#### GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOVEMBER 15, 2022 6:30 P.M. AGENDA

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Introductions:

#### Approval of Agenda:

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

#### Old Business:

1. 22-20...A request by Joseph Anzalone, 5964 Glen Echo, for variances to allow a detached accessory building (gazebo) to remain within the required waterfront yard and for a shoreline setback variance.

#### New Business:

- 2. 22-23...A request by Joseph Maezes, 320 S. Hughes Road, for a waterfront setback variance and a variance to exceed the allowable number of detached accessory structures on a lot for the construction of a new pavilion.
- 3. 22-24... A request by Tim Chouinard and Nadar Abouzenni, 564 Black Oaks Trail, for a variance to allow a detached accessory structure on a vacant lot, retaining wall height and setback variance and a lot coverage variance to construct a new garage.

#### Administrative Business:

- 1. Approval of minutes for the October 18, 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.
- 2. Correspondence
- 3. Member Discussion
- 4. Adjournment



**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP VARIANCE APPLICATION** 2911 DORR ROAD | BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN 48116 (810) 227-5225 | FAX (810) 227-3420

Case # 22-20 Meeting Date: Sept 20, 2022 PAID Variance Application Fee

\$215.00 for Residential | \$300.00 for Sign Variance | \$395.00 for Commercial/Industrial

Applicant/Owner: Joseph Anzalone	Email: janzalone@hotmail.com
Property Address:5964 Glen Echo	Phone:517-518-4040
Present Zoning: LRR	Tax Code: 4711-10-301-203

#### 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 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 application, other information may be gathered by on-site visits, other sources, and during the ZBA meeting. ZBA members, township officials and township staff 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: Variance from Section 11.04.02(d) to allow

gazebo approximately 144 square feet in size to remain as part of a shoreline dock.

Please note that the packet and staff report for your scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be available to review at https://www.genoa.org/government/boards/zoningboard five days prior to the meeting.

The following is per Article 23.05.03 of the Genoa Township Ordinance:

<u>Criteria Applicable to Dimensional Variances.</u> 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 <u>all</u> of the following conditions exist:

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

<u>Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice.</u> 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.

Applicant is seeking to permit the use of a small gazebo as part of his dock along the shoreline, similar to the right enjoyed by other properties near the subject property. Compliance with the setback requirement would necessitate the placement of the gazebo very close to the road that is between Applicant's home and the lake, which would also create a greater site line obstruction to the neighboring properties.

<u>Extraordinary Circumstances.</u> 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 majority of the other properties in the vicinity have accessory structures (garages, gazebos, tiki bars, etc.) along or near the shoreline. Applicant's property has a unique feature (a road separating Applicant's home and the shoreline) so Applicant is seeking the variance to be consistent with those properties, rather than placing the gazebo near the road to meet a setback requirement.

<u>Public Safety and Welfare.</u> 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.

There will be no impact on the supply of light and air to adjacent property and will not unreasonably increase congestion, increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare. In fact, the variance will increase the public safety because the gazebo would need to be placed near the road to meet the setback requirement.

<u>Impact on Surrounding Neighborhood.</u> The variance will not interfere with or discourage the appropriate development, continued use, or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.

The neighboring property owners prefer the location of the gazebo closer to the water because it reduces the site line obstruction that would exist if the gazebo were placed near the road outside of the setback.

Attendance by the applicant is required at the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

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 plans and construction plans.

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### MEMORANDUM

Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official October 12, 2022

2911 Dorr Road Brighton, MI 48116 810.227.5225 810.227.3420 fax genoa.org ZBA 22-20

#### STAFF REPORT

File Number:ZBA# 22-20Site Address:5964 Glen Echo DriveParcel Number:4711-10-301-203Parcel Size:.390 AcresApplicant:Joseph AnzaloneProperty Owner:Same as Applicant

Information Submitted: Application, site plan, conceptual drawings

Request: Dimensional Variance

**Project Description**: Applicant is requesting a variance to allow a detached accessory building (gazebo) to remain within the required waterfront yard and for a shoreline setback variance.

**Zoning and Existing Use:** LLR (Lakeshore Resort Residential) Single Family Dwelling is located on the property.

#### Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday September 30, 2022 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.
- In 2011, a land use waiver was issued for a new roof on the home.
- In 2022, a judgement was issued in regards to riparian rights in regards to the Glen Echo Plat. (An appeal is pending)
- In 2022, the Township enter a Stipulation Resolving Township's Motion to Enforce Ordinance in regards to the construction of the gazebo.
- The parcel is serviced by private water and public sewer
- See Assessing Record Card

### SUPERVISOR

Bill Rogers

CLERK Paulette A. Skolarus

TREASURER Robin L. Hunt

#### TRUSTEES

Jean W. Ledford H. James Mortensen Terry Croft Diana Lowe

#### MANAGER Michael C. Archinal

#### <u>Summary</u>

The project is to allow a detached accessory building (gazebo) to remain within the required waterfront yard and for a shoreline setback variance.

This property was involved in a Circuit Court lawsuit that determined that the "front-lotters" within the Glen-Echo Plat with an ownership interest in lot(s) that are separated from Lake Chemung by the platted park and a drive or path, are riparian owners. In regards to applying the ordinance, staff does not know the location of each front-lotter's property lines as they extend into the platted park. Applicant has stated to staff that he does not know where the lot lines extend to. It is staff's opinion that there is not enough information in regards to the location of the property lines to adequately consider the variance. Staff believes that a riparian survey should be submitted to determine the limits of ownership.

Photos with addresses of other detached accessory structures on Lake Chemung were submitted with the variance application as support for substantial justice. Staff has reviewed the materials and has started enforcement action on the appropriate parcels. Many of the structures have existed for over 10 years.

#### Variance Requests

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

Table 3.04.01 (LLR District):

Required Waterfront Yard Setback:131.5'Proposed Waterfront Yard Setback:10'Proposed Variance Amount:121.5'

# <u>Summary of Findings of Fact-</u> 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 zoning ordinance would prevent the detached accessory building to remain however it does not prevent the use of the property. While there exist other waterfront structures around the lake, most of them have existed for many years and it is not a predominant right in the district or vicinity.
- (b) Extraordinary Circumstances The extraordinary or exceptional conditions of the property is the location of the platted road and the topography of the property. Applicant should demonstrate the variance request is the least amount necessary and that the need for the variance request 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 may set a precedence to allow waterfront structures on shoreline could impact on the appropriate development, continued use, or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.

#### (e) <u>Recommended Conditions</u>

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

- 1. The two of the three docks that are shown on the site plan must be removed and not reestablished.
- 2. A riparian survey shall be submitted within 60 days to ensure the structure complies with the side yard setbacks.
- 3. No other waterfront structures are allowed.

If the Zoning Board denies the variance request staff recommends the following:

- 1. The gazebo must be removed or relocated to a location that meets the Township ordinance within 21 days.
- 2. The two of the three docks that are shown on the site plan must be removed and not reestablished.

