

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
VIRTUAL Zoom MEETING

Tuesday, August 11, 2020  
7:00 PM  
Yankee Springs Township Hall  
284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM by Jake Welch, Meeting Chairman.

Roll Call: Present: Ron Heilman- (Secretary), John Frigmanski, Jake Welch (Chair), Mike Boysen (Alternate).

Absent with Notice: Pat Jansens (resigned). D. VanHouten and J. Courtney, both absent with notice.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

Present: Rebecca Harvey, Professional Planner

Also Present: Eric Thompson- PCI, YS Zoning Administrator

Staff Present: Sandy Marcukaitis.

Visitors: 6 - not including staff present.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

Planning Commission: Not present.

Board of Trustees: There is no Board Representative at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

*Motion by R. Heilman with support from M. Boysen to approve ZBA meeting minutes of July 14, 2020 as presented. ROLL CALL: Boysen: Yes, Welch: Yes, Frigmanski: Yes, Heilman: Yes, VanHouten: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. ALL YES (5). MOTION CARRIED.*

NEW BUSINESS:

ZBA 20-07-04 Parcel ID 210-013-00 A request by Melinda Wieringa of 1182 Lynn Dr. for variance relief from Front/Water side setbacks in Section 12.4

Motion to Open Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

*Motion by R. Heilman with support from M. Boysen. Roll Call vote: Frigmanski: Yes, Welch: Yes, Heilman: Yes, Boysen: Yes. VanHouten: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.*

**J. Welch, Chair**, noted to applicant that four of five board members were present. The applicant was notified that they could wait until the next meeting, if the applicant would like a full board present.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ZBA 20-07-04 Parcel ID 210-013-00  
Wieringa of 1182 Lynn Dr., Payne Lake

At this point in the meeting:

Discussion involved the link (to tonight's virtual/zoom meeting) not being on the website at the current time. R. Harvey requested that legal counsel comment on the issue of residents/interested individuals not being able to access the link to join tonight's meeting. At 7:18 p.m., a short recess was taken to confer with the attorney. Jake Eggleston assisted in tonight's meeting, as C. Kaufman, Township Attorney was not able to be present. R. Harvey explained that the Yankee Springs Township website is currently posting website information for the Board Meeting of 8/13/2020, not tonight's ZBA meeting of 8/11/2020. The posting of a virtual link for tonight's meeting was inadvertently removed from the township's website.

Jake Eggleston (Legal Counsel) referred to the Open Meetings Act and confirmed that a posting will be needed on the township hall door for the new meeting that this meeting is postponed to, as well as, the township website. (Note: As of 8:30 p.m., a new link has been provided for tomorrow's night meeting and posting of meeting has occurred at the township hall). Since proper notice/publication was made, Eggleston commented that postponement to a specific date would not have to be published again (in paper).

J. Welch, Chair, asked the applicant what her preference would be. Applicant asked to have new meeting as soon as possible.

MOTION TO POSTPONE TONIGHT'S MEETING:

Motion by M. Boysen with support from J. Frigmanski to postpone tonight's meeting until tomorrow night, Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Roll Call vote: Boysen: Yes, Heilman: Yes, Welch: Yes, Frigmanski: Yes, VanHouten: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

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S. Marcukaitis will post the new meeting date at the township hall ASAP with specific meeting information and link for tomorrow's night new ZBA meeting. (This was confirmed to have been done prior to 9:00 p.m.) It was also noted that posting to the township website could not occur until tomorrow morning.

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion by J. Welch with support from J. Frigmanski to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. ROLL CALL: Frigmanski: Yes, Welch: Yes, Boysen: Yes, Heilman: Yes, VanHouten: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

Approved by:  Date: 09/08/2020  
Ron Heilman, ZBA Secretary

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

Respectfully submitted by:  
Deb Mousseau  
Recording Secretary, 8/11/2020