## GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 6:30 P.M. AGENDA

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Introductions:

Conflict of Interest:

Approval of Agenda:

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

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. 25-03...A request by Logan McAnallen, 5945 Hartford Way, for a side and rear variance and any other variances deemed necessary by the Zoning Board of Appeals, for the construction of a new single-family home.
- 2. 25-12...A request by David Bair of Property Services Unlimited LLC, 4433 Brighton Road, for a wetland setback variance and any other variances deemed necessary by the Zoning Board of Appeals, to install a shared driveway to allow for property to be split.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. 25-14...A request by Zaid Abro, 3200 E. Grand River, for a sign variance and any other variances deemed necessary by the Zoning Board of Appeals, to install brick around an existing pole sign.
- 2. 25-15...A request by Howell Family Ventures LLC, 3599 E. Grand River, for a sign variance, and any other variances deemed necessary by the Zoning Board of Appeals, to modify an existing monument pole sign to accommodate multiple businesses.

## ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- 1. Approval of minutes for the June 17th, 2025 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.
- 2. Correspondence
- 3. Member Discussion
- 4. Adjournment

\*Citizen's Comments- In addition to providing the public with an opportunity to address the Township Board at the beginning of the meeting, opportunity to comment on individual agenda items may be offered by the Chairman as they are presented. Anyone speaking on an agenda item will be limited to 2 minutes.



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

Case # M	leeting Date:
	PAID Variance Application Fee
\$215.00 for Residential   \$300.00 for	Sign Variance   \$395.00 for Commercial/Industrial
Applicant/Owner: Logan McAnallen	Email: Logan@cardenhomes.com
Property Address: 5945 Hartford Way, Brighton	Phone: 517-282-2861
RPUD Present Zoning:	Tax Code: 4711-36-301-247

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

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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/intended property modifications: Reduce the side yard setback requirements

from 20' on each side to 14' on the west side of the lot, and 15' on the east side of the lot.

Reduce either the rear setback (building & deck limit) or front yard setback by 6', or reduce each by 3'.

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:

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 setback requirements on this relatively smaller/narrow lot creates a small building envelope that significantly hinders the home that can be built on the site. The additional space we've requested will make a large impact to the layout and exterior elevation and allow us to build a home that is in-line with the surround property values.

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.

Along with the lot being narrow, the angle of the shoreline further impedes the building envelope from the rear of the house. This is also challenged by the side entry garage requirement as it requires the house to be pushed further back on the site, consuming a significant amount of the building envelope.

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 relatively small amount of additional building space we are requesting along with our plan to use only a portion of it would result in no impact to the surrounding properties. The house spacing would still be more than adequate for safety and enjoyment. The variance would be virtually un-noticable when walking/driving along Hartford way.

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 vairance would not negatively impact the neighboring properties. The variance would allow us to build a home that is more in-line with has been built throughout Pine Creek and would further improve the values of the surrounding 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: 2-14-2025

Signature: Logan McAnallen



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UPPER LEVEL	2801 SF	COVER'D PORC
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UPPER LEVEL	2801 SF	<b>COVER'D PORCH</b>
	5246 SF	







5945 HARTFORD WAY, BRIGHTON, MI 48116



WATERFRONT ELEVATION

RENDERINGS ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY



# \*\*UPDATED\*\*

# MEMORANDUM

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genoa.org

# TO: Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals FROM: Carrie Aulette, Zoning Official DATE: March 5, 2025 ZBA 25-03 RE:

# STAFF REPORT

File Number:	ZBA# 25-03
Site Address:	5945 Hartford Way
Parcel Number:	4711-36-301-247
Parcel Size:	.47 Acres
Applicant:	Logan McAnallen
Property Owner:	Same as Applicant

Information Submitted: Application, site plan, conceptual drawings

**Request: Dimensional Variance** 

Project Description: Applicant is requesting a side yard, and waterfront yard setback variance to construct a new home.

Zoning and Existing Use: RPUD (Residential Planned Unit Development) Single Family Dwelling is located on the property.

# Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday March 2, 2025 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 currently vacant. •
- The parcel is serviced by public water and public sewer through the City of • Brighton
- See Assessing Record Card

# SUPERVISOR

Kevin Spicher

# CLERK

Janene Deaton

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# TRUSTEES

Rick Soucy **Bill Reiber** Candie Hovarter Todd Walker

MANAGER Kelly VanMarter

# <u>Summary</u>

The proposed project is to construct a new home with a rear deck and retaining wall, the proposed home would require side yard and waterfront setback variances. The applicant does not currently have the exact dimenions of the retaining wall but stated it would likely be around 6' tall. **Update\*** *The owner has consulted with a new architect and has resubmitted with a new proposed home. He is still requesting a variance however, he is asking for less than his previous submittal. He is now only requesting (1) side yard variance and a shoreline setback variance. There is <u>one</u> corner of the deck that is going to encroach into the shoreline setback.* 

## Variance Requests

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

# Table 3.04.01 (RPUD District): ORIGINAL REQUEST

Required Shoreline Setback:	90'	Required Side Yard Setback:	20'
Proposed Shoreline Setback:	86.9'	Proposed Side Yard Setback:	14' West
			15' East
Proposed Variance Amount:	3.1′	Proposed Variance Amount:	6' West
			5' East

# **\*\*NEW REQUEST\*\***

SETBACKS	REQUIRED	PROPOSED	VARIANCE
FRONT	40'	40	
SIDES	20'	EAST 15'	5′
		WEST 20'	
SHORELINE/REAR	90'	86'	4'

**Floor Area of Neighboring Waterfront Homes-** *applicant is proposing 5246 SF Date obtained from Assessing Records* 

ADDRESS	FLOOR AREA
5929 Hartford	3852 SF
5953 Hartford	5495 SF
5937 Hartford	5566 SF
5961 Hartford	4518 SF
6025 Wyndam	5934 SF
6037 Wyndam	4688 SF

# <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 and PUD Agreement would prevent the construction of the proposed home, however it does not prevent the use of the property. Staff could only find one other home in the vicinity that has requested a variance however, this lot does appear to be less wide than other (by a few feet). Other homes in the area seem to have been built within the required setbacks.
- (b) Extraordinary Circumstances The lot is narrower than other lots in the area. It is also noted that the shoreline is angled, creating a smaller building envelope than others on the waterfront. This neighborhood requires a side entry garage which requires the home construction to be pushed back towards the shoreline. Staff does believe with this new submittal that the applicant requesting the least amount necessary.
- (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. If the variance is granted the home would be complimentary to other homes in the vicinity.

# (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. Retaining walls will require a land use permit, if retaining walls are over 3' tall they must be designed by a licensed engineer, must follow all guidelines set by Article 11.04.03 (j), and shall not alter the overall natural topography of the land.
- 2. The deck on the back of home may not extend more than 15' into the required waterfront yard.
- 3. Home must be guttered with downspouts.
- 4. Applicant should try to minimize the removal of trees outsides the building envelope.





