-11" ft mid pont of roof mean grade 2 stories | $25^{\prime} \mathrm{ft}, 2$ stories |
| Max Lot Coverage | 7.0\% bldg, 18.6 \% imp. sur. | $7.2 \%$ bldg, 18.8 \% imp. sur. | $35 \%$ bldg, $50 \%$ imp. sur. |
| Mean grade | 35 " below first floor | 35 " below first floor | 35 " below first floor |




## Existing Site Plan

Scale: $1^{\prime \prime}=40 \mathrm{ft}$



A2
Basement Plan
Scale: $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}=1^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$



First Floor Plan
Scale: $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}=1^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$



A4 South Elevation



A5 West Elevation



A6 $\begin{aligned} & \text { North Elevation } \\ & \\ & \text { Scale: } 1 / 8^{\prime \prime}=1^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}\end{aligned}$


$\pm$ A7 East Elevation






A11 Second Floor Plan



A12 Roof Plan
A12 Roof Plan




A15 East Elevation




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 \$125.00 for Residential
$\$ 300.00$ for Commercial/Industrial

# applicant/Owner:AnRDn+ Lauren Richards email: aron. richards. 1900 Statetarm.can 

 Property Address:- PARCEL 38 LIMC LAKE Phone: 734358081Present Zoning: $\qquad$ Tax Code: $/ 125300058$

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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.

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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.
SEE Attached

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.
see Attached

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After the decision is made regarding your Variance approval a land use permit will be required with additional site plan and construction plans.

Date:
 Signature:


# Genoa Charter Township Variance Application 

Applicant/Owner: Aaron \& Lauren Richards
Property Address: Parcel 3B Lime Lake
Email: aaron.richards.d900@statefarm.com
Phone: 734-358-0811
Tax ID: 1125300058

Please explain the proposed variance below:

1. Variance requested:

We are requesting a 15 foot rear variance to the 25 foot required wetland setback, for a 10 foot setback. At the wetland delineation line there is the old Brighton Road asphalt, as well as fill material and other debris brought in from previous construction with grass growing on top. Approval of the request will allow us to enhance the natural drainage pattern to the wetland by removing the old road and this fill material, and it will preserve the wetland's ecological and aesthetic value.
2. Intended Property Modifications:

The intention is to remove the old road and fill material to enhance the natural drainage pattern to the wetland.

How the proposed project meets each criteria:

1. Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice:

The restrictions derived by the "old Brighton Road" and the fill material, prohibit proper drainage to the wetlands. Potential home to the East of this property also has the "old Brighton Road" passing through their property and potential building envelope. The approval would allow the removal of the "old Brighton Road" and the fill material to improve the drainage to the wetlands.
2. Extraordinary Circumstances:

The property is currently undeveloped. The need for the variance is not self-created by the applicant due to irregularly shaped property and the wetlands, creating a small building envelope. The size of the home approved is consistent with the surrounding homes in the vicinity, at 2200 sq ft . Homes to the east and west of this property sit closer to the wetland than the requested 15 foot variance, thereby making the request for the variance inconsequential to the neighboring homes. The need for the variance is not self-created by the applicant.
3. Public Safety and Welfare:

Approval of the 15 foot variance to the wetlands does not impede the neighboring views. This variance would 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.
4. Impact on Surrounding Neighborhood:

This request will not have a negative effect on continued use or value of the adjacent properties in the neighborhood. The variance will allow for removal of the "old Brighton Road" for our
house to be built along with the potential for one other adjacent undeveloped lot. The request will increase the revenue for the township along with creating increased values to houses and properties in the area.

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| TO: | Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals |
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| FROM: | Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official |
| DATE: | April 10, 2019 |
| RE: | ZBA 19-11 |

File Number: ZBA\#19-11

Site Address: Vacant parcel, located on Brighton Road, east of Bauer Road.
Parcel Number: 4711-25-300-058

Parcel Size: 2.950 Acres
Applicant: Aaron and Lauren Richards
Property Owner: Same as applicant
Information Submitted: Application, site plan, elevations
Request: Wetland Setback Variance
Project Description: Applicant is requesting a wetland setback variance from the required 25 foot undisturbed natural features setback.

Zoning and Existing Use: LDR (Low Density Residential)

Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday March 31, 2019 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:

- The property is vacant.
- The property will be serviced by a well and a septic system.
- See Record Card.


## Summary

The applicant is requesting a variance from the required 25 foot undisturbed natural features setback to allow for the removal of the old Brighton Road asphalt and for the removal of fill dirt located within the setback.

The applicant should clarify if the proposed $15^{\prime}$ encroachment in the wetland setback is a temporary or permanent encroachment. The way the application is worded it sounds like the intent might be temporary to allow some grading in which case the appropriate review would be for a special land use permit from the Planning Commission. If the intent of this request is to maintain a permanent encroachment into the wetland setback to maintain a manicured area as close as 10 feet from the wetland than the variance is the appropriate request. The following review assumes the variance request is for a permanent encroachment.

The same variance request for the neighbor next door was heard at the July 2018 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. (See attached minutes)

## Variance Requests

The following is the section of the zoning ordinance that the variance is being requested from as well the criteria applicable to your review of variances in this regard.

### 13.02.04 Genoa Township Wetland Protection Standards

(d) Required 25-foot setback: An undisturbed natural setback shall be maintained twenty-five (25) feet from a MDEQ determined/regulated wetland. Trails and recreational areas may be allowed in the wetland setback. Any site grading or storage within the wetland protection setback area shall require a Special Land Use Permit according to Article 19; provided that no such activity shall be allowed within ten (10) feet of a regulated wetland unless specifically approved by the Planning Commission.

### 13.02.05 Variances from the Wetland Setback Requirement

In considering a variance for the wetland setback, the applicant must demonstrate to the Board of Appeals:
(a) the setback is not necessary to preserve the wetland's ecological and aesthetic value.
(b) the natural drainage pattern to the wetland will not be significantly affected;
(c) the variance will not increase the potential for erosion, either during or after construction;
(d) no feasible or prudent alternative exists and the variance distance is the minimum necessary to allow the project to proceed; or
(e) MDEQ permit requirements have been met and all possible avoidable impacts to wetlands have been addressed.

Summary of Findings of Fact- After reviewing the application and materials provided, I offer the possible findings of fact for your consideration:

Please note that in order for a variance to be approved it has to meet all of the standards in 13.02.05.
(a) Given the proximity of the home to the wetland, the wetland setback may be necessary to preserve the wetland's ecological and aesthetic value. The potential impacts from normal residential use including but not limited to fertilizer or pesticide use so close to the sensitive area have the ability to
further impact the wetland. Reducing the setback also provides less protection from possible future encroachment into the wetland area. The applicant should provide evidence as to how the reduced setback would preserve the wetlands ecological and aesthetic value at the same level as the required 25 setback.
(b) The natural drainage pattern is not significantly affected. The grading plan shows off-site grading. Approval shall be submitted for the proposed off-site work for the adjacent owner. The proposed 905 contour line shall be revised to end at the existing line.
(c) Having a decreased buffer area will increase the potential for erosion. If the area is to be established as lawn or patio area, the additional compacted land surface could contribute to increased volumes and higher velocities by lessening the degree of stormwater infiltration and increasing the rate of runoff.
(d) This is a vacant lot and the applicant had full knowledge of the required natural features setback prior to purchase of the home. Due to this prior knowledge, this request for variance is self-created and there are other feasible and prudent alternatives. The proposed home footprint utilizes the entire depth of the building envelope which puts the home within 2.27 feet of the required natural undisturbed wetland setback. A home design with an alternative building footprint should be considered which would eliminate or lessen the need for the variance. Alternatively the applicant could seek a special land use permit from the Planning Commission to allow temporary grading within the natural features setback to establish the proposed drainage and thereafter allow the natural features setback to remain natural and undisturbed as required by the Zoning Ordinance.
(e) A MDEQ permit is not needed for a work inside in the 25 foot natural features setback from the wetland.