Sun Jul 4 2021 Imagery @ 2022 Nearmap, HERE 20 ft



#### GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS October 18, 2022 - 6:30 PM

#### **MINUTES**

<u>Call to Order</u>: Chairman Rassel called the regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 6:30 pm. The members and staff of the Zoning Board of Appeals were present as follows: Greg Rassel, Michelle Kreutzberg, Bill Rockwell, Marianne McCreary, Craig Fons, and Amy Ruthig, Planning Director. Absent was Jean Ledford.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction: The members of the Board and staff introduced themselves.

#### Approval of the Agenda:

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

#### Call to the Public:

The call to the public was opened at 6:32 pm with no response.

#### Old Business:

1. 22-20...A request by Joseph Anzalone, 5964 Glen Echo, for variances to allow a detached accessory building (gazebo) to remain within the required waterfront yard and for a shoreline setback variance.

Mr. and Mrs. Anzalone, the applicants, and Mr. Roger Myers, the applicants' legal counsel, were present. Mr. Myers submitted three letters of support from neighbors for the variance requests. The variance is to allow an existing 144-square-foot gazebo to remain. The challenge was identifying if the waterfront variance is applicable due to the irregular shoreline. He cited other accessory structures next to and surrounding the applicant's home. The applicant's gazebo is consistent with other gazebos and accessory structures on other properties in the neighborhood as well as around all of Lake Chemung so this would provide substantial justice to the applicant. The practical difficulty and extraordinary circumstances are that this is a unique parcel due to its topography and the location of the road. If the gazebo was moved further from the shoreline, it would be very close to the existing road and that would pose a public safety issue and create a greater obstruction of the lake views than where it is currently located. This will not have a negative impact on the neighborhood due to the other existing accessory structures on other properties.

Mr. Anzalone did not know of the zoning requirement. He would have requested approval if he did. He saw his neighbors' structures so he thought it was allowed.

Chairman Rassel asked when the gazebo was built. Mr. Anzalone stated it was put up two years ago. The variance is being requested this evening because one of the neighbors complained. Mr. Myers added that there was civil litigation regarding riparian rights for property owners in this neighborhood. Now it has been settled, violations are being enforced. He added that that decision is being appealed at this time.

Ms. Anzalone believes that a neighbor in the other part of the neighborhood complained about their gazebo.

Ms. Ruthig stated that the location where the gazebo is located is in the "front lotters park" and no one is able to erect any structures. Ms. Anzalone stated the ruling said that the existing gazebo could remain.

Ms. Ruthig stated the structure was built in 2021. Township Staff needs more clarification from Judge Hatty's ruling as to what accessory structures are allowed and what ones are not. It is difficult to obtain this information at this time because the case is being appealed. They also do not have specific lot lines. Board Member Kreutzberg agrees that what variance is needed, if one is needed at all, is difficult to determine when the lot lines are unknown.

Board Member Rockwell does not want to make a decision on this without the lot line information.

Board Member McCreary stated the Glen Echo Plat, which is a legal document, states that the park belongs to all of the residents in the neighborhood. Mr. Myers stated that the appeal is not challenging that information, they are appealing the ruling that they are not allowed to put docks into the lake from this park.

Board Member Rockwell asked if other property owners are allowed to use the gazebo. Ms. Anzalone stated that many of the neighbors use the gazebo.

Board Member Fons questions if the ZBA or the Township Staff has the authority to allow the gazebo or require them to remove it. He does not feel comfortable making that decision.

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

Ms. Laura Wildman of 658 Pathway agrees that there are a lot of structures along the shoreline. This is a great addition and benefit to the lake.

Mrs. Beverly Leslie of 5955 Grand River owns four lots. All of the neighbors in the area spend time together at the gazebo.

Ms. Yvette Whiteside of 5780 Glen Echo does not know who filed the complaint against Mr. Anzalone. Where she and her neighbors live is separate from the area of the neighborhood where the original lawsuit was filed, but it is affecting them.

Mr. Steve Wildman of 658 Pathway agrees that there are a lot of worse zoning violations around the lake than the applicant's gazebo. Moving it 10-feet back would not make a difference. He uses the gazebo also.

The call to the public was closed at 7:10 pm.

Ms. Ruthig stated that Staff has determined that the accessory structures that are allowed to remain based on Judge Hatty's decision must meet the ordinance requirements. Mr. Anzalone needed to apply for a variance because a violation was reported.

Mr. Myers stated that due to the pending appeal, there are still decisions to be made that will determine how the Township's ordinance is to be enforced. He would like to table this request until after the appeal has been decided.

Board Member Rockwell stated that apart from the appeals case, there is no information to determine the applicant's property lines.

Ms. Ruthig suggested that the item be tabled until the next ZBA meeting to allow Staff to consult with the Township Attorney to determine if this can be tabled until the appeals case is decided and if the Board has the authority to vote on this request.

**Moved** by Board Member McCreary, seconded by Board Member Kreutzberg, to table Case #22-20 until the November 15, 2022 ZBA meeting, pending review from the Township's legal counsel. **The motion carried unanimously.** 

#### New Business:

2. 22-22...A request by Steven Rochon, 1295 Pond Bluff Way, for a side yard setback variance to allow an addition to an existing home.

Mr. Brad Huard of Remodeling Star, who is the applicant's contractor, stated the proposed addition would be encroaching six feet into the setback. They are staying within the same building line.

He has a letter from who would be directly affected by the variance and they are in support of the variance. The homeowner's association has also submitted a letter providing their approval of the addition.

Board Member Fons asked why the addition could not be placed on the other side of the home. Mr. Huard stated this is the best location for this addition because of where the laundry room is currently and the reason for the addition. The well would also need to be located if it was built on that side.

Mr. Ruthig noted there are retaining walls on the site and if they are altered, they will need to meet the Township's ordinance.

The call to the public was opened at 7:34 pm with no response.

**Moved** by Board Member Kreutzberg, seconded by Board Member McCreary, to approve Case #22-22 for Steven Rochon of 1295 Pond Bluff Way for a side-yard variance of 9 feet, 6 inches from the required 30 feet for a setback of 20 feet, 6 inches to construct an 8 x 24 addition to the existing home, based on the following findings of fact:

• Strict compliance with the setbacks would unreasonably restrict use of the property. This variance will provide substantial justice, is the last necessary and would make the property consistent with other properties and homes in the area that encroach on side yard setbacks.

Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting September 20, 2022 Unapproved Minutes

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#### Approval of the Agenda:

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

#### Call to the Public:

The call to the public was opened at 6:32 pm with no response.

#### <u>Old Business:</u>

1. 22-17...A request by Brody and Ara Adams, 600 Black Oaks Trail, for a fence variance to allow an existing 6-8-foot-tall fence to remain. (Request to withdraw application).