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



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

Case # 25-12 Meeting Date: June 17, 2025 @ 6:30pm PAID Variance Application Fee
\$215.00 for Residential   \$300.00 for Sign Variance   \$395.00 for Commercial/Industrial
Applicant/Owner: 1000001/ HEVILES UN. LIC Email: DBAIR 58@ GUMHIL. COM
Property Address: 4433 BRIGHTON I2D Howey 1, Mi 48843 11-28-300-006 Present Zoning: SR Tax Code: 11-28-300-006
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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/intended property modifications:

The following is per Article 13.02.05 of the Genoa Township Ordinance:

<u>Criteria Applicable to Wetland Setback 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.

#### 13.02.05 Variances from the Wetland Setback Requirements

The setback is not necessary to preserve the wetland's ecological and aesthetic value; ENSTING FARMER'S LANE, ANY NEW WORK

The natural drainage pattern to the wetland will not be significantly affected;

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The variance will not increase the potential for erosion, either during or after construction;

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No feasible or prudent alternative exists and the variance distance is the minimum necessary to allow the project to proceed;

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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.

DAVE BAIR - MEMB Date: 5-13-25 Signature:























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# \*\*UPDATED\*\*

# MEMORANDUM

TO:Genoa Township Zoning Board of AppealsFROM:Carrie Aulette, Zoning OfficialDATE:May 23, 2025RE:ZBA 25-12

File Number: ZBA#25-12

Site Address: 4433 Brighton Road Howell MI, 48843

Parcel Number: 4711-28-300-006

Parcel Size: 13.5 Acres

Applicant: Dave Bair

Property Owner: Property Services Unlimited LLC, 9552 E Highland Howell

Information Submitted: Application and site plan

**Request:** Wetland Setback Variance to install a shared driveway to allow for property to be split.

Zoning and Existing Use: Suburban Residential (SR), single family home

# Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday June 1, 2025 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 property currently has 1 single family home.
- The property will be serviced by a well and a septic system.
- Applicant is proposing to have the property split into 4 parcels.
- See Record Card

# **Summary**

The applicant is requesting a variance from the required 25-foot undisturbed natural features setback to install a 16' wide shared driveway to allow for the property to be split into 4 new parcels. Part of Parcel A, Parcel B, & Parcel C encroach into the 25' buffer. **\*Update\*** Applicant has provided an updated plan showing the location of the utility poles, he is also proposing to reduce the width

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of the driveway from 16' to 12' in areas to lessen the amount of disturbance at the buffer zone. His surveyor has added limits of disturbance, noting in an email to the applicant that limits of disturbance are *"usually is about 10' off the edge of driveway but did 3'-5' off edge to limits the disturbance area."* The new request will be for the area directly off of Brighton Road on Parcel A (after the fact) and an area between parcel A & B.

# Variance Requests

The following is the section of the zoning ordinance that the variance is being requested from as well as the criteria applicable for your review of the variance 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.

# <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 13.02.05.

- (a) Evidence should be provided that the setback is not necessary to preserve the wetland's ecological and aesthetic value. The application indicates that a wetland specialist has determined that the wetlands have low ecological and aesthetic value.
- (b) The natural drainage pattern could be affected due to the proposed driveway being located in an area that has only been a path. Additional information should be provided in regards to the need for culverts which would have a greater impact to the wetland buffer.

- (c) Applicant has stated that proper soil erosion control measures will be followed during construction. Wetland buffer could be permanently demarcated with signage to indicate the edge of the undisturbed natural area and could remain in perpetuity to ensure future owners do not further encroach.
- (d) The Township ordinance requirement is 16 feet with the ability to be reduced down to 12 feet in order to preserve wetlands. The driveway should be reduced to an approved width to the minimum amount necessary.
- (e) An EGLE permit is not needed for a work inside in the 25-foot natural features setback from the wetland. However, EGLE did issue an after the fact permit for an area of the approach that did encroach into a 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 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 setback buffer area shall remain in a natural and undisturbed state and is not eligible for trail or recreational area exemptions.
- 3. Silt fencing must be utilized during the construction phase, and the applicant must obtain all necessary approvals from the Livingston County Drain Commissioner.
- 4. No other encroachments on the entire property are allowed







Hi,

I wanted to confirm that the proposed new shared driveway is located within an upland area. While a portion of the driveway appears to fall within the 25-foot wetland setback, it is not anticipated to significantly impact the adjacent wetland—provided that site grading and hydrology are managed in a way that does not alter the existing hydrologic regime.

Please note that the 25-foot wetland setback is a Township-specific requirement, and the Township is responsible for determining whether an encroachment within that buffer is permissible. Without detailed plans for the proposed driveway, I cannot determine with certainty what impacts, if any, are proposed since it is in the upland (non regulated area)

Additionally, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) only requires a permit for direct impacts to regulated wetlands/streams, including activities such as filling, grading, excavation, or the discharge of stormwater into a wetland or stream. Based on current information, no such direct impacts are likely proposed, but I would like to see the grading or site plan for the proposes driveway to be sure.

Please let me know if you need anything further or if additional information.

Best regards,

Bryana J. Guevara, PWS, CE Marx Wetlands LLC

On Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 9:50 AM Carrie Aulette <<u>carrie@genoa.org</u>> wrote:

Hi Bryana,

We were hoping Dave could submit something that states whether or not this driveway construction will have an impact on the surrounding wetlands. We do have a 25' buffer. I have attached a copy of Article 13 for you to review. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Carrie Aulette

**Zoning Official** 

# EGLE

# MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY WATER RESOURCES DIVISION PERMIT

Issued To:

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Dave Bair 9552 E. Highland Road Howell, Michigan 488439098

Permit No:WRP045417 v.1Submission No.:HQC-RG7N-Q5VACSite Name:47-4433 Brighton Rd-BrightonIssued:June 12, 2025Revised:June 12, 2030

This permit is being issued by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division, under the provisions of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA); specifically:

Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams

**⊠** Part 303, Wetlands Protection

Part 315, Dam Safety

Part 323, Shorelands Protection and Management
Part 325, Great Lakes Submerged Lands
Part 353, Sand Dunes Protection and Management

Part 31, Water Resources Protection (Floodplain Regulatory Authority)

EGLE certifies that the activities authorized under this permit are in compliance with the State Coastal Zone Management Program and certifies without conditions under the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401 that the discharge from the activities authorized under this permit will comply with Michigan's water quality requirements in Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the NREPA and associated administrative rules, where applicable.

Permission is hereby granted, based on permittee assurance of adherence to State of Michigan requirements and permit conditions, to:

Authorized Activity:

Place approximately seven (7) cubic yards of fill material in 0.01 acre of wetland to construct a driveway through 18 feet of wetland.

All work shall be completed in accordance with the attached plans and specifications of this permit.