## Recommended Conditions

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

1. The applicant shall permanently demarcate and install educational signage to indicate the edge of the undisturbed natural area. This shall remain in perpetuity to ensure future owners do not further encroach.
2. The entire remaining 10 ' setback buffer area shall remain in a natural and undisturbed state and is not eligible for trail or recreational area exemptions.
3. The applicant shall submit for Township approval a landscaping enhancement plan for the remaining 10 ' buffer zone area. Native wetland friendly vegetation shall be provided to help reduce erosion and maintain water quality.
4. Down spouts shall be directed into drywells or rain gardens containing native plants to help slow the flow of water to the wetlands.
5. If used, the applicant shall utilize slow release and low phosphorus fertilizers.
6. Silt fencing must be utilized during the construction phase, and the applicant must obtain all necessary approvals from the Livingston County Drain Commissioner.

Bob Murray, the father of Meghan Murray and their next door neighbor, lives at 6022 Challis Road. He stated that the front of the home faces Challis Road, the address is Challis Road, and they use the part of their property where they want to put the pool as their backyard.

The call to the public was closed at 7:12 pm.
Moved by Board Member Ledford, seconded by Board Member Kreutzberg, to approve Case \#18-21 for 6060 Challis Road for petitioners Anthony and Meghan Combs for a variance to install an in-ground swimming pool in the front yard and a fence height variance to enclose the pool with a 48 foot fence as required per Ordinacne \#11.04.03 based on the following findings of fact:

- Strict compliance with the ordinance would prevent the applicant from installing the proposed in-ground pool and fence south of the existing home.
- The home next door has three front yards, both a corner lot and a through lot, and haas a pool located in the front yard. Many other homes have pools located in the rear of the home; therefore granting the request will provide substantial justice to the petitioner.
- The exceptional or extraordinary condition of the property is the through-lot with two front yards created by the private road along the south property line.
- The need for the variance is not self-created by the applicant.
- The granting of these variances 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 residents of the Township of Genoa.
- The proposed variances would have little or no impact on the appropriate development, continued use, or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.


## The motion carried unanimously.

5. 18-22 ... A request by Todd and Tracie Richards, 7114 Brighton Road, for a variance to encroach into the 25 foot natural undisturbed features wetland setback to enhance the natural drainage in order to construct a new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards were present. Ms. Richards stated that grading the area in question will enhance natural drainage when they build their new home. The natural drainage of the wetlands has been disturbed because of fill that has been brought in due to the abandonment of the old Brighton Road behind their property. They would be removing this fill and making the area lawn for their backyard. Niswander Environmental performed a wetland delineation and they noted that the wetland is low quality and consists of invasive herbaceous plants. They found that the grading is
necessary to allow the the natural flow of drainage from Brighton Road to the wetland and will not negatively impact the existing wetlands.

The call to the public was made at 7:26 pm.
Aaron Road, of 10498 Skeman Road, Brighton, owns the property next to the applicant. He is in favor of the applicants receiving this variance. He agrees it is important that the property drains properly.

The call to the public was closed at 7:27 pm.
Moved by Board Member Ledford, seconded by Board Member Kreutzberg, to approve Case \#18-22 for vacant land at 7114 Brighton Road for Todd and Tracie Richards, Nonni Enterprises for a 15 foot rear setback variance from the required 25 foot wetland setback to a 10 foot setback based on the following findings of fact:

- The Zoning Board of Appeals finds that the conditions in Items (a) through (e) of section 13.02.05 are met.
- An MDEQ permit is not required for work inside the 25 foot setback from wetlands.
- The practical difficulty is old Brighton Road debris and fill material prohibit proper drainage to the wetland from this property as well as others in the area.
- Approval of the variance will improve drainage.
- The extraordinary conditions are the irregular shaped lot and the wetland creates a small building envelope
- The property is currently undeveloped
- The need for the variance is not self created by the applicant.
- The granting of this 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 residents of the Township of Genoa.
- The granting of this variance will not have a negative impact on continued use or value of adjacent properties in the neighborhood.

This approval is based on the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall permanently demarcate and install educational signage to indicate the edge of the undisturbed natural area. This shall remain in perpetuity to ensure future owners do not further encroach.
2. The entire remaining 10 ' setback buffer area shall remain in a natural and undisturbed state and is not eligible for trail or recreational area exemptions.

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3. The applicant shall submit for Township approval a landscaping enhancement plan for the remaining 10' buffer zone area. Native wetland friendly vegetation shall be provided to help reduce erosion and maintain water quality.
4. Downspouts shall be directed into dry wells or rain gardens containing native plants to help slow the flow of water to the wetlands.
5. If used, the applicant shall utilize slow release and low phosphorus fertilizers.
6. Silt fencing must be utilized during the construction phase, and the applicant must obtain all necessary approvals from the Livingston County Drain Commissioner.

The motion carried unanimously.

## Administrative Business:

1. Approval of the minutes for the June 19, 2018 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting.

There were some typographical changes that needed to be made.

Moved by Board Member Ledford, seconded by Board Member Kreutzberg, to approve the June 19, 2018 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting minutes with the changes noted.
The motion carried unanimously.
2. Correspondence - There were no correspondence this evening.
3. Township Board Representative Report - Board Member Ledford provided a review of the Township Board meeting held on July 16, 2018.
4. Planning Commission Representative Report - Board Member McCreary was not present this evening.
5. Zoning Official Report - Ms. VanMarter had nothing to report.
6. Member Discussion - There were no items discussed this evening.

## 7. Adjournment

Moved by Board Member Kreutzberg, seconded by Board Member Ledford, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

## GENOA TOWNSHIP






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[^1]GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP VARIANCE APPLICATION
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Applicant/Owner:Phil Heather Sutherland email: hsutherland 52@gmail.com Property Address:5111 Forest View Ct, Brighten, 48116Phone: (248)767-7404 Present Zoning:LDR Tax Code:4711-35-101-006

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

Each application for Variance is considered individually by the ZBA. The ZBA is board of limited power; it cannot change the Zoning Ordinance or grant relief when it is possible to comply with the Zoning Ordinance. It may provide relief where due to unique aspects of the property with strict application of the zoning ordinance to the land results in practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship.

The applicant is responsible for presenting the information necessary to support the relief requested. While much of the necessary information is gathered through the completed applicant, other information may be gathered by on-site visits, other sources, and during the ZBA meeting. ZBA members may visit the site without prior notification to property owners.

Failure to meet the submittal requirements and properly stake the property showing all proposed improvements may result in postponement or denial of this petition.

Please explain the proposed variance below:

1. Variance requested: We are requesting a variance in side lot setback for Side Lot $A$ bordering Lot 24 as depicted on the site plan drawing. We are requesting a $\frac{\text { reduction in setback from } 30 \mathrm{ft} \text { to } 10 \mathrm{ft} \text {, thereby matching the setback requirement of the }}{\text { neighboring lots. }}$
2. Intended property modifications:


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

Under each please indicate how the proposed project meets each criteria.
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.

## Please see attached document.

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.

## Please see attached document.

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.

## Please see attached document.

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.


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 a land use permit will be required with additional site plan and construction plans.

Date:
 Signature


# VARIANCE APPLICATION FOR SUTHERLAND RESIDENCE 5111 FOREST VIEW CT <br> Parcel \#: 4711-35-101-006 

## Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice:

We are fortunate to have a parcel that contains many mature trees that provide beauty, shade, and history to our lot, as well as contributing positively to our property value. Among these trees are 6 huge apple trees that we've been told preexisted the house as part of an old orchard, all of which still annually flower and produce fruit that our family uses to make applesauce and pies. We also have mature pines, oaks, maples, wild cherry, and sassafras trees in our yard among other species. We believe these trees to be an asset to our property and to the neighborhood, and would like to avoid destroying them.

In roughly the center of our back yard just behind the concrete pad that leads to the entrance to our garage is where our two septic tanks and the septic drain field are located. Other than the area where the drain field sits, the only area of our back yard where there is open space to build an accessory structure is along our side lot line that borders Lot 24.