**Moved** by Board Member Ledford, seconded by Board Member Kreutzberg, to withdraw Case #22-17 per the applicant's request. **The motion carried unanimously**.

#### New Business

2. 22-20...A request by Joseph Anzalone, 5964 Glen Echo, for variances to allow a detached accessory building (gazebo) to remain within the required waterfront yard and for a shoreline setback variance. (Request to be postponed until October 18, 2022 ZBA Meeting)

**Moved** by Board Member Kreutzberg, seconded by Board Member Rockwell, to postpone Case #22-20 until the October 18, 2022 ZBA Meeting per the applicant's request. **The motion carried unanimously**.



LIVINGSTON COUNTY TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that there are no TAX LIENS OR TITLES held by Thereby certify that there are no TAX LIENS OK TILES there up the State or any individual against the within description, and all TAXES on same are paid for five years previous to the date of th instrument or appear on the records in this office, except as state

Aug 10, 2017 Jennifer M. Nash, Treasurer by RH 25981 4711-10-301-203

WARRANTY DEED-(Statutory Form) C.L. 1948, 565.152 M.S.A 26.571

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Sandra K. Daniels and James E. Daniels, wife and husband

Convey(s) and Warrant(s) to Joseph Anzalone and Serena Anzalone, husband and wife whose address is 1442 Forest Ponts Dr 48843 Dowell, m.

the following described premises

Situated in the Township of Genoa, County of Livingston, State of Michigan:

Lots 78 and 79 of GLEN-ECHO, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 75 and 76, Livingston County Records.

Commonly known as: 5964 Glen Echo Tax No.: 11-10-301-203

For the full consideration of Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$495,000.00)

subject to easements, restrictions or reservations of record and subject to the Lake Chemung weed assessment which the Grantee agrees to assume and pay.

Dated this 3rd August day of , 2017.

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STATE OF MI	CHIGAN ,	
COUNTY OF	CHIGAN	SS.

3 day of August On this , 2017 before me personally appeared Sandra K. Daniels and James E. Daniels, to me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he/she/they executed the same as his/her/their free act and deed.

My commission	expires:	5/18/	٤Ť

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Notary Public, State of Michigan County of Livingston My Commission Expires 05-18-20 Business Instrument Acting in County of Livingston Address 6870 Grand River Ave, Suite 300, Brighton, MI Drafted by Joseph C. DeKroub, Jr.

**Recording Fee:** 

State Transfer Tax:

PNTI Ins. No.: 47-171997-B

Tax Parcel No.: 11-10-301-203

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## No permit for building outdoor bar / shed / gazebo


## 803 SUNRISE PARK DR

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

Residential Building 1 of 1

#### Parcel Number: 4711-10-301-203

Printed on 10/14/2022

Building Type	(3) Roof (cont.)	(11) Heating/Cooling	(15) Built-ins	(15) Fireplaces	(16) Porches/Deck	s (17) Garage
X Single Family Mobile Home Town Home Duplex A-Frame	Eavestrough Insulation 0 Front Overhang 0 Other Overhang (4) Interior	X Gas Wood Oil Elec. Steam Forced Air w/o Ducts Forced Air w/ Ducts Forced Hot Water	Appliance Allow. Cook Top Dishwasher Garbage Disposal Bath Heater Vent Fan	1 Interior 1 Story Interior 2 Story 2nd/Same Stack Two Sided Exterior 1 Story Exterior 2 Story	Area Type 132 WCP (1 Story 520 Pine 554 Pine 120 Treated Wood	Year Built: Car Capacity: Class: C Exterior: Siding Brick Ven.: 0 Stone Ven.: 0
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GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP VARIANCE APPLICATION 2911 DORR ROAD | BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN 48116 (810) 227-5225 | FAX (810) 227-3420

Case # <u>22-23</u> Mee	ting Date: November 15,2022
💟 PA	ID Variance Application Fac
\$215.00 for Residential   \$300.00 for Sig	n Variance (\$395.00 for Commercial/Industrial
JOSEPH MAEZES	
Applicant/Owner: LAKE CHEMUNG OUTDOOR RESORT Property Address: 320 5 HUGHES	Phone: 517 546 6361
Present Zoning:PRF	Tax Code: 11-04-400-008

# <u>ARTICLE 23</u> 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 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 application, other information may be gathered by on-site visits, other sources, and during the ZBA meeting. ZBA members, township officials and cownship staff may visit the site without prior notification to property owners.

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

lease explain the proposed variance below:

. Variance requested/intended property modifications: PROPOSED PAVILION DOES NOT
MEET 1754T SET BACK FROM WATER FRONT (SS') DUE
TO GEOGRAPHICAL INCOMBERANCE (30' INCHINE DIRELTLY
BEHIND)

ease note that the packet and staff report for your scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be ailable to review at <u>https://www.genoa.org/government/boards/zoningboard</u> five days prior to the eeting. The following is per Article 23.05.03 of the Genoa Township Ordinance:

<u>Criteria Applicable to Dimensional Variances.</u> 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 <u>all</u> of the following conditions exist:

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

<u>Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice</u>. 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.

AS PER BATELITE PICTURE, THE PROPOSED OPEN SIDED PAVILION ABUTIS NATURAL INCLINE MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH THE ITSFT SET BACK

# <u>Extraordinary Circumstances.</u> 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.

THERE ARE MULTIPLE EXISTING BUILDINGS ON THE PROFERTY 1) MAIN LODGE 2) PAVILION (ENCLOSE)

<u>Public Safety and Welfare.</u> 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.

THIS PROPOSAL DOES NOT INCUMBER ANY ADJACENT

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 PROPOSED DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH ADJACENT PROPERTIES

Attendance by the applicant is required at the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

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 plans and construction plans.

Date: 9/19/22 Signature: J.A. MAEZ	LES
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## MEMORANDUM

Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals FROM: Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official DATE: November 10, 2022

ZBA 22-23

TO:

RE:

#### STAFF REPORT

File Number:	ZBA# 22-23
Site Address:	320 S. Hughes Road
Parcel Number:	4711-04-400-008
Parcel Size:	42.070 Acres
Applicant:	Lake Chemung Outdoor Resorts, Joseph Maezes
Property Owner:	Lake Chemung Outdoor Resorts, 320 S. Hughes Road

Information Submitted: Application, site plan, conceptual drawings

**Request: Dimensional Variances** 

Project Description: Applicant is requesting a variance to construct a detached accessory building (gazebo) within the required waterfront yard, a shoreline setback variance and a variance for exceeding the number of detached accessory buildings.

Zoning and Existing Use: PRF (Public and Recreation Facilities) a campground is located on is located on the property.

#### Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday October 30, 2022 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:

- In 2022, the applicant received approval for the non-residential accessory structure from the Planning Commission. (See minutes)
- In 2009, a land use permit was issued for the rebuild of an existing deck on the community building.
- In 2000, a land use permit was issued for an addition to the existing community building.
- See attached letter dated May 16, 2018 indicating the history of the property.
- The parcel is serviced by private water and private sewer •
- See Assessing Record Card

#### <u>Summary</u>

The project is to construct a 20 x 30 detached accessory building (gazebo) in the required waterfront yard.