\*This permit is issued after-the-fact and authorizes only the construction as specified above.\*

EGLE WRP045417 v1.0 Approved Issued On:06/12/2025 Expires On:06/12/2030 -5

Waterbody Affected: Emergent Wetland Property Location: Livingston County, Genoa Charter Township, Town/Range/Section 02N05E28. Property Tax No. 11-28-300-006

# Authority granted by this permit is subject to the following limitations:

- A. Initiation of any work on the permitted project confirms the permittee's acceptance and agreement to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit.
- B. The permittee, in exercising the authority granted by this permit, shall not cause unlawful pollution as defined by Part 31 of the NREPA.
- C. This permit shall be kept at the site of the work and available for inspection at all times during the duration of the project or until its date of expiration.
- D. All work shall be completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications submitted with the application and/or plans and specifications attached to this permit.
- E. No attempt shall be made by the permittee to forbid the full and free use by the public of public waters at or adjacent to the structure or work approved.
- F. It is made a requirement of this permit that the permittee give notice to public utilities in accordance with 2013 PA 174 (Act 174) and comply with each of the requirements of Act 174.
- G. This permit does not convey property rights in either real estate or material, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or invasion of public or private rights, nor does it waive the necessity of seeking federal assent, all local permits, or complying with other state statutes.
- H. This permit does not prejudice or limit the right of a riparian owner or other person to institute proceedings in any circuit court of this state when necessary to protect his rights.
- I. Permittee shall notify EGLE within one week after the completion of the activity authorized by this permit by completing and forwarding the attached preaddressed postcard to the office addressed thereon.
- J. This permit shall not be assigned or transferred without the written approval of EGLE.
- K. Failure to comply with conditions of this permit may subject the permittee to revocation of permit and criminal and/or civil action as cited by the specific state act, federal act, and/or rule under which this permit is granted.
- L. All dredged or excavated materials shall be disposed of in an upland site (outside of floodplains, unless exempt under Part 31 of the NREPA, and wetlands).
- M. In issuing this permit, EGLE has relied on the information and data that the permittee has provided in connection with the submitted application for permit. If, subsequent to the issuance of a permit, such information and data prove to be false, incomplete, or inaccurate, EGLE may modify, revoke, or suspend the permit, in whole or in part, in accordance with the new information.
- N. The permittee shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Michigan and its departments, agencies, officials, employees, agents, and representatives for any and all claims or causes of action arising from acts or omissions of the permittee, or employees, agents, or representative of the permittee, undertaken in connection with this permit. The permittee's obligation to indemnify the State of Michigan applies only if the state: (1) provides the permittee or its designated representative written notice of the claim or cause of action within 30 days after it is received by the state, and (2) consents to the permittee's participation in the proceeding on the claim or cause of action. It does not apply to contested case proceedings under the Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, as amended, challenging the permit. This permit shall not be construed as an indemnity by the State of Michigan for the benefit of the permittee or any other person.
- O. Noncompliance with these terms and conditions and/or the initiation of other regulated activities not specifically authorized shall be cause for the modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit, in whole or in part. Further, EGLE may initiate criminal and/or civil proceedings as may be

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deemed necessary to correct project deficiencies, protect natural resource values, and secure compliance with statutes.

- P. If any change or deviation from the permitted activity becomes necessary, the permittee shall request, in writing, a revision of the permitted activity from EGLE. Such revision request shall include complete documentation supporting the modification and revised plans detailing the proposed modification. Proposed modifications must be approved, in writing, by EGLE prior to being implemented.
- Q. This permit may be transferred to another person upon written approval of EGLE. The permittee must submit a written request to EGLE to transfer the permit to the new owner. The new owner must also submit a written request to EGLE to accept transfer. The new owner must agree, in writing, to accept all conditions of the permit. A single letter signed by both parties that includes all the above information may be provided to EGLE. EGLE will review the request and, if approved, will provide written notification to the new owner.
- R. Prior to initiating permitted construction, the permittee is required to provide a copy of the permit to the contractor(s) for review. The property owner, contractor(s), and any agent involved in exercising the permit are held responsible to ensure that the project is constructed in accordance with all drawings and specifications. The contractor is required to provide a copy of the permit to all subcontractors doing work authorized by the permit.
- S. Construction must be undertaken and completed during the dry period of the wetland. If the area does not dry out, construction shall be done on equipment mats to prevent compaction of the soil.
- T. Authority granted by this permit does not waive permit requirements under Part 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, of the NREPA, or the need to acquire applicable permits from the County Enforcing Agent (CEA).
- U. Authority granted by this permit does not waive permit requirements under the authority of Part 305, Natural Rivers, of the NREPA. A Natural Rivers Zoning Permit may be required for construction, land alteration, streambank stabilization, or vegetation removal along or near a natural river.
- V. The permittee is cautioned that grade changes resulting in increased runoff onto adjacent property is subject to civil damage litigation.
- W. Unless specifically stated in this permit, construction pads, haul roads, temporary structures, or other structural appurtenances to be placed in a wetland or on bottomland of the water body are not authorized and shall not be constructed unless authorized by a separate permit or permit revision granted in accordance with the applicable law.
- X. For projects with potential impacts to fish spawning or migration, no work shall occur within fish spawning or migration timelines (i.e., windows) unless otherwise approved in writing by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Division.
- Y. Work to be done under authority of this permit is further subject to the following special instructions and specifications:
  - 1. All raw areas in uplands resulting from the permitted construction activity shall be effectively stabilized with sod and/or seed and mulch (or other technology specified by this permit or project plans) in a sufficient quantity and manner to prevent erosion and any potential siltation to surface waters or wetlands. Temporary stabilization measures shall be installed before or upon commencement of the permitted activity, and shall be maintained until permanent measures are in place. Permanent measures shall be in place within five (5) days of achieving final grade.
  - 2. All raw earth within 100 feet of a lake, stream, or wetland that is not brought to final stabilization by the end of the active growing season shall be temporarily stabilized with mulch.

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blankets in accordance with the following dates: September 20th for the Upper Peninsula, October 1st for the Lower Peninsula north of US-10, and October 10th for the Lower Peninsula south of US-10.

