

MINUTES OF ZBA MEETING ON JULY 31, 2017

The meeting was convened at 10:00am.

Present: Norma Boyle, John Klein, Jim Thorburn, Walt Mikula and Thomas Kizer.

Chairman Jim Thorburn called the meeting to order.

Persons present included the above board members and applicants (Mr. Jeff Backus, Ms. Linda Lyons); members of the public including Mr. and Ms. Daryl Fergin of 111 Grandview; Ms. Lois Trapp of 104 Park; and the building official.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes of July 10, 2017 were unanimously approved after motion to approve by Klein and seconded by Mikula.

The Chairperson then convened the hearing on the appeal and request for variance filed in No. 17.05 by Mr. Jeff Backus and Owner Ms. Linda Lyons. The appeal involved applicants request for a variance to allow applicant to have a variance from the minimum 25 foot setback of the structure required to allow only the current 18 foot setback in order to construct a second story with the same footprint about the West wall which encroaches on the required 25 foot road setback for the property identified as 102 Park Ave., Gerrish Township, Roscommon, MI 48653.

No correspondence was received concerning the applicant.

No conflicts of interest were reported by any member of the ZBA when asked by the Chairman.

The appeal was read into the record by the Chairman.

The Applicant responded both in writing and verbally concerning the applicable standards to be considered by the ZBA. Further, numerous questions concerning proposed variance were raised from the audience and from the board members.

Following the presentation above and no further comments being made or offered by the applicants and those in attendance, the open portion of the hearing was closed after which in public session the board considered the applicant's request of a variance.

Motion was made by Kizer and seconded by Boyle to grant the variance. The Motion was as follows: Motion to approve the proposed variance for the reason that the location of the second floor wall on the west wall is the only one that requires the seven foot variance and looking at all seven factors the variance request should be approved.

Discussion was held and various views on the issue of the variance were addressed by the board members. After all members were heard and no further comments being offered the Chairman called for a roll call vote: Klein, Kizer, Mikula, and Thorburn voted to grant the variance request and Boyle opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Thorburn explained the procedure under which those opposing the decision of the ZBA could seek judicial review.

No further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.

Dated: July 31, 2017

Thomas Kizer, Secretary