Staff cannot determine the number of accessory structures on the property by reviewing aerials. As stated in the Planner's letter dated August 22, 2022, the applicant should explain what other buildings/structures are existing on-site.

#### Variance Requests

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

Table 6.03.03 (PRF District):

Required Waterfront Yard Setback:125'Proposed Waterfront Yard Setback:55'Proposed Variance Amount:70'

#### 11.04.02 Accessory Buildings

(f) Maximum Number: No more than two (2) detached accessory buildings shall be permitted on any lot in any district except conforming lots in the Agricultural and Country Estate District.

## <u>Summary of Findings of Fact-</u> 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 zoning ordinance would prevent the detached accessory building to be constructed however it does not prevent the use of the property. While there exist other waterfront structures around the lake, most of them have existed for many years and it is not a predominant right in the vicinity. However, this property is zoned PRF with a campground use and is considered a predominant right for the zoning district.
- (b) Extraordinary Circumstances The extraordinary or exceptional conditions is the topography of the property. Applicant should demonstrate the variance request is the least amount necessary in regards to the number of accessory structures and that the variance request 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 not have an 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. No other waterfront structures are allowed.

- 2. Must comply with the Planning Commission requirements
- 3. Must follow the terms and conditions of previous use/zoning approvals.

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NEW BUSINESS:

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING #2**...Consideration of a sketch plan for a proposed pavilion located on the north side of Lake Chemung in the Lake Chemung Outdoor Resort campground located at 320 Hughes Road. The request is petitioned by Joseph Maezes, Lake Chemung Outdoor Resorts, Inc.

A. Disposition of Sketch Plan (7-13-22)

Mr. Joseph Maezes and Mr. Ron Paglioni were present. Mr. Maezes stated they would like to build an open-air pavilion to give relief for people from the sun or inclement weather. It will also be a place for people to hold special events.

Mr. Borden reviewed his letter dated August 31, 2022.

- 1. They are proposing a 55 foot setback so it does not meet the required 125-foot setback from the shoreline. This would require a variance from the ZBA.
- 2. Additional information is needed with respect to other existing accessory buildings/structures on the property. No more than two are allowed, by Ordinance. A variance may be needed from the ZBA.
- 3. The applicant must abide by the terms and conditions of previous use/zoning approvals. There was a discussion regarding the number of boats that were approved, which is 32, and if more are there.
- 4. Any existing landscaping in poor condition should be replaced as part of this project.

Ms. Byrne stated she has no engineering-related concerns.

Fire Marshal Rick Boisvert's letter dated August 30, 2022 stated he has no objection to this project.

Matt Bolang of the Livingston County Health Department does not have any issues with this proposal.

The call to the public was opened at 8:27 pm with no response.

**Moved** by Commissioner Dhaenens, seconded by Commissioner Chouinard, to approve the sketch plan dated July 13, 2022 for a proposed pavilion located on the north side of Lake Chemung in the Lake Chemung Outdoor Resort campground located at 320 Hughes Road for Joseph Maezes, Lake Chemung Outdoor Resorts, Inc., conditioned upon the following:

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- The applicant will need to receive approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the 55-foot setback
- The applicant shall provide to the Township with the number of boats that are currently allowed to be moored.

#### The motion carried unanimously.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING #3...**Consideration of a sketch plan for a proposed outdoor commercial smoker for use as part of the Log Cabin Restaurant located at 5393 Grand River Avenue, north side of Grand River, Between Eckles Drive and Westwood Drive. The request is petitioned by Chris Stone.

A. Disposition of Sketch Plan (file date 8-22-22)

Mr. Chris Stone stated they would like to place a 5 foot x 6 foot smoker on their property. It is six feet away from the building. They cannot meet the required setback because of the shape of the lot. They have already applied for the variance from the ZBA.

Mr. Borden reviewed his letter dated August 31, 2022.

- 1. The required rear yard setback requirement of 50 feet is not met. They are proposing an 18 foot setback. A variance from the ZBA will be required.
- 2. The maximum number of accessory buildings allowed of two is exceeded as this proposal would result in at least three. A variance from the ZBA will be required.
- 3. He suggested additional rear yard screening/buffering be provided as this property abuts residential properties. This would be a Buffer Zone B; however, he does not believe a full requirement of that buffer zone would be needed. Mr. Stone stated they have spoken to the neighbors and they requested to have a wall or a fence installed and he is agreeable to that. Mr. Borden agrees. He suggested that the applicant keep as much of the existing landscaping as possible.
- 4. Any existing landscaping in poor condition should be replaced as part of this project.

Ms. Byrne stated there are no engineering concerns with the project.

The letter from the Brighton Area Fire Authority Fire Marshal, Rick Boisvert, dated September 7, 2022 states the following:

- 1. The smoker shall be installed a minimum of 24" away from the combustible building surface.
- 2. Firewood shall not be stored against the combustible wood building.
- 3. The smoker must be installed in a surround that maintains the proper safety and maintenance clearances in accordance with the manufacturers specifications. A non-combustible surround and covering is highly recommended.



Planning Commission Genoa Township 2911 Dorr Road Brighton, Michigan 48116

Attention:	Kelly Van Marter, AICP	
	Planning Director and Assistant Township Manager	
Subject:	Lake Chemung Outdoor Resorts – Sketch Plan Review #2	
Location:	North side of Lake Chemung	
Zoning:	PRF Public and Recreational Facilities District	

Dear Commissioners:

At the Township's request, we have reviewed the revised submittal from Lake Chemung Outdoor Resort for a new pavilion (plan dated 7/13/2022).

#### A. Summary

- 1. The proposed building does not meet the 125-foot setback required from the shoreline.
- 2. Additional information is needed with respect to other existing accessory buildings/structures on the property. (No more than 2 are allowed, by Ordinance.)
- 3. The applicant must abide by the terms and conditions of previous use/zoning approvals.
- 4. Any existing landscaping in poor condition should be replaced as part of this project.

#### B. Proposal/Process

The proposal entails a 20' x 30' pavilion for use as a shade structure at a beach within a campground. Such buildings are allowed as accessory to the principal use, provided the provisions of Section 11.04 are met.

Procedurally, Section 18.02 requires sketch plan review/approval by the Planning Commission for non-residential accessory buildings and structures.

#### C. Sketch Plan Review

**1. Relationship.** Accessory buildings/structures must be affiliated with a principal use/building on the same property.

The principal use of the property is a campground, which is a special land use in the PRF District. As a side note, the scope of the project does not necessitate re-review of the special land use, per Section 19.06.

2. Setbacks. The PRF District requires a 75-foot side yard setback, which is met.

Additionally, Section 6.03.03 requires a 125-foot setback from the shoreline of a lake. This requirement is not met. The applicant must either relocate the proposed building or seek a variance from the ZBA.