- 3. All equipment and vehicles shall be thoroughly cleaned and washed prior to entering the work site to prevent contamination by invasive plant and animal species. The permittee and contractors shall take steps to minimize the risk of spreading terrestrial and aquatic invasive species during this project and will take measures to prevent spread, where feasible. Specific prevention measures include the following:
  - a. Visually inspecting and removing any plants or mud from footwear (boots, hip-boots, and waders).
  - b. Visually inspecting and removing and properly disposing of any plants and mud from field equipment (nets, shovels, rakes, etc.) and vehicles.
  - c. Draining all water from vehicles and equipment, prior to leaving the site and before entering a new waterbody.
  - d. Thoroughly drying equipment (5-7 days, if possible) between sites, when possible.
  - e. Disinfecting vehicles and equipment between sites (e.g., diluted bleach solution, heated pressure washer), when possible. Disinfection should be conducted away from surface waters, where the disinfecting solution will not enter any storm sewers and/or surface waters.
  - f. Typical diluted bleach solution treatment is 1/2 cup (four fluid ounces) bleach to five gallons of water, applied by spraying or sponge so surface is thoroughly exposed to bleach solution for 10 minutes.
  - g. Typical heated pressure wash is 1400 water temperature, sprayed for 5-10 seconds.
  - h. Thoroughly washing vehicles and boats between sites (e.g., drive-through car wash).
  - i. Using only native plants and seed for restorations and best management practices.
  - j. If invasive aquatic or terrestrial plants are removed from a site, the permittee will take steps to minimize the spread of these species. Dispose of invasive plant material by bagging and transporting to a landfill, composting, or burning, as appropriate and in compliance with local and state laws.
  - k. A "Watch List" of Michigan's high priority aquatic invasive species along with how to report sightings can be found at https://www.michigan.gov/invasives.
- 4. All fill/backfill shall consist of clean inert material that will not cause siltation nor contain soluble chemicals, organic matter, pollutants, or contaminants. All fill shall be contained in such a manner so as not to erode into any surface water, floodplain, or wetland. All raw areas associated with the permitted activity shall be stabilized with sod and/or seed and mulch, riprap, or other technically effective methods as necessary to prevent erosion.
- 5. No fill, excess soil, or other material shall be placed in any wetland, floodplain, or surface water area not specifically authorized by this permit, its plans, and specifications.
- Authority granted by this permit does not waive permit or program requirements under Part 91 of the NREPA or the need to acquire applicable permits from the CEA. To locate the Soil Erosion Program Administrator for your county, visit <u>https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/water-resources/soil-erosion/sesc-overview</u> and select "Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Agencies".

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- 7. The authority to conduct the activity as authorized by this permit is granted solely under the provisions of the governing act as identified above. This permit does not convey, provide, or otherwise imply approval of any other governing act, ordinance, or regulation, nor does it waive the permittee's obligation to acquire any local, county, state, or federal approval or authorization necessary to conduct the activity.
- 8. No fill, excess soil, or other material shall be placed in any wetland, floodplain, or surface water area not specifically authorized by this permit, its plans, and specifications.
- 9. This permit does not authorize or sanction work that has been completed in violation of applicable federal, state, or local statutes.
- 10. The permit placard shall be kept posted at the work site in a prominent location at all times for the duration of the project or until permit expiration.
- 11. This permit is being issued for the maximum time allowed and no extensions of this permit will be granted. Initiation of the construction work authorized by this permit indicates the permittee's acceptance of this condition. The permit, when signed by EGLE, will be for a five-year period beginning on the date of issuance. If the project is not completed by the expiration date, a new permit must be sought.

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Issued By:

Matthew Rogers Lansing District Office Water Resources Division 517-388-6869

THIS PERMIT MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERMITTEE TO BE VALID.

I hereby assure that I have read, am familiar with, and agree to adhere to the terms and conditions of this permit.

4/R-MEMBER Permittee Signature ,

6-17-2025

Date

cc: Genoa Charter Township Clerk Livingston County Drain Commissioner Livingston County CEA

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Approved 4-street On:06/12/2025 Expires On:06/12/2030

From:	<u>C Gray</u>
To:	Carrie Aulette
Subject:	Comment: Proposed Variance 4433 Brighton Road
Date:	Tuesday, June 3, 2025 7:40:28 PM

Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns on the proposed variance at 4433 Brighton Road. Per your letter the request is for a wetland setback variance and any other variances deemed necessary by the Zoning Board of Appeals to install a shared driveway to allow for property to be split.

We request that the Zoning Board of Appeals **reject** the requested wetland setback variance. The request would negatively impact the wetlands in the proposed area. We purchased our home in 2017 feeling certain that the natural environment provided from the wetland area, which is directly behind our home, would not be disrupted. It is very disappointing that the wetland could be severely disrupted or even destroyed by allowing the driveway to be installed. Has the Zoning Board of Appeals asked for an environmental impact study to be conducted?

We are sure the Huron Rivershed would also be interested in this information. In southeastern Michigan, the Huron River watershed spans a land area of more than 900 square miles and drains water to the Huron River through hundreds of tributary creeks and streams. The river itself flows more than 125 miles from its headwaters at Big Lake, near Pontiac, to its mouth at Lake Erie. About 1200 miles of creeks and streams flow into the Huron's main branch. The river's drainage area includes seven Michigan counties (Oakland, Livingston, Ingham, Jackson, Washtenaw, Wayne, Monroe) and 68 municipal governments, serving six hundred and fifty thousand residents. The spectrum of land use and water environments ranges across remote natural preserves, cultivated farmland, urban and industrial centers, suburban sprawl, and an equal diversity of lakes, ponds, wetlands, creeks, and streams.

Our home is located in the Chilson Creekshed (3915 Honors Bluff Dr). The bottom line is that the wetland setback variance is going to disrupt, if not destroy the ecosystem that is vital to our water system and environment. If the creekshed loses this natural wetland area, it will lose the ecosystem services it currently provides.

Here are some additional facts:

### Creekshed Ecological Health Score: 58/100 (Slightly Impacted)

#### **History**

Chilson Creek flows through land enriched by glaciers with deep deposits of sand and gravel, and is part of the lake belt that stretches through Livingston and Oakland Counties.

What was once oak-hickory forests and oak barrens on higher ground and inland wet prairie in low lying areas was first converted to farm fields and today is mostly single family homes spread out throughout the landscape and clustered around the lakes.

Two dams were built in Brighton Recreation Area in 1961, creating Lower and Upper Chilson

Pond. These dams are earthen embankments roughly 8 feet tall and 120 feet long and were installed to create shallow lake habitat suitable for waterfowl hunting.

### **Creekshed Facts**

The Chilson creekshed is one of the smaller major drainages in the Huron River, draining only 17 square miles. The creek's slope (averaging 14 feet per mile) is average for the Huron watershed.

There are 13 lakes in the creekshed, including the residential East and West Crooked Lake, the dammed Lower and Upper Chilson Ponds, and the forested Bishop Lake which is located in Brighton Recreation Area. The creekshed also contains 22 ponds.

Chilson Creek eventually empties into Zukey Lake, which opens into Strawberry Lake, part of the Chain of Lakes of the Huron River.

#### Land Use

#### Grade: B

Impervious surfaces, such as paved roads or parking lots, prevent rainwater from soaking into the ground as it naturally would.

Numerous studies have shown that fish and insect communities are less diverse when the watershed is over 10-12% impervious surface. Only 7% of the creekshed is currently impervious, so the creek enjoys the benefits of the natural water cycle.

#### **Natural Areas**

#### Grade: B

About 22% of the creekshed remains as intact natural areas, about half of which is in the Brighton State Recreation Area. Without designated protection, the rest of these natural areas face an uncertain future.

#### Challenges

- The five dams on Chilson Creek are the primary cause of poor habitat, high fine sediment levels, and low summer flows. The dams' only purpose is to create imoundments for recreations, and must be removed before conditions on Chilson Creek can improve.
- It is important for the creekshed's three golf courses to reduce nutrient runoff, maintain buffers, and use organic turf management. The Michigan Turfgrass Environmental Stewardship Program offer certification programs for golf courses.
- Except for Brighton State Recreation Area, nearly all of the natural areas in the creekshed are under private ownership and designated for development. If the creekshed loses these natural areas, it will lose the ecosystem services they currently provide.

