

GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP HALL
9700 RILEY ROAD, INTERLOCHEN, MI
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman Volkening at 6:00 pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLGIANCE: Was recited by all.
3. ROLL CALL: Board members present were: Jackowski, McDonald, Volkening, Haight, Myers and Marshall. Also present were Alycia Reiten, Zoning Administrator and Ronda Robinson, Recording Secretary.
4. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REMEMBER THE FALLEN FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2019.
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Myers and supported by Haight to approve the agenda, as amended. Added Chris Anderson as NEW BUSINESS B. Carried.
6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT: None.
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Haight and supported by Marshall to approve the minutes of the meeting held on AUGUST 14, 2019, as presented. Carried.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. ZBA 19-005: A request for the granting of a variance to the Table of Dimensional Regulations Article 8.7 of the Green Lake Township Zoning Ordinance on property located at 10473 Wildwood Road, Interlochen, MI 49643 and owned by Michael Petersen. The applicant is requesting relief from the minimum fifty-foot (50') water's edge setback requirement of the LR-Lake Residential District. The request is for a deck that encroaches six feet (6') into the required water's edge setback.

Public Hearing opened by Volkening at 6:06 pm.

Michael Peterson explained that they purchased this property six months ago. The property was in probate because the owner passed away. The project came to a standstill with his passing. His partner wanted to sell the property and it was only 50% completed. It had to be a cash sale because it wasn't financeable. There were some DEQ issues. He was willing to make it all right because they wanted to live on that lake. They hired professionals to get it all finished correctly. Their goal was to be compliant with every aspect of the project. The issue of the position of the deck to the lake is hard to understand. They didn't dig the holes and they were not aware of the issue. They are not trying to be deceptive. He thinks they have covered the four points to receive a variance, to enjoy his property like his neighbors get to.

Reiten said there is no record of any inspections done on this property by Township staff. There are two site drawing that don't match. She said the Township does hold some responsibility for the lack of follow through.

Jackowski asked if the landscaping will allow the runoff to be absorbed before reaching the lake. Is the Variance safe and has the conditions been meet? Answer is yes.

Public Hearing closed by Volkening at 6:21 pm.

Volkening said the applicant didn't cause this problem.

Myers said more damage would be done to the shoreline if the applicant had to move the deck.

Motion by Myers and support by Jackowski to approve a six-foot variance to the water's edge for ZBA 19-005, satisfying the requirement of section 15.4 of the Zoning Ordinance. Carried 5-0.

- B. 5513 BUSH ROAD EXTENSION: Chris Anderson explained that he hasn't been able to start his garage because of a couple different issues. He is ready to start the construction and is asking for an extension of the Variance.

Myers asked if he should wait till, he is really ready.

Motion by Myers and support by Jackowski to grant an extension to Chris Anderson for his Variance at 5513 Bush Road. Carried unanimously.

9. CORRESPONDENCE: Cannabis information.
10. OLD BUSINESS: None.
11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
12. BOARD COMMENTS: None.
13. ADJOURNMENT: Volkening adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.

CHRIS HAIGHT, SECRETARY
GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

RONDA ROBINSON, RECORDING SECRETARY
GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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