**3.** Height. Section 11.04.02 establishes a maximum height of 18 feet. The proposed building has a height of 13'-10" to the peak.

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Aerial view of property (looking north)

**4.** Number. Section 11.04.02 allows no more than 2 detached accessory buildings on a lot. Based on the plans provided, there appear to be numerous other buildings/structures.

The applicant needs to explain what other buildings/structures exist on-site to determine compliance with this requirement.

If the proposal results in more than 2, the applicant must either remove other buildings or seek a variance from ZBA.

**5.** Additional Considerations. The subject site has a lengthy history of zoning approvals (see staff memo and notes from 2018).

The applicant must abide by the terms and conditions of previous approvals, including a limit on the number of boats that can be moored (our understanding is that this has been an issue).

Lastly, as a previously developed site, the applicant must replace any landscaping that is in poor (dead, diseased, etc.) condition.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully, SAFEBUILT BiVBL

Brian V. Borden, AICP Michigan Planning Manager



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Linda Gallerani Lake Chemung Outdoor Resorts Inc. 320 S. Hughes Road Howell, MI 48842

Sent via e-mail: galleral12@gmail.com

#### Re: Lake Chemung Outdoor Resorts – Temporary Campground & Dock Clarification

Dear Ms. Gallerani,

It is my understanding that members have recently inquired and asked for clarification on a number of Township regulations in regard to the campground. The purpose of this letter is to address the Township's interpretation of temporary use of campsites as well as the prohibition on docks and boat launching. In regard to the temporary campsite requirements for the Outdoor Resorts Campground I offer the following:

- The use of the property is considered a campground, not a permanent residence, mobile home community or manufactured home community etc. and the property is zoned Public and Recreational Facilities (PRF).
- In the current ordinance, campgrounds require a special land use permit (§6.02) and recreational vehicles and trailers are permitted to be used for temporary residence between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> each year (§ 11.03.02b).
- The campground is currently operating as a nonconforming use because it does not have special land use approval.
- The ability to occupy the recreational vehicles and trailers in the campground between October 1 and May 1 is also a nonconforming use.
- The definition of a campsite as that which allows occupancy not to exceed a consecutive 6 months with a 30 day vacate period was established in 1988. To my knowledge, the campground has been operating under this provision since that time which vests the use as a nonconforming use and allows campers to stay between October 1 and May 1 although contrary to the ordinance. It is noted that this requirement applies to usage of each campsite irrespective of the occupant of said campsite. Any changes to this standard would require compliance with the ordinance and would eliminate the opportunity for occupancy of recreational vehicles and trailers between October 1 and May 1 or each year.
- As provided in the ordinance, any changes to nonconforming uses of land would require the site to be brought into compliance with the current ordinance requirements.

In regard to the request to construct a dock facility I offer the following:

- The campground voluntary restricted its use of the lake frontage as a condition of termination of the special land use permit in 1991. The campground is prohibited from expanding the mooring of boats, constructing a permanent or temporary dock, and from providing launching facilities. This condition remains in effect and will continue to be enforced by the Township.
- It should be noted that while the MDEQ may issue a permit for the construction of marina, dock or boat launching facility, it does not pre-empt the local prohibition. The installation of any docking or launching apparatus or appurtenances with or without DEQ approval would be deemed in violation of the use provisions of the Ordinance and would be subject to enforcement action of penalties appropriate for the violation.

In preparation of writing this letter, I reviewed extensively the Township records and historical information on the campground. Please find attached a copy of the history report I prepared for our records. It is important that your membership is aware of the history with the Township. As president of the Board, I greatly appreciate your willingness to be the liaison between the board, its' membership and Township staff. I also want to point out that Township jurisdiction over the campground is limited to that which is regulated by Ordinance or through conditions of Township approvals. Any covenants or private restrictions are not enforceable by the Township.

Most sincerely,

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Kelly VanMarter Assistant Township Manager/Community Development Director

Cc: Dean Helsom Mike Archinal, Township Manager

#### SPECIAL LAND USE HISTORY

Sept. 9, 1966 – Board approves conditional use permit to operate a Travel Trailer Coach Park and Recreation Area from May 1 to December 1 with the following conditions:

- 1. No trailer of any description shall be on the premises between Dec. 1 and May 1.
- 2. Police protection by facility management with support from Livingston County Sheriff
- 3. Fire protection by Facility management
- 4. No motor driven craft shall be launched or docked along the lake frontage
- 5. Underground wiring required and trailer and tent area shall be well lit
- 6. Rubbish and garbage shall be provided by management and shall keep the premises neat, clean and sanitary
- 7. No tent of trailer within 300' from the right of way of any public road and lake shoreline.
- 8. 6' cyclone fence shall delineate property lines
- 9. Greenbelt required as buffer to adjacent residential
- 10. No travel trailer over 26 feet long
- 11. No domestic animals or house pets on the loose or being a nuisance.
- 12. Max. 250 units.
- 13. Must provide plot plan with measurements for boundary of camp.
- 14. No firearms within park boundary during camping season
- 15. Conditions will be enforced.
- 16. Permit is not transferrable without Board approval.
- 17. Permit may be revoked for non-compliance after notice and hearing

August 22, 1967 – Civil Suit Agreement requires:

- No persons using the camping area will be permitted to launch or dock motor driven craft from upon or along any lake Chemung frontage
- Required 6' chain link fence along Sunrise Park.
- 300' buffer strip required which only allowed rental cottages.
- No sales of alcohol

August 26, 1970 – Township Board approves revision to the Special Land Use permit to allow year-round use and adds a condition that no snowmobiles shall be operated in the park.

September 26, 1970 – Special Land Use Permit Amended Item #1 to state: "Trailer Site Occupancy shall be limited to one hundred and fifty (150) sites during the period December 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

June 1976 – Outdoor Resorts Development, Ltd. Seeks to acquire, improve and deed to membership association the campground. They request 340 campsites and plan construction of swimming pool, tennis courts, recreation lodge, landscaping and paved roads. They make application for Special Land Use Permit.

June 21, 1976 – Township Board approves special land use permit following tabled 6/7/76 Board and 6/2/76 Planning Commission meeting subject to the following conditions:

- 1. 30 year permit
- 2. Site plan review required for all improvements
- 3. No vehicle longer than 35 feet not wider than 8 feet
- 4. Park shall not exceed 340 units
- 5. Written notice of ownership changes
- 6. Written annual notice of officers and directors
- 7. No motor driven craft shall be launched or docked along the lake frontage
- 8. No snowmobile, trail bike or off road vehicles to be operated
- 9. Rubbish and garbage shall be provided by management and shall keep the premises neat, clean and sanitary
- 10. No firearms within park boundary during camping season
- 11. Permit not transferable without Township Board approval
- 12. Permit may be revoked for non-compliance after notice and hearing
- 13. No campsite to be used or occupied as a permanent residence.
- 14. Special Use Permit terminates upon determination that sewage treatment facility is municipal.
- 15. Permit is terminated if a.) Outdoor Resorts Development, Ltd ceases to be operating entity, or b.) If transfer to Outdoor Resorts on Lake Chemung Inc. does not transpire.