We are asking for a variance of the side yard setback from 30 feet to 10 feet. This would mirror the setback requirement and property right that is already afforded to all of our neighbors. Due to the unusual kite shape of our lot, we are the only parcel on our entire street with just over an acre ( 1.17 acre). All of our adjacent neighbors, as well as every other house on our street, have parcels under an acre and therefore have the right to build accessory buildings with only a 10' setback requirement. We are the only lot that is subjected to a $30^{\prime}$ setback requirement, though the wooded features of our lot prevent us from truly having more open space to build than our neighbors. We believe it would do substantial justice to us, as well as to our neighbors, to afford us the same rights that our neighbors possess, thereby protecting the beauty, value, and historical integrity provided by the wooded features of our lot.

## Extraordinary Circumstances:

As mentioned above, it is due to the unusual shape of our lot that we have slightly more land than our adjacent neighbors, which has pushed us into having different setback ordinances than the rest of the homes in our area. We believe the granting of this variance will make our property consistent with all other nearby properties in our zoning district.

## Public Safety and Welfare:

The granting of the variance requested will in no way impact the safety or welfare of our neighbors or the Township of Genoa.

## Impact on Surrounding Neighborhood:

The granting of the variance requested will not interfere with the development, use, or value of the adjacent properties or the surrounding neighborhood. On the contrary, an outbuilding such as the building we would like to construct is considered a real estate asset that provides attractive additional storage. The accessory building we are proposing would increase our property value, and as such, benefit the rest of the neighborhood as well.

## MEMORANDUM

| TO: | Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals |
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| FROM: | Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official |
| DATE: | April 9, 2019 |
| RE: | ZBA 19-12 |

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## STAFF REPORT

File Number: $\quad$ ZBA\#19-12
Site Address: 5111 Forest View Court
Parcel Number: 4711-35-101-006
Parcel Size: $\quad$ 1.17 Acres
Applicant: Phil and Heather Sutherland, 5111 Forest View Court, Brighton
Property Owner: Same as Applicant
Information Submitted: Application, site plan, conceptual drawings
Request: Dimensional Variance
Project Description: Applicant is requesting a side yard variance to construct a detached accessory structure.

Zoning and Existing Use: LDR (Low Density Residential) Single Family Dwelling located on property.

## Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday March 31,2019 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:

- Per assessing records the existing home on the parcel was constructed in 1973.
- The parcel is serviced by well and septic.
- See Assessing Record Card.


## Summary

The proposed project is to construct a detached accessory structure. A side yard variance is necessary to construct the structure in the applicant's proposed location.

## Variance Requests

The following is the section of the Zoning Ordinance that the variance is being requested from:
Sec. 11.04.01(f): (f) Required Setbacks (Detached, over one hundred twenty (120) square feet total floor area): Detached accessory buildings and structures over one hundred twenty (120) square feet of total floor area shall be at least ten (10) feet from any principal building, and at least ten (10) feet from any side or rear lot line; except as follows:
(1) On lots greater than one (1) acre detached accessory buildings and structures over one hundred twenty (120) square feet of total floor area shall meet the setback requirements for principal structures.

## Required Side Yard Setback: 30'

Proposed Side Yard Setback: 10'
Proposed Variance Amount: 20'

## Summary of Findings of Fact- After reviewing the application and materials provided, I offer the possible findings of fact for your consideration:

Please note that in order for a variance to be approved it has to meet all of the standards in 23.05.03.
(a) Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice -Strict compliance with the side yard setback would not unreasonably prevent the use of the property however granting of the variance would provide substantial justice and is necessary to preserve or enjoy a property right similar to properties in the immediate vicinity due to the fact that this lot is larger than the majority of the lots in the vicinity at just over one acre which is the set point to require principal structure setbacks. The vast majority of other lots in the vicinity are allowed 10 foot setbacks since they are less than 1 acre. See attached aerial demonstrating lot size for properties in the immediate area.
(b) Extraordinary Circumstances - The exceptional or extraordinary condition is the pie shape lot, location of the septic field behind the home, large lot size and the mature trees. Unless tree removal would allow compliance with setbacks, the need for the variance is not self-created.
(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 proposed variance would have little or no impact on 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 requests, staff recommends the following conditions be placed on the approval.

1. Structure must be guttered with downspouts.
2. Shall comply with the accessory structure requirements.


## GENOA TOWNSHIP

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Proposed Accessory Building Rear and Side Elevations

20ft ROoF PeAK

- 14 ft Average Rcof HEIGHT


| From: | Frank Serbus |
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| To: | Amy Ruthig |
| Date: | Monday, April 08, 2019 10:35:38 AM |

My name is Frank Serbus and I live at 5011 Old Hickory. My back yard looks at the proposed detached building of Phil and Heather Sutherland. I have two concerns, the roof at 20' and the size of the building seem out of character for our neighborhood. Possibly a smaller structure could be considered.

Joel and Linda Lee Rolley

5117 Forest View Court
Brighton M1 48116

## GENOA TOWNSHIP

## $A P R-52019$

Genoa Township<br>Attn: Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official<br>2911 Dort Road<br>Brighton MI 48116

## Subject: Variance - 5111 Forest View Court

Have a lot to say about this matter, we live next door, south of 5111 and have lived in our home since 1979 when it was completed and approved for residency. Our neighborhood prior to the current resident at 5111 was a neat quiet place where everyone was respectful of the neighbors.

The resident that submitted this exception request for 5111 have out right lied to this Government Authority the same way they lied to us the south neighbor since they moved in. The site plan submitted is not accurate as to what they have already constructed on their LOT with no concern for set backs required, for some unearthly reason they think that they are entitled.

5111 received a Variance when our home was built and the $2^{\text {nd }}$ owner of 5111 wanted to add a formal dining room to the south side of the home and our builder wanted to place our home 5 feet closer to the property line. This was a Variance that was agreed to by both parties and Genoa Township.

5111 has a 2.5 car garage to the north of the home and a second garage NOT a shed was constructed on the north property line butting up to Brighton Road and Washkie properties. There is no need for a residential property in our neighborhood to have a pole barm.

This is not a neighborhood where homes have filled up their yards with structures and it would not be the same if this is approved. It is obviously time for these folks to move onto a parcel of land and not be on a LOT in a small neighborhood. If this is approved I know the value of our home and the home to the north of 5111 will have our property values lowered because it would look like a Commercial property between us. They already have outdoor lighting on all sides of their home that they keep on $24 / 7$ which disturbs neighbors in all directions during the night when everyone else has their outdoor lights off,

Could continue with other issues that have been created, the current issue is NO to a pole barm, don't care how much lipstick they try to cover it with.

Respectfully submitted,


April 5, 2019
Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals
2911 Dort Road
Brighton, MI 48116
Attn. Amy Ruthig
Re. Case \#19-12 (5111 Forest View Court, Brighton, MI 48116)

## Dear Amy,

We have recently received notification from the Township regarding a variance for an accessory structure in our neighborhood.

Although we are not in favor of a pole barn in our neighborhood, we have familiarized ourselves with the Township Zoning Ordinance. We have learned that property owners on less than 2 acres are allowed up to two accessory structures, totaling up to 900 square feet. (Section 11.04.01 h)

We believe, as homeowners, it is important to safeguard the aesthetic integrity of our neighborhood while maintaining our rights as property owners. (Article 3 Forest View Estates Civic Association Bylaws). We would like to share our concerns regarding the planned accessory structure in our neighborhood:

1. Location on the site- The planned structure, which we would describe as a pole barn, is approximately 775 square feet. The proposed site is in an open area on the property which makes the structure very visible to the neighboring homes, thus diminishing the open-site space of the adjoining lots.
2. Design- The farmhouse-style structure would blend into the neighborhood more easily if it conformed with the colonial-style of the residence.
(Section 14.03.01 ib)

Thank you for affording us the opportunity to express our concerns. We hope that you will take them into consideration.

Respectfully,

Property Owners Notified:


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Property Owners Not Notified


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*** Information herein deemed reliable but not guaranteed***


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Applicant/Owner: $\qquad$ JontBonnie Unruh Email: $\qquad$ Unrune concast.net

Property Address: $\qquad$ 4220 Higherest Dr Phone: $\qquad$ 810-220-0220

Present Zoning: $\qquad$ CR Tax Code: $\qquad$ $4711-22-302-178$

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The applicant is responsible for presenting the information necessary to support the relief requested. While much of the necessary information is gathered through the completed applicant, other information may be gathered by on-site visits, other sources, and during the ZBA meeting. ZBA members may visit the site without prior notification to property owners.