#### What you can do

• Have your septic system checked regularly. Leaking septic systems can be a large source of phosphorus and E. coli

- Maintain a 25 foot vegetated buffer, ideally made of native plants, from all waterways: ditches, creeks, lakes, and wetlands
- If you own property with a natural area, work with a land conservancy to establish an easement to protect it from future development
- Advocate for ordinances related to stormwater, natural lands, and land preservation
- Volunteer with HRWC and come learn about the river and land that drains to the Huron River.

Thank you for your consideration, Chris and Greg Gray 3915 Honors Bluff Howell, MI 810-844-6142

From:	rw88@comcast.net
To:	Carrie Aulette
Subject:	proposed variance -4433 Brighton Road
Date:	Thursday, June 12, 2025 8:46:20 AM

We are property owners at 4404 Braeburn Ct Brighton MI- We received your letter dated May 30<sup>th</sup> regarding a proposed variance for a wetland setback. As property owners we want to state we oppose the wetland setback variance to install a shared driveway in order for the property to be split. We encourage the board to consider all the wetland that is on or near this property and how developing those areas may affect other properties such as ours. The wetlands behind our home are changing and our backyard is becoming increasingly wetter-the wetlands are expanding. We do not believe allowing this variance to go forward provides any benefit to the residents of Genoa county or the properties that are located within 300 feet of this property in question. We encourage the board members to deny the request. Richard and Sharon Wilkins-property owners



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 Parcel Number:
 4711-28-300-006
 Jurisdiction:
 GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
 County:
 LIVINGSTON
 Printed on
 05/28/2025

Residential Building 1 of 1

#### Parcel Number: 4711-28-300-006

Printed on 05/28/2025

Building Type	(3) Roof (cont.)	(11) Heating/Cooling	(15) Built-ins (15) Fireplaces (16) Porches/Decks (17) Garage
X Single Family Mobile Home Town Home Duplex A-Frame X Wood Frame Building Style: D Yr Built Remodeled 2003 0 Condition: Good	Eavestrough Insulation       0       Front Overhang       0       Other Overhang       (4)       Interior       (4)       Drywall Paneled       Drywall Paneled       Ex     X       Ord     Min       Size of Closets       Lg     X       Ord     Small	XGasOilElec.WoodCoalSteamForced Air w/o DuctsXForced Air w/ DuctsForced Hot WaterElectric BaseboardElec. Ceil. RadiantRadiant (in-floor)Electric Wall HeatSpace HeaterWall/Floor FurnaceForced Heat & CoolHeat PumpNo Heating/CoolingCentral Air	Appliance Allow. Cook Top Dishwasher Garbage Disposal Bath HeaterInterior 1 Story 2nd/Same Stack Two SidedArea TypeYear Built: Car Capacity: Class: Brick Ven.: Stone Ven.: Common Wall:Went Fan Hot Tub Unvented Hood Vented Hood Jacuzzi Tub Jacuzzi repl.TubExterior 2 Story Prefab 1 Story Prefab 2 Story Direct-Vented GasArea TypeYear Built: Car Capacity: Class: Brick Ven.: Stone Ven.: Common Wall: Foundation: Finished ?: Auto. Doors: Mech. Doors: Mech. Doors: Mech. Doors: Mech. Doors: Mech. Doors: Mech. Doors: Mech. Doors: Mech. Doors: Mech. Storage Area: No Conc. Floor:
Room List Basement 1st Floor 2nd Floor	Doors: Solid X H.C. (5) Floors Kitchen:	(12) Electric (12) Amps Service	Sell Clean Kange Sauna Trash Compactor Central Vacuum Security SystemTotal Base New : 141,372 Total Depr Cost: 121,582 Estimated T.C.V: 127,661E.C.F. X 1.050Bsmnt Garage: Carport Area: Roof:
2 Bedrooms (1) Exterior X Wood/Shingle	Other: Other: (6) Ceilings	No./Qual. of Fixtures	Cost Est. for Res. Bldg: 1 Single Family D       Cls D       Blt 2003         (11) Heating System: Forced Air w/ Ducts       Ground Area = 512 SF       Floor Area = 1036 SF.
Aluminum/Vinyl Brick Insulation (2) Windows	(7) Excavation	No. of Elec. Outlets Many X Ave. Few (13) Plumbing Average Fixture(s) 2 3 Fixture Bath 2 Fixture Bath	Phy/Ab.Phy/Func/Econ/Comb. % Good=86/100/100/100/86 Building Areas Stories Exterior Foundation Size Cost New Depr. Cost 2 Story Siding Basement 512 1 Story Siding Overhang 12 Total: 118,619 102,014
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GasementDouble GlassPatio DoorsStorms & Screens(3) RoofXGableHipMansardFlatShedXAsphalt Shingle	Stone Treated Wood Concrete Floor (9) Basement Finish Recreation SF Living SF	Ceramic Tile Floor Ceramic Tile Wains Ceramic Tub Alcove Vent Fan (14) Water/Sewer Public Water Public Sewer 1 Water Well 1 1000 Gal Septic 2000 Gal Septic Lump Sum Items:	Totals: 141,372 121,582 Notes: ECF (4501 (47010) BRIGHTON M & B) 1.050 => TCV: 127,661
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GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP VARIANCE APPLICATION 2911 DORR ROAD | BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN 48116 (810) 227-5225 | FAX (810) 227-3420

Case # 25-14 Meet	ing Date: July 15, 2025 06:30 pm
PA	D Variance Application Fee m Boahdroom
\$215.00 for Residentia \$300.00 for Sig	n Variance ) \$395.00 for Commercial/Industrial
Applicant/Owner: Zord Abre	Email: Zoid, Abro 44 6 yohre. com
Property Address: 3200 Egrand river	Phone: 248-872-9818
Present Zoning:	Tax Code: 4711-05-303-031

# <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.

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Please explain the proposed variance below:

1. Variance requested/intended property modifications:\_

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

The variance does not face practical difficulties hardships that prevent compliance with existing zoning regulations. it adheres to current dimensional requirements and does not require domained special consideration.

<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 n	D extraordinary or	exceptional circumstances unique ntiate it from neighboring parcels.
to the pro	sperty that differe	ntiate it from neighboring parcels.
The Use/condi	itions of property ar	e consistent with other 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 variance will	not neoottively impact	public saffer, welfare
or comfort. It	does not abothuct cuir	or light create
fire hozards, or	contribute to increased	traffit, or congestion.

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 not interfere with discourage the approprious development or use of narby properties. it will maintain the value, appearance, and characterize of 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.

Date: 6 16 202 9 Signature:



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AS-BUILT SIGNAGE SECTION SCALE: 3/4" = 1'-0"



<u>AS-BUILT SIGNAGE ELEVATION</u> scale: 3/8" = 1'-0"



AS-BUILT SIGNAGE PLAN SCALE: 3/8" = 1'-0"



-ASSUMED EXISTING FTG: MIN. 42" BELOW GRADE. FINAL DEPTH TO BE CONFIRMED IN FIELD.