September 5, 1978 – Township Board tabled consideration of violations of special land use to October 2, 1978. 10/2/78 agenda includes this item but the minutes have nothing related.

June 18, 1979 – Township Manager Phillip Sitter provided the following points of clarification on the terms of the Special Use Permit:

- Tip-out and 5<sup>th</sup> wheel units are allowed provided they do not exceed the 35' length or 8' wide requirement when in "road-ready" condition.
- Off-road vehicles are further defined to include units which have their own motive power or are mounted on or drawn by another vehicle which is self-powered including but not limited to snowmobiles, motorcycles, trail bikes, mop-heads, all-terrain vehicles, dune buggies and similar.
- It was the intent that no water craft be launched or docked along or upon the lake frontage. This includes all types of water craft, boats, canoes, pontoons, etc.
- Structures and improvements refers to all buildings and uses for which building and land use permits are required having a permanent/ semi-permanent/seasonal nature and those structures and uses defined by outdoor Resorts in their written presentation of by-laws and regulations acted upon and approved as part of the Special Use Permit package. Such facilities may be erected only with the approval of the Township Board and Planning Commission following a complete site plan review defined by Township zoning Ordinance. This includes but is not limited to buildings, swimming pools, tennis

courts, recreational pavilions, enclosed patios and porches, docks, fences, underground utilities, roads, bridges, dikes, dams and like structures.

July 16, 1979 - Board discussed special use permit at call to public after letter was received in regard to docks for non-motor boats. Consensus was that docks not be constructed along the shoreline.

July 11, 1984 – Planning Commission denied request to amend special land use permit to allow a dock and boat launch.

July 15, 1988 – Township Manager Jim Stornant provides the following definition of temporary campsite: "Two seasons and or six months of consecutive use is considered the maximum time allowed. There must then be a thirty (30) day vacate period".

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1988 – Ronald Rymarz, President of LCORI requested clarification on the following:

- It is agreed that the resort is for camping and is to be used for temporary living. It is also agreed that permanent residency is not allowable. He requests a letter than defines permanent residency and sets a limitation on how long a member may stay without violating the permit.
- He requests approval to allow 12' wide trailers without amending the special use permit.
- He requests approval for members to install aluminum awnings on their RV.

August 1, 1988 - Township Manager Jim Stornant responds to Mr. Rymarz as follows:

- Temporary camping is not more than three sessions and/or six consecutive months
- Attached non-permanent awnings are allowed.
- An amendment to the conditions of the Special Land Use must go through the Planning Commission and Township Board approval process.

**TERMINATION OF SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT** – the property was rezoned to PRF and a determination was made that the use did not require a special land use permit in the new zoning.

July 19, 1989 – Planning Commission Tabled request to terminate Special Land Use asking for submittal of a site plan and impact assessment

January 3, 1990 – Planning Commission discussed with LCOR Attorney Kehoe the dispute over need for the site plan and impact assessment.

February 7, 1990 – Planning Commission removed from agenda request for termination of Special Land Use Permit due to failure to provide the required information.

May 1, 1991 – Planning Commission reviews request for recreational and maintenance building and termination of Special Use Permit

• PC recommends approval of the new recreation and maintenance facilities

• PC tables termination of Special Use Permit

June 5, 1991 – Planning Commission recommends termination of special use permit under the conditions outlined in the May 14, 1991 letter which required:

- The camp will not build a permanent or temporary dock.
- The camp will not expand the mooring of boats and will stay within state laws and maintain boats in an organized and safe manner.
- The camp will not provide launching facilities for motorized boats as long as the public launch is open.
- The camp will maintain present setbacks and greenbelts and will not expand beyond 340 sites without Township approval.

July 17, 1991 – Board affirms the recommendation by the Planning Commission and approves the request to terminate the special land use permit under the terms agreed to by Lake Chemung Outdoor Resorts.

#### LAKE CHEMUNG USAGE HISTORY

1966-1991 –Township Condition: No motor driven craft shall be launched or docked along the lake frontage. 1979 Clarifications - no water craft be launched or docked along or upon the lake frontage. This includes all types of water craft, boats, canoes, pontoons, etc. No docks shall be constructed along the shoreline.

1984 – Township Denied request to allow dock and Boat Launch

1989 – MDNR approves operating permit to moor a total of 32 Boats

1991 - Termination of Special Land Use on the following conditions:

- The camp will not build a permanent or temporary dock.
- The camp will not expand the mooring of boats and will stay within state laws and maintain boats in an organized and safe manner.
- The camp will not provide launching facilities for motorized boats as long as the public launch is open.

2007-2008 – There are multiple hearings on the status of the marina permit to moor 32 boats. There are complaints that there are over 100 boats moored while the marina permit only allowed 32. The state Attorney General was involved and the determination was made that the campground must obtain a marina permit to moor boats. The last correspondence in our file dated July 15, 2008 was that the DEQ was reviewing a request to operate a marina with 98 moorings.





EAST AND WEST ELEVATIONS SCALE: 3/8" = 1'-0"













GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP VARIANCE APPLICATION 2911 DORR ROAD | BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN 48116 (810) 227-5225 | FAX (810) 227-3420

Case # Meet	ing Date:
	D Variance Application Fee
\$215.00 for Residential   \$300.00 for Sig	n Variance   \$395.00 for Commercial/Industrial
Applicant/Owner: <u>Tim Chouinard/Nadar Abouzenni</u>	Email: timchouinard@sbcglobal.net
Property Address: <u>564 Black Oak Trail Howell 48843</u>	Phone: 517-404-6527
Present Zoning: LRR	Tax Code: 4711-03-301-004

# <u>ARTICLE 23</u> 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 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 application, other information may be gathered by on-site visits, other sources, and during the ZBA meeting. ZBA members, township officials and township staff 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: We are asking for a 30' front yard Variance and

a 4' rear yard variance to construct a 24' x 24' garage reducing the front setback to 5' and the rear yard to 16' We are also asking for a 9' height variance for a retaining wall that will be 12' at the tallest point

Please note that the packet and staff report for your scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be available to review at <u>https://www.genoa.org/government/boards/zoningboard</u> five days prior to the meeting.

The following is per Article 23.05.03 of the Genoa Township Ordinance:

<u>Criteria Applicable to Dimensional Variances.</u> 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 <u>all</u> of the following conditions exist:

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

<u>Practical Difficulty/Substantial Justice.</u> 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.