Failure to meet the submittal requirements and properly stake the property showing all proposed improvements may result in postponement or denial of this petition.

Please explain the proposed variance below:

1. Variance requested: $\qquad$ Modification to front yurd setback from 35 feet to 26 feet.
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2. Intended property modifications: $\qquad$
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## Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice

Strict compliance with the front yard setback would prevent the construction of a reasonably sized 2-car garage. There are other homes in the vicinity with reduced front yard setbacks that would support substantial justice.

## Extraordinary Circumstances

The location and width of the house footprint is extremely limited, due to the narrow lot, combined with the 86 foot lake side setback and the extreme topography change and grade drop off on the lake side. Granting this variance would make the home consistent with many homes in the vicinity. The need for the variance is not self-created.

## Public Safety and Welfare

Granting this variance will not impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent properties, since its proximity to the street will be consistent with neighboring properties, and there will be more parking than currently exists.

## Impact on Surrounding Neighborhood

There would be limited or no impact on the neighborhood, as the home will be consistent with others in the neighborhood in size, appearance, and proximity to the street. We were previously granted a variance of 15 feet for a front yard setback of 20 feet, for a previous plan of constructing an addition. This proposed new home would require 6 feet less of a variance, for much less of an impact on the neighborhood.

Date:
 Signature:


Jon \& Bonnie Unruh
4220 Highcrest

Lot coverage calculations
Lot size $=11,730$ SF
New house footprint $=1,715$ SF
New Deck $=340$ SF
Existing Shed $=136$ SF
Concrete Porch, Walk and Driveway areas $=866$ SF
Building Coverage $=11,730 /(1715+340+136)=18.7 \%($ GOOD $)$
Impervious Coverage $=11,730 /(1715+340+136+866)=26.1 \%(G O O D)$

## MEMORANDUM

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| TO: | Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals |
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| FROM: | Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official |
| DATE: | April 10, 2019 |
| RE: | ZBA 19-13 |

## STAFF REPORT

File Number: $\quad$ ZBA\#19-13
Site Address: $\quad 4220$ Highcrest Drive
Parcel Number: 4711-22-302-178
Parcel Size: . 247 Acres
Applicant: Jon and Bonnie Unruh, 4220 Highcrest Brighton 48116
Property Owner: Same as Applicant
Information Submitted: Application, site plan, conceptual drawings
Request: Dimensional Variance
Project Description: Applicant is requesting a front yard variance to demolish existing home and construct a new home.

Zoning and Existing Use: LRR (Lakeshore Resort Residential) Single Family Dwelling located on property.

## Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday March 31,2019 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:

- Per assessing records the existing home on the parcel was constructed in 1930 and a land use permit was issued in 1997 for an addition.
- In 2017 a variance was obtained for a front yard variance to construct an addition. The addition was never constructed. (see attached minutes)
- See Assessing Record Card.


## Summary

The proposed project is to demolish the existing home and construct a new single family home. In order to construct the new home as proposed, the applicant is required to obtain a front yard variance. The location of the front (road side) property line on the drawing varies considerably from the parcel aerial overlay on the GIS map however a survey has been provided to show the accurate front line location.

## Variance Requests

The following is the section of the Zoning Ordinance that the variance is being requested from:
Table 3.04.01 (LRR District): Required Front Yard Setback: 35’
Proposed Front Yard Setback: 26’
Proposed Variance Amount: $\mathbf{9}^{\prime}$

## Summary of Findings of Fact- After reviewing the application and materials provided, I offer the possible findings of fact for your consideration:

Please note that in order for a variance to be approved it has to meet all of the standards in 23.05.03.
(a) Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice-Strict compliance with the front yard setback would prevent the applicant from constructing the new single family home to the existing single family home as proposed. There are other homes in the vicinity with reduced front yard setbacks that would support substantial justice and is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right similar to that possessed by other properties in the same vicinity of the subject parcel.
(b) Extraordinary Circumstances - The exceptional or extraordinary condition of the property is the narrow lot. Granting of the variance would make it consistent with many homes in the vicinity. The need for the variance is not self-created and is the least necessary.
(c) Public Safety and Welfare - The granting of this variance will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property. It might cause an increase in congestion to the public streets with parking and the backing of the vehicle into the street. The applicant should demonstrate there will be sufficient on-site parking.
(d) Impact on Surrounding Neighborhood - Providing the parking concerns are addressed, the proposed variance would have little or no impact on 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 requests staff recommends the following conditions be placed on the approval.

1. Sufficient on-site parking shall be maintained at all times.
2. Structure must be guttered with downspouts.
danger of fire or endanger the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare of the inhabitants of Genoa Township.

- The proposed variances would have a limited impact on the appropriate development, continued use or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.
Approval of this variance is conditioned upon the following:
- The structure must be guttered with downspouts.
- The building height will be limited to 25 feet.

The motion carried unanimously.
17-16... A request by J onathan Bowling, 4800 Dillon Street, for a front-yard setback variance to construct a covered front porch.

Mr. Jonathan Bowling was present. They would like a covered porch to use for additional living space. The practical difficulty is the location of the existing home on the lot. It would increase the value of their home and increase the curb appeal which would indirectly increase the values of other homes. Their home is one of the lower valued homes in the neighborhood and the addition of this covered porch will bring their values closer to their neighbors'. It does not protrude far from their home that would negatively affect their neighbors.

Vice-Chairperson McCreary noted that some homes in the area are closer to the road than what Mr. Bowling is proposing.

The call to the public was made at $8: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ with no response.
Moved by Ledford, seconded by Figurski, to approve Case \#17-16 for 4800 Dillon, petitioned by J onathan Bowling, for a front-yard setback variance of three feet from the required 40 feet for front-yard setback of thirty-seven feet to construct a covered front porch, based on the following findings of fact:

- Strict compliance with the front-yard setback would prevent the applicant from constructing the covered porch to the existing single-family home.
- Granting this variance would offer substantial justice to the applicant.
- The exceptional or extraordinary condition of the property is the non-conforming shallow lot and the location of the existing home on the property.
- The need for the variance is not self-created.
- Granting the variance will not impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent properties or unreasonably increase the congestion on public streets or increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare of the residents of Genoa Township.
- The proposed variances would have a limited impact on the appropriate development, continued use or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.
Approval of this variance is conditioned upon the following:
- Drainage from the home must be maintained on the lot.
- The structure must be guttered with downspouts.

The motion carried unanimously.
17-17... A request by Jon and Bonnie Unruh, 4220 Highcrest Drive, for a front-yard variance to construct a two-story addition.

J on Unruh, the property owner, and Kelly House-Seaman, the architect, were present. Mr. Unruh stated they would like to construct an attached garage with a bonus room on the second floor. The location of the existing home on the lot is already non-conforming. The current setbacks were not in place when the home was built. They attempted to design their home to be consistent with their neighbor to the north at 4212 Highcrest. The garage will allow for parking further from the road that the current cement pad. This project will not impede the flow of traffic and will improve the neighborhood.

The call to the public was made at $8: 46 \mathrm{pm}$
Mr. David Mancini of 4212 Highcrest lives next door to Mr. Unruh. The fence between their homes belongs to him and they just learned that it is actually on the property line. The fence will be removed.

The call to the public was closed at 8:47.
Moved by Tengel, seconded by Ledford, to approve Case \#17-17 for 4220 Highcrest Drive, petitioned by Jon and Bonnie Unruh, for a front-yard setback variance of 15 feet from the required 35 feet for a front-yard setback of 20 feet to construct an attached garage and bonus room to an existing single-family home, based on the following findings of fact:

- Strict compliance with the front-yard setback would prevent the applicant from constructing the addition to the existing single-family home as proposed.
- There are other homes in the vicinity with reduced front-yard setbacks that would support substantial justice to the applicant.
- The exceptional or extraordinary conditions of the property are the non-conforming location of the existing home and the narrow lot.
- Granting the variance would make it consistent with many homes in the vicinity.
- The need for the variance is not self-created.
- Granting the variance will not impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent properties. It may cause an increase in congestion to the public streets with parking and the backing of vehicles into the street. The applicant should demonstrate there will be sufficient on-site parking; however, there will be more space than the current cement pad.
- Providing the parking concerns are addressed, the proposed variance would have a limited or no impact on the appropriate development, continued use or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.
Approval of this variance is conditioned upon the following:
- Drainage from the home must be maintained on the lot.
- The structure must be guttered with downspouts.
- Sufficient on-site parking shall be maintained at all times.
- The neighbor's fence shall be removed.
- Highland Avenue being vacated as noted on the engineer's drawing.

