

***BYRON TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
SPECIAL MEETING – February 1, 2005
MINUTES***

A special meeting of the Byron Township Board of Appeals was called to order by Secretary Jeff Brinks on Tuesday, February 1, 2005, at 12:30 p.m. at the Byron Township Offices, 8085 Byron Center Ave. Byron Center, Mi.

Members present were: Jeff Brinks, Kathy Burgess, Seymour Gould and Doug Tubergen. Absent: Abe Vander Woude and Jim Haagsma. Also present were Township Building Official Randy Zomerlei and Recording Secretary LaVonne Kuiper.

12:30 p.m. – George & Karen Rookus - request to have two accessory buildings for the property located at: 3160 Indigo Ridge Ct.

Mr. Jeff Brinks read the public notice. All property owners within 300' of the subject property were notified.

Karen Rookus presented Jeff Brinks with two written letters one from Richard Fluerman & Amy Sall - 3151 Indigo Ridge Ct. and one from Rod & Pat Leonard - 7533 Indigo Ridge SW. Jeff read the letters and both indicated they had no problem with this additional building on the property.

George Rookus was present to explain his request. He commented that when he applied for his accessory building permit nothing was said about the dog house at that time. He stated that they do have a double lot and it is all very well taken care of. The shed matches the house and fits nicely on the property. When the dog dies they would like to use this building as a play house for their grandchildren. He stated that no one ever complained to them about this dog house.

Rod Leonard - 7533 Indigo Ridge commented that it is just an over sized dog house. It is very well maintained and their dog is important to them.

No further public comments were made.

Jeff Brinks closed the public portion of the meeting.

Items discussed by the board members were the size of the lot which it is a double lot, the zoning of this property which is R-S PUD, the plat restrictions stating one accessory building per site. Also it was commented that when a variance is granted it stays with the property and not the people.

After some additional discussion a motion was made by Gould supported by Burgess to deny the variance request and the building (dog house) must be removed in 30 days.

Roll call vote: Gould - yes. Burgess - yes. Tubergen - yes. Brinks - yes. Motion carried. Variance denied.

Approval of Minutes – November 24, 2004

A motion was made by Burgess supported by Brinks to approve the minutes as written. Yes - 4. No - 0. Absent - 2. (Vander Woude & Haagsma)

Adjournment

12:45 p.m. It was moved by Burgess supported by Brinks to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

Jeff Brinks
Secretary of Board of Appeals