Compliance with the current setback does not leave a building envelope, preventing any structure besides a shed from being built. Granting this variance will allow the owner the ability to use the property year round by storing vehicles and other items inside and out of the elements, and will allow the owners the same privileges as the current neighbors. Granting this will also allow the vehichles to enter the garage from the <u>Extraordinary Circumstances</u>. 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 for safety. the variance was not self-created by the applicant.

The extaordinary circumstances are the size and shape of the lot do not leave a building envelope and the circumstances are not self created and will be consistent with the neighboring properties.

<u>Public Safety and Welfare.</u> 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 impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent properties and will not increase the congestion on the streets it will help with the congestion by adding parking off the street, it will not increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare of the inhabitants of Genoa Township.

<u>Impact on Surrounding Neighborhood.</u> 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 not interfere or discourage the appropriate development, continued use, or value of adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.

#### Attendance by the applicant is required at the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

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 plans and construction plans.



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## MEMORANDUM

Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals FROM: Amy Ruthig, Zoning Official DATE: November 10, 2022

ZBA 22-24

TO:

RE:

#### STAFF REPORT

File Number:	ZBA#22-24
Site Address:	Vacant lot, Directly across from 564 Black Oaks Trail
Parcel Number:	4711-03-301-017
Parcel Size:	.103 Acres
Applicant:	Hajar Yasmeen, 1320 Kinmore St. Dearborn Heights
Property Owner:	Same as Applicant

Information Submitted: Application, site plan, conceptual drawings

**Request: Dimensional Variances** 

Project Description: Applicant is requesting a retaining wall variance and a variance to construct a detached accessory structure on a lot without a principle residence.

Since time of publication it has been determined that a lot coverage variance is not required.

Zoning and Existing Use: LRR (Lakeshore Resort Residential) accessory structure located on property.

#### Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday October 30, 2022 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 lot is vacant •
- See Assessing Record Card.

#### <u>Summary</u>

The proposed project is to construct a new detached accessory structure. In order to construct the proposed structure, they are requesting a retaining wall variance and a variance to allow a detached accessory structure on a vacant lot. In regards to the side yard setback retaining wall variance, the applicant is proposing to replace an existing wood retaining wall with a 0' setback.

Applicant has met with staff to determine if the height of the retaining wall is the least amount necessary in regards to constructing a side entry garage. It has been determined that if the applicant constructed a front entry garage and not require a wall height variance it would create a public safety issue for car backing out into the narrow road.

#### Variance Requests

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

#### Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses in General

(a) Relation to Principal Building: Accessory buildings, structures and uses are permitted only in connection with, incidental to and on the same lot with a principal building, that is occupied by a use permitted in the particular zoning district. No accessory building, structure or use shall be occupied or utilized unless the principal structure to which it is accessory is occupied or utilized.

(j) Retaining walls. Retaining walls may be permitted subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Front Yard: Retaining walls within the required front yard shall not exceed three (3) feet in height and shall not be located within twenty (20) feet of the front lot line or be less than two (2) feet from the side lot line.
- 2. Side and Rear Yard: Retaining walls within the required side or rear yard shall not exceed a height of six (6) feet and shall not be located closer than two (2) feet to the side or rear lot line.

#### **Retaining Wall Height Variance:**

Required Height:6'Proposed Height:12' at the tallest pointVariance Amount:6'

Retaining Wall Setback Variance:Required Side Yard Setback:2'Proposed Side Yard Setback:0'Variance Amount:2'

<u>Summary of Findings of Fact-</u>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 zoning requirements would prevent the applicant from constructing the proposed accessory structure. Granting the variances would give the applicant substantial justice due to other accessory structures in the area on lots without principal dwellings.

- (b) Extraordinary Circumstances The exceptional or extraordinary condition of the property is the shallowness of the lot, topography of the lot and that the parcel the corresponding house is located on cannot be combined to this parcel. Granting of the variances would make it consistent with other properties in the vicinity and the need for the variance is not self-created.
- (c) Public Safety and Welfare The granting of the 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 granting of the 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.

#### **Recommended Conditions**

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

- 1. Applicant must demonstrate on site plan that the slope of the property meets Section 11.04.03 (j) Retaining Walls (1) of the Township Zoning Ordinance prior to land use permit issuance.
- 2. Structure must be guttered with downspouts.
- 3. Grading and soil erosion plan by civil engineer to ensure stabilization of slopes and avoid impacts on adjacent parcels.
- 4. Accessory structure cannot be used for living purposes.
- 5. If fence is required by Livingston County Building Department then applicant must follow Section 11.04.03 (j) Retaining Walls (6) of the Township Zoning Ordinance.
- 6. The retaining wall construction plans must be certified by a license engineer.
- 7. No outside storage is allowed on the lot.





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Verified Grantor Grantee Sale Sale Inst. Terms of Sale Liber Prcnt. Price Date & Page Trans. Type Βv 20-MULTI PARCEL SALE REF 2022R-013406 100.0 SREDZINSKI, LEON & IRENE THAJAR YASMEEN 230,000 04/26/2022 WD BUYER/SELLER 3142-0866 SREDZINSKI, LEON & IRENE SREDZINSKI TRUST 1 10/04/2001 OC 21-NOT USED/OTHER BUYER/SELLER 0.0 Class: RESIDENTIAL-VACANT Zoning: LRR Property Address Building Permit(s) Date Number Status VACANT School: HOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS P.R.E. 0% Owner's Name/Address MAP #: V22-24 HAJAR YASMEEN 2023 Est TCV Tentative 1320 KINMORE ST Improved X Vacant Land Value Estimates for Land Table 4300.LAKE CHEMUNG DEARBORN HEIGHTS MI 48127 Public \* Factors \* Description Frontage Depth Front Depth Rate %Adj. Reason Improvements Value C NON LF 59.00 47.00 1.0000 1.0000 840 100 49,560 Dirt Road Tax Description 59 Actual Front Feet, 0.06 Total Acres Total Est. Land Value = 49,560 X Gravel Road SEC. 3 T2N, R5E, BLACK OAKS LOT 16 Paved Road Comments/Influences Storm Sewer Sidewalk Water Sewer Electric Gas Curb Street Lights Standard Utilities Underground Utils. Topography of Site Level Rolling Low High Landscaped Swamp Wooded Pond Waterfront Ravine Wetland Year Land Building Assessed Board of Tribunal/ Taxable Flood Plain Value Value Value Review Other Value 2023 Tentative Tentative Tentative Tentative Who When What. 2022 17,300 17,300 3,573C 0 The Equalizer. Copyright (c) 1999 - 2009. 2021 3,459C 16,500 0 16,500 Licensed To: Township of Genoa, County of 2020 14.800 0 14.800 3,412C Livingston, Michigan

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Parcel Number: 4711-03-301-017

#### GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS October 18, 2022 - 6:30 PM

#### **MINUTES**

<u>Call to Order</u>: Chairman Rassel called the regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 6:30 pm. The members and staff of the Zoning Board of Appeals were present as follows: Greg Rassel, Michelle Kreutzberg, Bill Rockwell, Marianne McCreary, Craig Fons, and Amy Ruthig, Planning Director. Absent was Jean Ledford.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction: The members of the Board and staff introduced themselves.