The motion carried unanimously.
17-18... A request by Tim Chouinard, 1253 Sunrise Park, for front, side, waterfront, and rearyard variances and a lot coverage variance to demolish the existing home and construct a new home.

## GENOA TOWNSHIP





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[^5]GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP VARIANCE APPLICATION
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Case \# $19-14$ A PAID Variance Application Fee $\frac{\text { April 16, } 2019}{\varrho 6.30 \mathrm{pm}}$ $\$ 125.00$ for Residential | $\$ 300.00$ for Commercial/Industrial


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## Failure to meet the submittal requirements and properly stake the property showing all proposed

 improvements may result in postponement or denial of this petition.Please explain the proposed variance below:

# 1. Variance requested <br> 35 foot front yard setback variance to allow for the construction of new single family home at the same setback as the existing structures 

2. Intended property modifications: removal of the existing house and garage and construction of a new single family home with an attached garage

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

Under each please indicate how the proposed project meets each criteria.

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.

Please see attached
$\qquad$

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.

Please see attached

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.

Please see attached

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.

Please see attached

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 a land use permit will be required with additional site plan and construction plans.

Date:
 Signature:


## 5766 Long Pointe Drive, Howell, MI

## Zoning Board of Appeals Variance Application

Under each please indicate how the proposed project meets each criteria.

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.

Strict compliance with the front yard setback creates a hardship due to the unusual shaped building envelope created by the parcel shape and right-of-way. Pushing the building footprint back to try to comply with the front yard setback would result in the request for a rear yard setback, as well. The applicant is proposing to not encroach any further into the front yard setback as the current house location. There are other homes in the vicinity with reduced front yard setbacks that would support substantial justice.


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.

The property owner's parcel is located at the point of a narrow peninsula. The majority of the other parcels on this peninsula have deeper parcels with reduced front yard setbacks that would support substantial justice. The parcel is an unusual shape in comparison with other parcels located on Lake Chemung. Strict compliance with the front yard setback would result in an unusually shaped building envelope and building which is not a selfcreated hardship. The applicant is proposing to remove the right-of-way building encroachment and to not encroach any further into the front yard setback as the current garage and house location.


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.

The granting of the front yard setback variance similar to the existing front yard setback would not impair the adequate supply of light and air to adjacent properties or increase the congestion on Long Pointe Drive or increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare of the inhabitants of the Township of Genoa. The garage currently maintain a 0 ' front yard setback similar to the variance being requested.

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.

The removal of the existing home and garage and replacement with a new, tastefully designed single family home will increase the value of the property and will not interfere with or discourage the appropriate development, continued use, or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.

## MEMORANDUM

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| TO: | Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals |
| :--- | :--- |
| FROM: | Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official |
| DATE: | April 9, 2019 |
| RE: | ZBA 19-14 |

## STAFF REPORT

| File Number: | ZBA\#19-14 |
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| Site Address: | 5766 Long Pointe Drive |
| Parcel Number: | $4711-10-301-220$ |
| Parcel Size: | .630 Acres |
| Applicant: | Patrick and Robin Fischer, 5766 Long Pointe Drive Howell |
| Property Owner: | Same as applicant |
| Information Submitted: Application, site plan, conceptual drawings |  |

## Request: Dimensional Variances

Project Description: Applicant is requesting a front and waterfront variance in order to demolish existing home and a construct a new single family home.

Zoning and Existing Use: LRR (Lakeshore Resort Residential), Single Family Dwelling located on property.

## Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday March 31,2019 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:

- No year built per assessing records.
- See Record Card.

The proposed project is to demolish existing home and construct a new single family home. In order to construct the proposed home, the applicant would be required to obtain front and waterfront yard variances. In constructing the new single family home, the applicant would not be increasing the $0^{\prime}$ front yard setback. The waterfront setback was determined by calculating properties within 500 feet due to the irregular shoreline per the Zoning Ordinance.

## Variance Requests

The following is the section of the Zoning Ordinance that the variances are being requested from:
Table 3.04.01 (LRR District):

| SINGLE FAMILY <br> STRUCTURE | Front | Waterfront |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Setbacks of <br> Zoning | 35 | 99.25 |
| Setbacks <br> Requested | 0 | 40 |
| Variance Amount | 35 | 49.25 |

Summary of Findings of Fact- After reviewing the application and materials provided, I offer the possible findings of fact for your consideration:

Please note that in order for a variance to be approved it has to meet all of the standards in 23.05.03.
(a) Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice -Strict compliance with the waterfront and front yard setback would unreasonably prevent use of the property. The applicant could reduce the size of the proposed new home to lessen the variances being requested. Since the variances are greater than the setbacks in the vicinity, granting of the requested variances would not provide substantial justice. The property variance amounts should be reduced to the least amount necessary to ensure the property right preserved and enjoyed is similar to that possessed by other properties in the same district and the vicinity.
(b) Extraordinary Circumstances - The exceptional or extraordinary condition of the property is the irregular shorelines as it pertains to this parcel. The need for the variances is not self-created however the request is not the least amount necessary.
(c) Public Safety and Welfare - The granting of this variance will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property. It might cause an increase in congestion to the public streets with parking and the backing of the vehicle into the street. The applicant should demonstrate there will be sufficient on-site parking.
(d) Impact on Surrounding Neighborhood - Providing the parking concerns are addressed, the proposed variance would have little or no impact on 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 requests staff recommends the following conditions be placed on the approval.

1. Structure must be guttered with downspouts.
2. Guard rail or bollards to protect corner of home.
3. Livingston County Road Commission approval for work in the road right of way.

## GENOA TOWNSHIP



| LOT AREA = --------------------------------------------------------------27660 SQ.FT. <br> HOUSE AND GARAGE FOOT PRINT AREA ---------------------4027 SQ.FT. <br> DECK AREA = --------------------------------------1' $7^{\prime} \times 210$ SQ.FT. <br> FRONT COVERED PORCH AREA =-------------------- T'X IT'-3"= 120 SQ.FT. <br>  <br>  <br> TOTAL COVERED AREA -------------------------------------------- 6897 SQ.FT. <br> HOUSE AND GARAGE FOOT PRINT AREA $\quad=4027$ SQ.FT. <br> PERCENTAGE OF HOUSE $=4027$ SQ.FT. $=27660$ SQ.FT. $=0.1456=14.56 \%$ LESS THAN 25\% MEET THE TOWNSHIP REQUIREMENTS <br> IMPERVIOUS AREAS $=7189$ SQ.FT. <br> PERCENTAGE OF IMPERVIOUS AREA $=6.897$ SQ.FT./27660 SQ.FT. $=0.2493=24.93 \%$ <br> LESS THAN 50\% MEET THE TOWNSHIP REQUIREMENTS |
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PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION
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$\square$ PaID Variance Application Fee
\$125.00 for Residential | \$300.00 for Commercial/Industrial


Property Address: $\qquad$ Phone: $\qquad$
Present Zoning: Residential Tax Code: $\qquad$

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## Failure to meet the submittal requirements and properly stake the property showing all proposed improvements may result in postponement or denial of this petition.

Please explain the proposed variance below:

1. Variance requested:

2. Intended property modifications: $\square$ Please see attreded explanation,

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

Under each please indicate how the proposed project meets each criteria.
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.


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.


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 variance will not interfere with or discourage the appropriate development, continued use, or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.


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 a land use permit will be required with additional site plan and construction plans.