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

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## MEMORANDUM

Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals FROM: Carrie Aulette, Zoning Official DATE: July 9, 2025

ZBA 25-14

TO:

RE:

#### STAFF REPORT

File Number:	ZBA#25-14
Site Address:	3200 East Grand River-Drip Carwash
Parcel Number:	4711-05-303-031
Parcel Size:	1.007 acres
Applicant:	Zaid Abro
Property Owner:	Howell Holding 2 LLC
Information Submitted	• Application site plan conceptual dra

information Submitted: Application, site plan, conceptual drawings

**Dimensional Variance Request:** 

Project Description: Applicant is requesting a front yard setback variance and a size variance to allow for an after the fact modification of an existing pole signs.

Zoning and Existing Use: GCD (General Commercial District)

#### Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday June 29, 2025 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 Township Records, the carwash was built in 1999 and remodeled in 2024.
- The parcel is serviced by municipal sewer & water •
- See Assessing Record Card. •

**Summary:** The applicant is requesting an *after the fact* front yard & size variance for alterations made to an existing pole sign. Staff would like to point out that the Ordinance was amended 9-29-24 to allow for pole signs, the highlighted section below is what the variance is being requested from.

#### Variance Requests

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

- 16.07.10 **Pole signs.** Pole signs are permitted subject to the sign standards contained herein provided that the signs are subject to the setbacks applicable to principal buildings for the zoning district in which they are located and shall not exceed four (4) square feet in size with a maximum height of six (6) feet. (as amended 09/29/24)
- 24.04.06 **Repairs, Improvements and Modernization:** Repairs, improvements, or modernization of non-conforming buildings or structures shall be permitted provided such repairs or improvements do not exceed one-half (1/2) of the value of the building or structure during any period of twelve (12) consecutive months. *It is believed that repairs would have exceeded ½ the value of the sign.*

Pole Sign	ROW	Sign	Sign
Requirements	Setback	Height	Sq Feet
Required	35′	6'	4 sf
Amount Requested	15'	15'6"	70.5 sf
Variance Amount	20'	9'6"	66.5 sf



Figure 2 Prior to Alteration, image is a distorted Google Earth image



**Figure 1 After Alteration** 

# <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 –As indicated by the applicant, there does not appear to be practical difficulty or hardships that exists. There are a number of existing poles signs in the area, allowing this sign to remain would not have a huge impact.
- (b) Extraordinary Circumstances As indicated by the applicant, this particular property does not appear to have an extraordinary circumstance that differentiates it from other properties.
- (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. The location of the sign will not interfere with traffic on Grand River or vehicles entering or existing the property.
- (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. Signs must meet the lighting requirements of Article 16.06.05.
- 2. No additional pole signs may be erected, any future signage would be required to meet the Ordinance. Any current signage that is non-compliant on the property must be removed.

# If the Zoning Board of Appeals denies the variance requests, staff recommends the following conditions be placed on the denial.

- 1. The sign shall be brought into compliance with the Ordinance within 45 days.
- 2. Nearby pole signs are legally non-conforming but have not been granted variances to expand or be replaced, and thus do not establish a precedent for approval.
- 3. Adequate space exists elsewhere on the parcel to accommodate a conforming monument sign, even if not in the exact location of the existing pole sign



Parcel Number: 4711-05-303-031 Jurisdiction: GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP County: LIVINGSTON

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Grantor	Grantee		Sale Price		Inst. Type	Terms of Sale	Libe & Pa		Verified By	
KEEPIN IT REALZ LLC HOWELL HOLDING	LLC	150,000	12/23/2024	MLC	31-SPLIT IMPROV	ED 2025	R-000041 Bt	BUYER/SELLER		
Property Address		Class: CO	MMERCIAL-IMPRO	VE Zoning:	GCD Bi	uilding Permit(s)	Dá	ate Numbe	r S	Status
3200 E GRAND RIVER		School: H	OWELL PUBLIC S	CHOOLS	Ot	ther	01/28	3/2025 P24-0	36 7	7 FINAL BL
		P.R.E.	0%		De	emolition	12/18	3/2024 PW24-	172 7	7 FINAL BL
Owner's Name/Address		MAP #: V2	5-14		Ot	ther: See Work Des	criptio 04/20	6/2024 PW24-	045	
HOWELL HOLDING 2 LLC		2026 E	st TCV 670,930	TCV/TFA:	609.94					
1372 CLEAR CREEK DR ROCHESTER HILLS MI 48306		X Improv	ed Vacant	Land Va	lue Esti	Imates for Land Tak	ole 2003.2003 C	OMMERCIAL LA	1D	
		Public				*	Factors *			
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Commercial/Industrial Building/Section 1 of 2

Parcel Number: 4711-05-303-031

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Desc. of Bldg/Section: C Calculator Occupancy: Au		ers				Unit in Pla	an Itoma		Data O	uantity Arch	°Cood	Depr.Cost
Class: C		Construction (	<sup>2</sup> ost				THRU CAR WAS	Н	132.83	4620 1.00	70	429,572
Floor Area												
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Bsmnt Wall Hght	Heat#1: Space	e Heaters, Gas	with	Fan	100%							
	Heat#2: Space	e Heaters, Gas	with	Fan	0%	ECF (2015 S	ERVICE)		0.900 =	=> TCV of Bld	g: 1 =	393,095
Depr. Table : 1.5%	Ave. SqFt/Sto	ory										
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Physical %Good: 70 Func. %Good : 100	Has Elevators	3:										
Economic %Good: 100												
ECONOMIC %GOOd: 100		Basement Info	* * *									
1999 Year Built	Area:											
2024 Remodeled	Perimeter:											
	Type:		-									
Overall Bldg	Heat: Hot Wat	ter, Radiant F	loor									
Height	+ >	Mezzanine Info	+									
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	* 9	Sprinkler Info	*									
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(2) Foundation: Fo	otings	(8) Plumbing	:									
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		Toilets	.dllS			er Softeners	Flex Conc	uit Ti	ncandescent			
		Inters			Wate	solutioners	Rigid Cor		luorescent			
(4) Floor Structure:							Armored (		ercury	(40) Exterio	or Wall:	
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		(9) Sprinkle	rs:				Bus Duct	T:	ransformer	Thickness	s   I	Bsmnt Insul.
							(13) Roof St	ructure:	Slope=0			
(5) Floor Cover:		1					(		F			
		(10) Heating	and C	colir	ıg:							
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(6) Ceiling:			COVET		DOTTE	· -	(13) NOOT CO	/ V C L •				
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Commercial/Industrial Building/Section 2 of 2 Parcel Number: 4711-05-303-031

Desc. of Bldg/Section: Calculator Occupancy: Wa	arehouses - Sto	rage	<<<<< Class: D,	Pole Quality: Lo			>>>>>
Class: D,Pole Floor Area: 1,100		Construction Cost		Story Height: 14	Perimeter:	: 144	
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Stories Above Grd: 1 Average Sty Hght : 14 Bsmnt Wall Hght	Quality: Low Heat#1: No He	Cost ating or Cooling	(10) Heatir 100% Adjusted So	ng system: No Heatin quare Foot Cost for		ost/SqFt: 0.00 100% .99	
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			: and Fired				
(6) Ceiling:			biler	(14) Roof Cover:			



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

Case # 25-15 Meet	Ing Date: July 5, 2025 2 6 30pm In the Board room
\$215.00 for Residential \$300.00 for Sig	n Variance   \$395.00 for Commercial/Industrial
Applicant/Owner: Howell family Ventures, LLC	Email: Manager @ Symmetry mgmt.com
Property Address: 3599 E. Grandriver are. Howell	Phone: 248 794 3411
Present Zoning: R.C. D.	Tax Code: 11-05-400-031

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 propo	sed
improvements may result in postponement or denial of this petition.	