#### Approval of the Agenda:

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

#### Call to the Public:

The call to the public was opened at 6:32 pm with no response.

#### Old Business:

1. 22-20...A request by Joseph Anzalone, 5964 Glen Echo, for variances to allow a detached accessory building (gazebo) to remain within the required waterfront yard and for a shoreline setback variance.

Mr. and Mrs. Anzalone, the applicants, and Mr. Roger Myers, the applicants' legal counsel, were present. Mr. Myers submitted three letters of support from neighbors for the variance requests. The variance is to allow an existing 144-square-foot gazebo to remain. The challenge was identifying if the waterfront variance is applicable due to the irregular shoreline. He cited other accessory structures next to and surrounding the applicant's home. The applicant's gazebo is consistent with other gazebos and accessory structures on other properties in the neighborhood as well as around all of Lake Chemung so this would provide substantial justice to the applicant. The practical difficulty and extraordinary circumstances are that this is a unique parcel due to its topography and the location of the road. If the gazebo was moved further from the shoreline, it would be very close to the existing road and that would pose a public safety issue and create a greater obstruction of the lake views than where it is currently located. This will not have a negative impact on the neighborhood due to the other existing accessory structures on other properties.

Mr. Anzalone did not know of the zoning requirement. He would have requested approval if he did. He saw his neighbors' structures so he thought it was allowed.

Chairman Rassel asked when the gazebo was built. Mr. Anzalone stated it was put up two years ago. The variance is being requested this evening because one of the neighbors complained. Mr. Myers added that there was civil litigation regarding riparian rights for property owners in this neighborhood. Now it has been settled, violations are being enforced. He added that that decision is being appealed at this time.

Ms. Anzalone believes that a neighbor in the other part of the neighborhood complained about their gazebo.

Ms. Ruthig stated that the location where the gazebo is located is in the "front lotters park" and no one is able to erect any structures. Ms. Anzalone stated the ruling said that the existing gazebo could remain.

Ms. Ruthig stated the structure was built in 2021. Township Staff needs more clarification from Judge Hatty's ruling as to what accessory structures are allowed and what ones are not. It is difficult to obtain this information at this time because the case is being appealed. They also do not have specific lot lines. Board Member Kreutzberg agrees that what variance is needed, if one is needed at all, is difficult to determine when the lot lines are unknown.

Board Member Rockwell does not want to make a decision on this without the lot line information.

Board Member McCreary stated the Glen Echo Plat, which is a legal document, states that the park belongs to all of the residents in the neighborhood. Mr. Myers stated that the appeal is not challenging that information, they are appealing the ruling that they are not allowed to put docks into the lake from this park.

Board Member Rockwell asked if other property owners are allowed to use the gazebo. Ms. Anzalone stated that many of the neighbors use the gazebo.

Board Member Fons questions if the ZBA or the Township Staff has the authority to allow the gazebo or require them to remove it. He does not feel comfortable making that decision.

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

Ms. Laura Wildman of 658 Pathway agrees that there are a lot of structures along the shoreline. This is a great addition and benefit to the lake.

Mrs. Beverly Leslie of 5955 Grand River owns four lots. All of the neighbors in the area spend time together at the gazebo.

Ms. Yvette Whiteside of 5780 Glen Echo does not know who filed the complaint against Mr. Anzalone. Where she and her neighbors live is separate from the area of the neighborhood where the original lawsuit was filed, but it is affecting them.

Mr. Steve Wildman of 658 Pathway agrees that there are a lot of worse zoning violations around the lake than the applicant's gazebo. Moving it 10-feet back would not make a difference. He uses the gazebo also.

The call to the public was closed at 7:10 pm.

Ms. Ruthig stated that Staff has determined that the accessory structures that are allowed to remain based on Judge Hatty's decision must meet the ordinance requirements. Mr. Anzalone needed to apply for a variance because a violation was reported.

Mr. Myers stated that due to the pending appeal, there are still decisions to be made that will determine how the Township's ordinance is to be enforced. He would like to table this request until after the appeal has been decided.

Board Member Rockwell stated that apart from the appeals case, there is no information to determine the applicant's property lines.

Ms. Ruthig suggested that the item be tabled until the next ZBA meeting to allow Staff to consult with the Township Attorney to determine if this can be tabled until the appeals case is decided and if the Board has the authority to vote on this request.

**Moved** by Board Member McCreary, seconded by Board Member Kreutzberg, to table Case #22-20 until the November 15, 2022 ZBA meeting, pending review from the Township's legal counsel. **The motion carried unanimously.** 

#### New Business:

2. 22-22...A request by Steven Rochon, 1295 Pond Bluff Way, for a side yard setback variance to allow an addition to an existing home.

Mr. Brad Huard of Remodeling Star, who is the applicant's contractor, stated the proposed addition would be encroaching six feet into the setback. They are staying within the same building line.

He has a letter from who would be directly affected by the variance and they are in support of the variance. The homeowner's association has also submitted a letter providing their approval of the addition.

Board Member Fons asked why the addition could not be placed on the other side of the home. Mr. Huard stated this is the best location for this addition because of where the laundry room is currently and the reason for the addition. The well would also need to be located if it was built on that side.

Mr. Ruthig noted there are retaining walls on the site and if they are altered, they will need to meet the Township's ordinance.

The call to the public was opened at 7:34 pm with no response.

**Moved** by Board Member Kreutzberg, seconded by Board Member McCreary, to approve Case #22-22 for Steven Rochon of 1295 Pond Bluff Way for a side-yard variance of 9 feet, 6 inches from the required 30 feet for a setback of 20 feet, 6 inches to construct an 8 x 24 addition to the existing home, based on the following findings of fact:

• Strict compliance with the setbacks would unreasonably restrict use of the property. This variance will provide substantial justice, is the last necessary and would make the property consistent with other properties and homes in the area that encroach on side yard setbacks.

- The variance is necessary due to extraordinary circumstances, such as the location of the home on the west side of the property.
- The granting of the variance will not impair an adequate light or air to adjacent properties, would not increase congestion or increase danger of fire or threaten public safety or welfare. 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. Any new retaining walls would require a land use permit **The motion carried unanimously.** 

#### Administrative Business:

1. Approval of minutes for the September 20, 2022 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

Needed changes were noted.

**Moved** by Board Member Rockwell, seconded by Board Member Kreutzberg, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.** 

- 2. Correspondence Ms. Ruthig stated there will be three cases on next month's agenda.
- 3. Member Discussion

The Board discussed their voting on items that are pending litigation.

4. Adjournment

**Moved** by Board Member McCreary, seconded by Board Member Kreutzberg, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. **The motion carried unanimously**.

Respectfully submitted:

Patty Thomas, Recording Secretary