Date:


Signature:


Genoa Charter Township Variance Application
March 21, 2019

Melissa Koryabina \& Nick Koryabin
4784 Nature View Court
Howell, MI 48843

Explanation to the proposed variance below:

1. Variance requested:

We are requesting a side and front yard setback variance. The garage sits 45'-7" from the front lot line and will be repurposed into living space while we hope to add a new garage to the side which will be 51' from the front lot line and $25^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$ from the side lot line.
2. Intended property modifications:

Our property modifications would include remodeling our current kitchen into a family room, and repurposing our current garage into a kitchen and playroom, We would then add a garage onto the side of where the current garage sits. The new garage will be no closer to the front lot line than the current.

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.

Our 10-acre property is pied shaped and our home was built towards the narrowest part of the pie and already sits within the setback. Our inground pool prohibits us to expand off the back of our current kitchen and therefore permitting us a variance to expand into the setback off current garage is the only way for us to accomplish our goals of expanding our kitchen and building a family room and playroom.

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.

The footprint of our home was built within the now setback lines in 1989 and the inground pool was added prior to us purchasing the home in 2008. Even though we have 10 acres due to the pie shape of the property and the position of our home there are no other options to expand the footprint and accomplish our goals if not within the setback whereas others with this much acreage may not have such limitations.

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.

Our neighbor's home to the west is approximately 150 feet from the property line and would be approximately 175 feet from our proposed addition. We have spoken with our neighbors and they are in full support of our proposed addition and we submit the attached letter indicating their support.

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.

Our neighborhood is very developed, homes have been established for 25 plus years and there is no vacant property of development. No, the variance will not interfere or the value of our neighbor's property as any neighbor's property is 200 plus feet from the proposed addition to our home.

## MEMORANDUM

| TO: | Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals |
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| FROM: | Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official |
| DATE: | April 9, 2019 |
| RE: | ZBA 19-15 |

## SUPERVISOR

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## STAFF REPORT

File Number: ZBA\#19-15
Site Address: $\quad 4784$ Nature View Court
Parcel Number: 4711-30-300-016
Parcel Size: $\quad$ 10.00 Acres
Applicant: Melissa Koryabina, 4784 Nature View Court, Howell
Property Owner: Melissa and Nikolas Koryabina
Information Submitted: Application, site plan, conceptual drawings
Request: Dimensional Variance
Project Description: Applicant is requesting a front and side yard variance to construct an addition to an existing single family home.

Zoning and Existing Use: CE (Country Estates) Single Family Dwelling located on property.

## Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday March 31,2019 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:

- Per assessing records the existing home on the parcel was constructed in 1989.
- The parcel is serviced by well and septic.
- See Assessing Record Card.


## Summary

The proposed project is to construct an addition to an existing single family home. In order to construct the addition, the applicant is requesting a front and side yard variance. The existing home was constructed within the front yard setback in 1989.

## Variance Requests

The following is the section of the Zoning Ordinance that the variance is being requested from:
Table 3.04.01 (CE District):

| Required Front Yard Setback: | 75' | Required Side Yard Setback: | 40' |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Proposed Front Yard Setback: | 51' | Proposed Side Yard Setback: | 25'2" |
| Proposed Variance Amount: | $24^{\prime}$ | Proposed Variance Amount: | 14'10' |

## Summary of Findings of Fact- After reviewing the application and materials provided, I offer the

 possible findings of fact for your consideration:Please note that in order for a variance to be approved it has to meet all of the standards in 23.05.03.
(a) Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice - Strict compliance with the front and side yard setback would prevent the applicant from constructing the addition however does not unreasonably prevent use of the property. The side yard variance does not provide substantial justice since it would greatly reduce the side yard setback and would not make the home consistent with properties in the same zoning or vicinity. The addition is proposed to be located a few feet from the current nonconforming front setback however it would still not meet setback requirement. There are homes in the immediate area that appear to have non-conforming front yard setbacks.
(b) Extraordinary Circumstances - The exceptional or extraordinary condition of the property is the location of the existing home. The applicant shall provide evidence why the property prevents an addition to the existing home to the north and west or behind the current garage. The required setback from a pool is 10 feet. There is an ample building envelope on this lot and the variance request must be the least necessary. If other options exist than the need for the variance is selfcreated.
(c) Public Safety and Welfare - The granting of these variances 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 proposed variances would have little or no impact on 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 requests, staff recommends the following conditions be placed on the approval.

## GENOA TOWNSHIP







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## Genoa Charter Township

## 2911 Dorp Road

Brighton, Ml 48116
RE: Koryabin Request for ZBA Variance Approval

To Whom it May Concern:
Our neighbors, Nick Koryabin and Melissa Koryabina, at 4784 Nature View Court, have shared with us their desire to expand the footprint of their home and that they are seeking the township's approval for a variance to remodel their current garage into a kitchen and playroom and then build a garage that would be within the 40 foot set back off the property line. We would like to confirm that we see no issues with our neighbors doing this on their property that would have any impact on our property and hope you will approve this request.

## Sincerely,



Donald Gaines


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## Case \# <br>  Meeting Date: <br> $\qquad$ <br> $\square$ PAID Variance Application Fee <br> \$215.00 for Residential | \$300.00 for Sign Variance \| \$395.00 for Commercial/Industrial



Present Zoning: $\qquad$ Tax Code: $\qquad$
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Please explain the proposed variance below:

1. Variance requested/intended property modifications:


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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.

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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 variance will not interfere with or discourage the appropriate development, continued use, or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.


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After the decision is made regarding your Variance approval a land use permit will be required with additional site plan and construction plans.

Date:


Signature:


## MEMORANDUM

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Michael C. Archinal

| TO: | Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals |
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| FROM: | Kelly VanMarter, Assistant Manager |
| DATE: | April 10, 2019 |
| RE: | ZBA 19-16 |

## STAFF REPORT

File Number: $\quad$ ZBA\#19-16

## Site Address: 3994 Highcrest Drive

Parcel Number: 4711-22-302-077
Parcel Size: . 447 Acres
Applicant: Joseph and Maria Perri, 4666 Brighton Road, Brighton 48116
Property Owner: Same as Applicant
Information Submitted: Application, site plan, conceptual drawings
Request: Dimensional Variance
Project Description: Applicant is requesting a front yard variance and a height variance to construct a new home.

Zoning and Existing Use: LRR (Lakeshore Resort Residential) Single Family Dwelling located on property.

## Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday March 31,2019 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:

- Per assessing records, an accessory structure is located on the parcel.
- In 2018, a land use waiver was issued for the demolition of a single family home on the parcel with the condition that the detached accessory structure be removed if permit was not issued for new home within 3 months.
- In 2018, a land use permit was issued to construct a new home.
- See Assessing Record Card.


## Summary

The proposed project is to construct a new single family home. In order to construct the new home as proposed, the applicant is requesting a front yard variance and a height variance. The roadway was not placed within the platted road therefore the front property line is setback considerably from the location of the road.

It should be noted that the applicant currently has an approved land use permit to build a home on this lot in conformance with all setback requirements. The proposed drawings appear to show a possible retaining wall extension east of the proposed garage. The applicant should be aware that the ordinance does not permit walls in the front yard. In addition, the applicant should confirm the required 10' separation is provided from the existing detached accessory structure. Lastly, the drawings submitted are difficult to read and staff requests legible and scalable drawings to ensure accuracy of setback dimensions.

## Variance Requests

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


## Summary of Findings of Fact- After reviewing the application and materials provided, I offer the possible findings of fact for your consideration:

Please note that in order for a variance to be approved it has to meet all of the standards in 23.05.03.
(a) Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice -As demonstrated by the existing approved land use permit for a new home on this lot, compliance with the strict letter of the restrictions governing setbacks and height do not unreasonably prevent the use of the property. There are other homes in the vicinity with reduced front yard setbacks that would support substantial justice although this parcel consists of 2 lots of record which results in a larger building envelope than those adjacent. Strict compliance with the height requirement does not unreasonably prevent use of the property and granting of the height variance would not offer substantial justice.
(b) Extraordinary Circumstances - The exceptional or extraordinary condition related to the setback variance of the property is the location of the road. Granting of the front yard variance would make the setback consistent with many homes in the vicinity however the size of the proposed home which creates the need for the amount of variance is not consistent therefore the setback requested may not be the least necessary. The need for the front yard setback variance is not self-created, however the amount requested is. The applicant has not indicated any extraordinary circumstances related to the request for a height variance. The need for the height variance is self-created.
(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 would have little or no impact on 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 requests staff recommends the following conditions be placed on the approval.

