

***BYRON TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING – April 24, 2002
MINUTES***

The regular meeting of the Byron Township Board of Appeals was called to order by Chairman Abe Vander Woude on Wednesday April 24, 2002 at 7:00 P.M., at the Byron Township Offices, 8085 Byron Center Ave., Byron Center, MI.

Members present were: Jeff Brinks, Seymour Gould, Abe Vander Woude, Kathy Burgess, Jim Haagsma.

Others present: Building Inspector Randy Zomerlei

7:00 p.m. David Tosh, 6670 Wilson Ave SW. Re: A 17' sideyard setback variance to construct an accessory building.

Mr. Jeff Brinks read the public notice. All property owners within 300 feet of the subject property were notified and no written response were received.

Mr. David Tosh was present to state why the variance was needed.

Mr. David Tosh stated that with the narrow width of the lot, location of the drain field and access within reasonable distance from the house & driveway limits us to construct this building closer to the property line. This building will be used to store our lawn equipment, boat, bikes, etc. This would also allow room for a personal workshop and the ability to park our vehicles in our attached garage.

Chariman Abe Vander Woude closed the public portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Seymour Gould supported by Mr. Jeff Brinks to grant a 10' sideyard setback variance.

Roll Call Vote: Gould - yes; Burgess - yes; Brinks - yes; Vander Woude - yes; Haagsma - yes.
Motion carried - variance granted.

**7:15 p.m. First Cutlerville Christian Reformed Church 1425 - 68th St. SW Byron Center, Mi.
Re: A request for a 9.2sq ft. sign area variance to remodel the existing sign.**

Mr. Jeff Brinks read the public notice. All property owners within 300 feet of the subject property were notified and one response was received. Mr. Brinks read the response from James R. Hall, agent for Huron Development, owner of Byron Lakes Apartments, which is located directly across the street from First Cutlerville Christian Reformed Church. They have no objection with the sign variance being requested by the church.

Mr. Herm Scholten was present to state why the sign variance was needed.

Mr. Herm Scholten stated that the existing signage does not adequately identify the location of the church. The church is set back a distance from the road. By replacing part of the sign with an electronic read out, it will let the community know of the special activities and events that will be taking place. The mission of the church is to enrich the lives of the people in the community.

Mr. Phil Postema from Postema Signs was also present to answer any questions.

Chariman Abe Vander Woude closed the public portion of the meeting.

After some discussion from the board and motion was made by Mr. Haagsma supported by Mr. Gould to grant this variance for a 9.2 sq ft. sign as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Brinks - yes; Gould - yes; Burgess - yes; Haagsma - yes; Vander Woude - yes.

Motion carried - variance granted.

Approval of the Minutes of March 27, 2002

A motion was made by Haagsma supported by Burgess to approve the March 27, 2002, Zoning Board of Appeals minutes as written. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

Miscellaneous

-Issue of building a boat dock on VanSingel Lake before the home is erected. The board decided that a dock is considered a structure. And to avoid any conflicts in the future, they would not allow this.

-Abe Vander Woude stated that he talked to the appropriate person involved in allowing a late application to be put on the agenda. He feels this will not happen again.

-Randy Zomerlei asked the board about someone who wanted to put up a 6' chain link fence behind a backboard of a basketball hoop, to protect their children from an electric fence that belongs to the neighbor. Our ordinance states that a fence shall be no more than 3' high in the front of the home. The board felt that they must come and ask for a variance for this.

7:40p.m. It was moved by Vander Woude supported by Gould to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

Jeff Brinks

Secretary of Board of Appeals