Please explain the proposed variance below:

1. Variance requested/intended property modifications:	Sign	Variance	requested.
Intent - TU modify two ex	Kisting 1	nonument po	le signsto
accomposite the multiple businesses 1	in the exi	sting plaza	\$ 70
Provide a name For the Plaza.		5.	

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

With a 25,000 Sgft addition to the already 220,000 Sgft facility, <u>A moutri tenant Dyion Sign is Accessory to Provide exposure to</u> the businessesses in the building. Plus, 2 out LOTS are being demical - signage will be necessory to identify the businesses. Currently Arbys i true bell are blocking existing businesses. <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.

### Consistent with our neighbors at discount tire, birch wood office Center, carpet Floors i more - A pylon sign to ensure proper visionity w/multi Fenants.

<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.

NO, infact it should eleviate any confision when visiting any of the businesses. The public would be less in danger after the two old margin's are re worked !!

<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.

AU, we've got a Few developments underway in Genog. and the national Grands to the mom / Pops all want signage-

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:	5/29/25	Signature: _	$\overline{)}$





# Location #1:



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#### CUSTOMER DETAILS

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Approval: \_

Date:

**Grand River Plaza** / Howell - Pylon Sign 3599 E Grand River Ave Howell, MI 48843

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Approval: \_\_\_

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# Location #1:78.75 SQFT



SIDE: B



O DOUBLE SIDED ILLUMINATED SIGN CABINET WITH INDIVIDUAL TENANT SECTIONS.

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Q II2" FLAT CUT DIMENSIONAL ACRYLIC LETTERS. FLUSH MOUNT,

© EXISTING POLE COVER: PAINT PER CLIENT APPROVED COLOR.

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# Location #2:



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# **Current Sign View**



# **Current Sign View**







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MANAGER Kelly VanMarter

## MEMORANDUM

Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals FROM: Carrie Aulette, Zoning Official DATE: July 8, 2025

ZBA 25-15

TO:

RE:

#### STAFF REPORT

File Number:	ZBA#25-15
Site Address:	3599 Grand River-Grand River Plaza
Parcel Number:	4711-05-031-031
Parcel Size:	13.780 acres
Applicant:	Howell Family Ventures LLC
Property Owner:	Same as Applicant
Information Submitted	: Application, site plan, conceptual drav

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**Dimensional Variance Request:** 

Project Description: Applicant is requesting a front yard setback variance and a size variance to allow for a modification to (2) existing pole signs.

Zoning and Existing Use: RCD (Regional Commercial District)

Other:

Public hearing was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus on Sunday June 29, 2025 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 Township Records, the plaza building was built in 1994.
- The parcel is serviced by municipal sewer & water •
- See Assessing Record Card. •

**Summary:** The applicant is requesting a front yard setback and size variance to allow for modification of (2) existing pole signs to accommodate multiple business names as well as provide the plaza name. Staff would like to point out that the Ordinance was amended 9-29-24 to allow for pole signs, the highlighted section below is what the variance is being requested from.

#### Variance Requests

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

16.07.10 **Pole signs.** Pole signs are permitted subject to the sign standards contained herein provided that the signs are subject to the setbacks applicable to principal buildings for the zoning district in which they are located and shall not exceed four (4) square feet in size with a maximum height of six (6) feet. (as amended 09/29/24)



Figure 1 Location 1



Figure 2 Location 2

#### Location #1

Pole Sign	ROW	Sign	Sign
Requirements	Setback	Height	Sq Feet
Required	70′	6'	4 sf
Amount Requested	12'	20'8"	78.75 sf
Variance Amount	58'	14'8"	74.75 sf

#### Location #2

Pole Sign	ROW	Sign	Sign
Requirements	Setback	Height	Sq Feet
Required	70'	6'	4 sf
Amount Requested	16'	20'8"	80 sf
Variance Amount	54'	14'8"	76 sf

# <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 ordinance would prevent the applicant from modifying the existing signs. There are other pole signs in the vicinity however, these are also non-conforming and have not been granted approvals to increase the size of their non-conformity. Allowing them to be altered would cause less disturbance to the area. Staff also noted

that the for **Location #1** there is not adequate room to install a monument sign, however there is an undeveloped area between Taco Bell & Dave's Chicken that could accommodate a monument sign should this pole sign be removed.



Figure 3 Potential Site for Monument Sign

- (b) Extraordinary Circumstances There are 2 businesses (Arby's & Taco Bell) that sit in front of the majority of Grand River Plaza thus limiting the visibility of some of the businesses. The sign labeled Location #1 does not have adequate room to install a monument sign however, there are alternate locations that could accommodate one. Staff does believe the sign labeled Location #2 may be able to accommodate a monument sign.
- (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. The sign labeled Location 1 may impact visibility of drivers coming to and from the plaza. There is also a concern for pedestrian safety as the sidewalk runs directly behind the location.
- (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. There are a number of existing poles signs in the area, allowing these to remain would not have a huge impact. It also could be of benefit to businesses that will now be advertised on the larger updated signs.

#### **Recommended Conditions**

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

- 1. Signs must meet the lighting requirements of Article 16.06.05.
- 2. No additional pole signs may be erected, any future signage would be required to meet the Ordinance.
- 3. Provide a safety certificate for sign at Location 1. The plans provided information on the sign withstanding wind but staff did not see anything in regard to a collision with a vehicle. That should be provided.
- 4. Applicant needs to verify the distance from the ROW with the Township, it is not clearly shown on the survey.

If the Zoning Board of Appeals denies the variance requests, staff recommends the following conditions be placed on the denial.