1. A scalable site/plot plan drawing shall be provided to verify setbacks prior to issuance of a land use permit.
2. The setbacks showing the distance from the proposed home to the existing detached accessory structure shall be shown on the drawing.

## GENOA TOWNSHIP




## PERRI RESIDENCE

3994 Highcrest Drive


Requesting rear yard (street) set back of $1^{\prime}-7{ }^{\prime \prime}$ in place of $35^{\prime}$



Second Floor Plan


## Front Elevation



## Left Elevation



## Front Elevation



## Right Elevation



## Rear Elevation



## Street Side Elevation

## Lake Side Elevation



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GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP VARIANCE APPLICATION 2911 DORR ROAD | BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN 48116


| Applicant/Owner: Tim Chouinard | Email: : ${ }^{\text {amchouinard@sbcglobal.net }}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Property Address: ${ }^{1253}$ Sunrise Park St | Phone: 517-546-6587 |
| Present Zoning: LRR | Tax Code: |

## ARTICLE 23 of the Genoa Township Zoning Ordinance describes the Variance procedure and the duties of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Each application for Variance is considered individually by the ZBA. The ZBA is a board of limited power; it cannot change the Zoning Ordinance or grant relief when it is possible to comply with the Zoning Ordinance. It may provide relief where due to unique aspects of the property with strict application of the zoning ordinance to the land results in practical difficuties or unnecessary hardship.

The applicant is responsible for presenting the information necessary to support the relief requested. While much of the necessary information is gathered through the completed application, other information may be gathered by on-site visits, other sources, and during the ZBA meeting. ZBA members may visit the site without prior notification to property owners.

## Failure to meet the submittal requirements and properly stake the property showing all proposed

 improvements may result in postponement or denial of this petition.Please explain the proposed variance below:

1. Variance requested/intended property modifications: The variance requested is $18.9^{\prime}$ front yard variance
from the required $35^{\prime}$ to 16.1 feet, a $2^{\prime}$ rear yard variance from the required $40^{\prime}$ to $38^{\prime}$, a $37.1^{\prime}$ variance from the required $128.3^{\prime}$ to $91.2^{\prime}$

The following is per Article 23.05 .03 of the Genoa Township Ordinance:
Criteria Applicable to Dimensional Variances. No variance in the provisions or requirements of the Ordinance shall be authorized by the Board of Appeals unless it is found from the evidence that all of the following conditions exist:

Under each please indicate how the proposed project meets each criteria.
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.

By granting the requested variance, the current cottage would be removed allowing a new home that would be safer, more appealing and benificial to the surrounding neighborhood.

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.

The size of the building envelope is small because of the large waterfront setback of adjacent home.

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.

The granting of the variance will have no negative impacts on public safety and welfare.

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.

The variance will have no negetive impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.

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 a land use permitwhime required with additional site plan and construction plans.

Date: $\qquad$ Signature:


## MEMORANDUM

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| TO: | Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals |
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| FROM: | Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official |
| DATE: | April 9, 2019 |
| RE: | ZBA 19-17 |

## STAFF REPORT

File Number: $\quad$ ZBA\#19-17
Site Address: 1253 Sunrise Park Drive
Parcel Number: 4711-09-201-239
Parcel Size: . 291 Acres
Applicant: Tim Chouinard, Chouinard Building
Property Owner: Glen and Sally Hope, 1253 Sunrise Park Drive Howell
Information Submitted: Application, site plan, conceptual drawings
Request: Dimensional Variances
Project Description: Applicant is requesting a front, side and waterfront variance in order to demolish existing home and a construct a new single family home.

Zoning and Existing Use: LRR (Lakeshore Resort Residential), Single Family Dwelling located on property.

## Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday March 31,2019 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:

- Per assessing records the existing home on the parcel was constructed in 1955.
- Property was combined with lot 1 in 2018.
- In 2012, a permit was issued to construct a deck.
- Property received approval for front and waterfront yard variances in 2016, those approvals have since expired. (see attached minutes)
- See Record Card.

The proposed project is to demolish existing home and construct a new single family home. In order to construct the proposed home, the applicant would be required to obtain front, side and waterfront yard variances. In constructing the new single family home, the applicant would be increasing the waterfront and side yard setbacks while keeping the front yard setback the same as the existing home. According to the Township Assessing office, the rear lot line extends to the waters' edge. In 2018, lots 1 and 2 were combined.

## Variance Requests

The following is the section of the Zoning Ordinance that the variances are being requested from:
Table 3.04.01 (LRR District):

| SINGLE FAMILY <br> STRUCTURE | Front | One Side | Water <br> front |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Setbacks of <br> Zoning | 35 | 10 | 128.3 |
| Setbacks <br> Requested | 15.6 | 4.6 | 95.7 |
| Variance Amount | 19.6 | 5.6 | 32.5 |

## Summary of Findings of Fact- After reviewing the application and materials provided, I offer the possible findings of fact for your consideration:

Please note that in order for a variance to be approved it has to meet all of the standards in 23.05.03.
(a) Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice-Strict compliance with front, side and waterfront yard setbacks would prevent the applicant from constructing the addition to the existing single family home. The applicant could alter the design of the proposed home to lessen the variances being requested. The side yard variance would be eliminated if the proposed structure was moved further to the east since the lots have been combined. Since lots 1 and 2 have been combined, the applicant has a wider lot than others in the vicinity which should make the need variances less necessary. The variances requested may not be the least restrictive necessary to provide substantial justice.
(b) Extraordinary Circumstances - The exceptional or extraordinary condition of the property is the large waterfront setback of the adjacent home. The front yard variance would make the property consistent with other properties in the vicinity. The need for the side and amount of waterfront variances is due to the applicant not fully utilizing the building envelope. Therefore, the need for the waterfront and side yard variances is self-created.
(c) Public Safety and Welfare - The granting of these variances 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 proposed variances would have a limited impact on the appropriate development, continued use, or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood. The neighbor adjacent to the north has the potential to be impacted by a diminished view of the lake due to the depth of the proposed home.

## Recommended Conditions

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

1. Structure must be guttered with downspouts.

- The existing shed is to be removed.

The motion carried unanimously.
2. 16-23... A request by Jeffrey and Mary Christina Beyers, 5373 Wildwood Drive, a variance to install a fence in the required waterfront.

Mr. and Mrs. Beyers were present. Mr. Beyers stated they have a small, 15-pound dog and want to put up a fence to allow the dog to be in the yard without a leash. They are proposing to put it 30-35 feet from the water's edge. It will be 18 inches from the existing stone wall. It will be three-feet high and made of black aluminum. He noted that the fence will not be as close to the water as decks are in the area.

Board Member McCreary questioned if the Beyers considered an electric fence. Mr. Beyers stated they have tried that, but the dog is terrified of it. Also, there are other dogs in the area that wander and this would deter them from coming into their yard. If he put the fence where it is allowed by ordinance, it would be very close to his house.

Mrs. Beyers stated that both of her neighbors are in support of this. She reiterated that it will not be as close to the water as decks in the area.

The call to the public was made at 7:04 pm.

Mr. Eric Moore of 5377 Wildwood, who lives next to the Beyers, stated they have made many improvements to the home and property since purchasing it a year ago. He is in support of the fence in the proposed location.

The call to the public was closed at 7:05 pm.

Moved by McCreary, seconded by Figurski, to deny Case \#16-23 at 5373 Wildwood Drive by Jeffrey and Mary Christina Beyers to install a fence in the required waterfront setback based on the fact that the need for the variance is self-created and there is no hardship. The motion carried (Ledford - yes; Dhaenens - no; Figurski - yes; McCreary - yes; Tengel - yes)
3. 16-27...A request by Tim Chouinard, 1253 Sunrise Park, for front, side, rear, and waterfront variances to construct an addition to an existing home.

