

***BYRON TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
REGULAR MEETING – April 23, 2003  
MINUTES***

The regular meeting of the Byron Township Board of Appeals was called to order by Chairman Abe VanderWoude Wednesday April 23, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Byron Township Offices, 8085 Byron Center Ave., Byron Center, MI.

Members present were: Abe VanderWoude, Seymour Gould, Jim Haagsma, Jeff Brinks, and Kathy Burgess. Also present was the alternate board member Doug Tubergen.

Chairman Abe VanderWoude welcomed Doug Tubergen. Doug will be serving on the board as an alternate member, and will be called upon to sit on the board as an active member when a board member is absent.

**7:00 p.m. Kamps Mini Storage - for a variance to allow storage in a front yard and a variance to place evergreen trees in lieu of a solid screening wall or fence for property located at: 7295 Clyde Park Ave. SW.** (tabled from the March 26, 2003 meeting)

A motion was made by Haagsma supported by Gould to remove the application from the table.

Henry Kamps was present to state why the variance is needed. He commented that he has started to put up a 6' high solid screen fence to hide the storage and he has planted some trees, but due to the weather conditions he has not finished that project yet.

Brinks commented that there are two issues here that we are dealing with. The solid screen fencing, which is taken care of and the storage request for the front yard.

Gould commented on all the different things that are being stored there, junk cars with hoods up, doors open, it's really is a mess. This was approved for RV storage only. How did it get out of control?

Mr. Kamps stated that he would get with the owners of these vehicles, and speak to them about having them removed from the site, or having them placed in an indoor storage space which is available.

After much discussion a motion was made by Gould supported by Haagsma to grant the variance for front storage in the front yard north and south of the house for RV storage only to be parked single deep and all cars or junk vehicles be removed from the site or placed in a storage garage within 2 months and a \$5,000 cash bond be placed with the Township Clerk for a guarantee that you come

back to the Planning Commission for approval of a revised site plan. On approval of the revised site plan the bond will be released.

Roll call vote: Brinks - yes, Burgess - yes, Gould - yes, Haagsma - yes, VanderWoude - yes.  
Motion Carried. Variance granted.

### **Approval of the Minutes - March 26, 2003**

A motion was made by Haagsma supported by Gould to approve the minutes as written. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Miscellaneous**

Chairman VanderWoude asked the board if anyone was interested in going to a workshop at Allendale Township on April 30, 2003. Those interested in attending should let him know by tomorrow. (April 24, 2003).

### **Adjournment**

8:25 p.m. It was moved by Haagsma, supported by Burgess to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

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Jeff Brinks  
Secretary of Board of Appeals