- 1. Approval would represent an expansion of a non-conforming use or structure, which the ordinance seeks to minimize over time.
- 2. The applicant is encouraged to consider replacing the existing pole sign with a monument sign in a location that meets setback and design standards
- 3. Nearby pole signs are legally non-conforming but have not been granted variances to expand or be replaced, and thus do not establish a precedent for approval.
- 4. Adequate space exists elsewhere on the parcel to accommodate a conforming monument sign, even if not in the exact location of the existing pole sign



Grantor	Grantee			Sale Price	Sale Date	Inst. Type	Term	ns of Sale		Liber & Page	Ve By	erified		Prcnt. Trans.
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Parcel Number: 4711-05-400-031 Jurisdiction: GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP County: LIVINGSTON

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Commercial/Industrial Building/Section 1 of 1 Parcel Number: 4711-05-400-031

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Desc. of Bldg/Section: Calculator Occupancy: Stores - Discount			<<<< Class: C		lator Cost Compu	tations	>>>>>
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(3) Flame:			ater Heaters	Typical	Typical		
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Genoa Township Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting June 17, 2025 Unapproved Minutes

#### GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS June 17, 2025 - 6:30 PM

#### **MINUTES**

<u>Call to Order</u>: Chairperson McCreary 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: Marianne McCreary, Craig Fons, Matt Hurley, Michele Kreutzberg, Rick Soucy, and Carrie Aulette, Zoning Official. Absent was Bill Rockwell.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

<u>Conflict of Interest:</u> Chairperson McCreary stated she has spoken to Mr. Bair previously when he asked her about the process for obtaining a variance. She directed him to Ms. VanMarter.

#### Approval of the Agenda:

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

#### Call to the Public:

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

Chairperson McCreary reviewed the criteria necessary for a variance to be approved.

#### New Business

1. 25-12...A request by David Bair of Property Services Unlimited LLC, 4433 Brighton Road, for a wetland setback variance and any other variances deemed necessary by the Zoning Board of Appeals, to install a shared driveway to allow for property to be split.

Mr. Bair stated he is requesting a temporary variance to allow him to install the shared driveway. The finished driveway would not be within the wetland setback, but they will need to access it while it's being installed. He would like to develop individual homes on this property. Installing the driveway will also allow safe access to the public utilities here.

Chairperson McCreary was not aware this was temporary.

Board Member Hurley stated he would like to see where the finished driveway will be located. Mr. Bair stated that he has submitted those plans to the Township Manager, and he is unsure why it was not included in the packet.

Chairperson McCreary stated the ZBA has never issued a temporary variance. She cited the EGLE letter that was included. Mr. Bair said that permit has been approved and is not relevant to what he is requesting this evening.

Ms. VanMarter entered the meeting at 6:59 pm. She stated that she has been working with Mr. Bair on the land division. She requested that he seek a variance for the two locations where the driveway easement will encroach into the natural features setback. It will not be the actual driveway, but it would be for any work or maintenance that is done around the drive. The variance would be permanent; and not temporary. She added that the construction plans are not required for this request, so they do not have drawings for the driveway. She stated that the Township Ordinance does allow for the driveway to be reduced to 12 feet in this location. It can also be shifted to the east so it would be outside the wetlands setbacks, which would minimize the impact on them.

Board Member Fons suggested to Mr. Bair that he install temporary orange fencing along the wetland to keep workers and equipment out of that area.

Board Member Hurley would like to see a drawing of the finished driveway because it will have an impact on the wetlands. Mr. Bair stated that if he changes the width of the driveway, it may be outside of the wetland setbacks and then only one variance would be needed.

The call to the public was made at 7:21 pm.

Mr. Mike Schmidt of 3905 Honors Bluff is questioning the discussion this evening. The request was for a variance. Now there is a discussion regarding installing a permanent road, disturbing more wetlands, etc. It has gone off track.

Chairperson McCreary read three letters received from residents who are opposed to the request; Richard and Sharon Wilkins of 4404 Braeburn Court; Teri and Craig Muhn of Braeburn Court; and Deb Beattie at 3109 Pineview.

The call to the public was closed at 7:25 pm.

Chairperson McCreary addressed Mr. Schmidt's comment this evening. The discussion was the Board working with the applicant to determine if changes can be made to the plan to eliminate or lessen the variances that are needed.

Board Member Fons would like to see the final plans before a decision is made. Board Member Soucy agrees and is in favor of postponing this item this evening.

Ms. VanMarter stated the location of the existing power lines should be included in any plans that are submitted.

**Moved** by Board Member Kreutzberg, supported by Board Member Soucy, to table Case #25-12 until the July 15 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. **The motion carried unanimously** 

2. 25-13...A request by the Warren Construction Group and Tony McNeal, 4330 Ridge Lake Court, for a dimensional variance, and any other variances deemed necessary by the Zoning Board of Appeals, to build an addition on a detached garage.

Mr. Tony McNeal, the property owner, and Mr. Warren of Warren Construction Group were present. Mr. Warren stated they would like to add 12 feet to the existing garage, so the setback would be reduced to 49 feet instead of 60 feet. They cannot expand in any other location.

Ms. Aulette stated when the original calculations for the maximum allowable square footage were done, she used the information on the survey; however, in looking at the plans submitted for this evening, she determined there is no need for that variance.

Board Member Fons does not see the hardship or extraordinary circumstances. Mr. Warren stated that there are other homes in the same subdivision that have larger detached garages than Mr. McNeal and one resident received a variance for it last year. Board Member Fons recalls that case and the hardship there was that if the setbacks were met, it would cut off access to the rear of the property for well and septic maintenance.

The call to the public was made at 7:47 pm with no response.

Chairperson McCreary noted that the staff report shows three other homes in the area who have larger lots than the applicant with larger detached buildings.

Board Member Soucy does not think this request is unreasonable based on the other homes and properties in the area.

**Moved** by Board Member Soucy, supported by Board Member Kreutzberg, to approve Case #25-13 for Warren Construction Group and Tony McNeal of 4330 Ridge Lake Court for a rear yard setback variance of 11 feet from the required 60 feet for a rear yard setback of 49 feet to build a 30 x 12 addition on a detached garage, based on the following findings of fact:

• Strict compliance with the rear yard setback requirement would prevent the proposed addition from being constructed on the existing garage. However, this restriction does not deprive the applicant of reasonable use of the property. The lot remains usable, and the

primary residence is not impacted. It is also important to note that other homes in the neighborhood feature detached garages of similar or greater size. While some of those properties may benefit from larger lot sizes, allowing for increased maximum square footage, the proposed addition remains in character with the surrounding development.

- The exceptional or extraordinary condition of the property is the topography of the front of the lot. This caused the house to be set back farther into the building envelope, leaving a reduced amount of room for an accessory building to be built. The variance request is not self-created.
- 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 inhabitants of the Township of Genoa.
- The proposed variance would not have an impact on the surrounding neighborhood. This approval is conditioned upon the following:
- 1. Structure must be guttered with downspouts.
- 2. No other accessory buildings may be permitted on the property.

# The motion carried (Kreutzberg - yes; Fons - no; Hurley - no; McCreary - yes; Soucy - yes).

#### Administrative Business:

1. Approval of minutes for the May 20, 2025 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

**Moved** by Board Member Kreutzberg, supported by Board Member Fons, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.** 

2. Correspondence

Ms. Aulette stated there will be four cases on next month's agenda.

3. Member Discussion

There were no items to discuss this evening.

#### 4. Adjournment

**Moved** by Board Member Soucy, supported by Board Member Hurley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. **The motion carried unanimously**.

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Respectfully submitted:

Patty Thomas, Recording Secretary