Mr. Chouinard was present. He has relocated the home forward to match the existing home and moved it further from the waterfront so his variance requests have changed. He also narrowed the home by 6 inches.

The call to the public was made at 7:24 pm with no response.

Moved by Ledford, seconded by Figurski, to approve Case \#16-27 at 1253 Sunrise Park by Tim Chouinard, builder, and Glen and Sally Hope, owners, for an $18.9^{\prime}$ front yard variance from the required 35 feet to 16.1 feet; a 5 foot side variance from the required 10 feet to 5 feet; a 2 foot rear yard variance from the required 40 feet to 38 feet; a 37.1 foot variance from the required 128.3 feet to 91.2 feet; and a $1 \%$ lot coverage variance from the maximum $35 \%$ to $36 \%$ to demolish part of and add an addition to a single-family home based on the following findings of fact:

- The extraordinary circumstances are the small lot size and the large waterfront setback of the adjacent home.
- The need for the variances is not self-created.
- Granting these variances will make this home consistence with other waterfront properties in the vicinity.
- The granting of these variances 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 residents of the Township of Genoa.
- The proposed variances would have a limited impact on the appropriate development, continued use or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood. The neighbor adjacent to the north has the potential to be impacted by a diminished view of the lake due to the depth of the proposed home.
This approval is conditioned on the following:
- Drainage from the home must be maintained on the lot.
- The structure must be guttered with downspouts.
- The existing shed is to be removed.
- Due to the lot coverage, no other structure or building is allowed.


## Administrative Business:

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

Board Member McCreary asked that a statement regarding the underground storage tank be added to the discussion regarding Case \#16-22.

Moved by Figurski, seconded by Ledford, to approve the July 19, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting minutes with the following statement added under the discussion of Case \#1622 - "Board Member McCreary questioned if the underground storage tank is going to be removed. Mr. McCotter stated there is no tank underground; it is simply a lid on a drain. " The motion carried with Board Member Tengel abstaining.
2. Correspondence - There was no correspondence this evening.
3. Township Board Representative Report - Board Member Ledford gave a review of the Township Board Meetings of August $1^{\text {st }}$ and August 15, 2016.

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# GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS <br> MARCH 19, 2019-6:30 PM 

## MINUTES

Call to Order: Vice-Chairperson McCreary called the regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 6:31 pm at the Genoa Charter Township Hall. The members and staff of the Zoning Board of Appeals were present as follows: Marianne McCreary, Jean Ledford, Bill Rockwell, Greg Rassel, Michelle Kreutzberg, and Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official. Absent was Dean Tengel.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Election of Officers:

Ms. Ruthig suggested that the Election of Officers item be tabled until a full Board is present. Moved by Board Member Rassel, seconded by Board Member Rockwell, to table the Election of Officers until the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Introduction: The members of the Board introduced themselves.

## Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by Board Member Rassel, seconded by Board Member Rockwell, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## Call to the Public:

The call to the public was made at 6:33 pm with no response.

1. 19-08... A request by Enterprise Leasing Company of Detroit, LLC, 7184 Grand River, for a side yard variance to enlarge an existing garage.

Mr. Scott Inman of Enterprise Leasing Company of Detroit, and Mr. Scott Underwood, the property owner, were present.

Mr. Inman stated they would like to expand the garage at their business to provide better customer service and gain operational efficiencies. They were previously granted a side yard variance of five feet so they would like the expansion to stay in line with the existing building footprint. The work that would be done in the addition will be the same as what is being done currently.

Vice-Chairperson McCreary advised the applicant that if this variance is approved, the project will need to go before the Planning Commission and Township Board for review and approval. Mr. Inman is aware of these next steps.

Board Member Rassel noted that the same variance was granted in 2004.
The call to the public was made at $6: 45 \mathrm{pm}$ with no response.
Moved by Board Member Rassel, seconded by Board Member Rockwell, to approve Case \#19-08 for Enterprise Leasing Company of Detroit, LLC, 7184 Grand River, property owner Matthew Underwood, for a side yard variance to enlarge an existing garage, based on the following findings of fact:

- There are existing non-compliant side-yard setbacks within the vicinity; therefore, granting the variance would provide substantial justice.
- The exceptional or extraordinary conditions of the property are the narrowness of the lot and location of the existing non-conforming structure.
- The granting of the variance would 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.
- The proposed variance would have little or no impact on the appropriate development, continued use or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.
This approval is conditioned upon the following:

1. The applicant must obtain Planning Commission approval.
2. The site must be brought into conformance prior to land use permit issuance.
3. The applicant shall demonstrate that the site is in conformance with Genoa Township Ordinances and Site Plan and Special Use previous approval conditions prior to land use permit issuance.
4. The applicant shall be made aware that additional REU fees may be applicable.

## The motion carried unanimously.

2. 19-09... A request by Matt and Kim McCord, 40675 Homestead Drive, for a waterfront variance in order to remove an existing home and construct a new home.

Mr. Dennis Dinser of Arcadian Design, the architect, was present. The applicant is proposing to remove the existing home and build a new one. The home is currently 61 feet from the waterfront. The requirement is 67 feet from the water's edge. They would like to build the new home with the existing setbacks. They will put it in compliance on the south, moving it further from the neighbor, which will improve their range of view of the lake and not impact the range of view for the neighbors to the north.

The McCord's understand the intent of the ordinance, which is not to impede the lake views for the neighbors. The applicant's home will be 17 feet, 2 inches behind the corner that is nearest the lake of their neighbor's home to the north. If the applicants were to follow the ordinance, then their views could be impaired. He believes the hardship is the location of the neighbor's home.

The call to the public was made at 7:00 pm.
Ms. Nancy Dykema of 4053 Homestead questioned if the 61 foot proposed setback is where the house ends or where the deck ends. Mr. Dinser stated it is the end of the covered porch, which is what the Township considers part of the structure.

Mr. Larry White of 4489 Oak Point Drive lives on the lake and also has property that runs along Homestead. He wanted to make sure the home isn't moving any further toward the lake and that the neighbors' views are protected.

Mr. Mike McClean of 3919 Homestead Drive agrees with Mr. White. Mr. Dinser built his home and he knows that he is very concerned with ensuring that the ordinance is complied with and also that lake views are preserved. The McCord's are nice people and will be a nice addition to the community. He is in favor of the request.

Mr. Mark St. Germain of 4027 Homestead Drive owns the home immediately to the west of the applicants' property. He submitted a letter saying he is in support of the variance as the proposed new home will not be any closer to the water's edge than the existing home.

Leo and Karen Mancini of 4057 Homestead Drive submitted a letter in favor of the requested variance.

The call to the public was closed at 7:07 pm.

Moved by Board Member Rassel, seconded by Board Member Kreutzberg, to approve Case \#19-09 for Homestead for Matt and Kim McCord for a waterfront variance to remove an existing home and construct a new home, based on the following findings of fact:

- The applicant is proposing to not encroach any further into the waterfront yard setback as the current house location. There are other homes in the vicinity with reduced waterfront yard setbacks.
- The exceptional or extraordinary condition of the property is the irregular shoreline north of the adjoining property. Granting of the variance would make it consistent with homes in the vicinity.
- 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.
- The granting of the variance will not interfere with or discourage the appropriate development, continued use, or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.
This approval is conditioned upon the following:

1. The structure must be guttered with downspouts.
2. Dust control measures will be taken during demolition.

## The motion carried unanimously.

## Administrative Business:

1. Approval of the minutes for the February 19, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting.

Moved by Board Member Rassel, seconded by Board Member Rockwell, to approve the February 19, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Correspondence - There were no correspondence this evening.
3. Township Board Representative Report - Board Member Ledford provided a review of the Township Board meetings held on March 4 and March 18, 2019.
4. Planning Commission Representative Report - Vice-Chairperson McCreary provided a review of the Planning Commission meeting held on March 11, 2019.
5. Zoning Official Report - Ms. Ruthig stated that the Township Board approved raising the application fees for the Zoning Board of Appeals.
6. Member Discussion - There were no items discussed this evening.
7. Adjournment

Moved by Board Member Rassel, seconded by Board Member Ledford, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Patty Thomas, Recording Secretary


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