

GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP HALL
9700 RILEY ROAD, INTERLOCHEN, MI
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Acting Chair Calvin Wilson at 6:00 pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was recited by all.
3. ROLL CALL: Board members present were: C. Wilson, Marek, Haight and E. Wilson
Also present were Alycia Reiten, Planning and Zoning Director and Mary Jo Barck,
Recording Secretary.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Marek and supported by C. Wilson to approve
the Agenda as presented. Carried.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Marek and supported by E. Wilson to approve
the Minutes of August 10, 2022, as written. Carried.
6. CORRESPONDENCE:
C. Wilson read into the record Haggard's Plumbing and Heating offer of support for
variance requested.
7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT: None on this date
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. ZBA 22-008 – A request for the granting of a variance to Article 4 General Provisions,
4.13 Fences, B. Table of Dimensions, front yard setback 35 feet, located at 1435 East
Duck Lake Rd, Grawn, MI and owned by Thomas Andreen Jr and Gwendolyn McNeil.
The applicants are requesting a variance of 30 feet to the front yard setback to install a
six-foot wood fence.

Thomas Andreen, Jr., 1435 East Duck Lake Road, Grawn, MI

Mr. Andreen said he was asking for a 30 foot variance in order to keep a fence he has
installed on a side yard at East Duck Lake Road and Pine Tree. He did not realize he
needed 68 feet and it is only 38 feet from center of road. Can't move it, would be in
middle of yard. Kids and animals are protected from Pine Tree and blocks view of
Apple Fence.

C. Wilson asked if there was a fence and applicant added on to it. Mr. Andreen said yes.
Haight asked if Apple Fence said a permit was needed. Mr. Andreen responded no.
E. Wilson asked if chainlink or gate would be added in future. Mr. Andreen, no.

Haight said he understands the traffic, busy intersection.

Open Public Hearing to Public Comment by C. Wilson at 6:09 p.m.

Close Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m.

Discussion:

The Board reviewed **Article 15 Zoning Board of Appeals, 15.4 Variances**, and stated the following conclusions. Marek, does not meet requirement item one or two, fence does not improve property or do substantial justice to the applicant. The request makes the property more enjoyable but does not enclose for safety. Marek continued review of remaining requirement items three through five saying there is no lesser relaxation, C. Wilson adding item four not met, it is not unique to the property and all agreed item five not met.

Motion by Marek, supported by C. Wilson to deny ZBA 22-008 request for variance, allowing sixty days to become compliant.

Roll Call:

Wilson, C., yes

Marek, yes

Haight, no

Wilson, E., yes

Carried.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

10. BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Marek said review of fencing ordinance is in place.

C. Wilson stated this may be his last meeting prior to moving.

11. ADJOURNMENT: By C. Wilson at 6:31 p.m.

CHRIS HAIGHT, SECRETARY
GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MARY JO BARCK, RECORDING SECRETARY
GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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PRIOR TO THEIR ACCEPTANCE.