

***BYRON TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
REGULAR MEETING – June 22, 2005  
MINUTES***

The regular meeting of the Byron Township Board of Appeals was called to order by Chairman Abe Vander Woude on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Byron Township Offices, 8085 Byron Center Ave., Byron Center, MI. 49315.

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

**7:00p.m. – Ralph Van Solkema - requesting a variance to construct an accessory building in a front yard for the property located at 9787 Ivanrest Ave. SW.**

Mr. Jeff Brinks read the public notice. All property owners within 300' of the subject property were notified. No written responses were received.

Ralph Van Solkema was present to explain the variance request. He explained that he would like his accessory building in front of the plan of the house. To place the building behind the house would involve removing a lot of trees and more excavating would be needed. The area he has chosen is probably the most level spot.

**Gord Huizinga – 9760 Ivanrest Ave. SW stated he is the neighbor directly to the east of the Van Solkema property. He has no problem with this request at all.**

No further public comments were made.

Chairman Vander Woude closed the public portion of the meeting.

Haagsma visited the site and it appears that a beautiful maple tree will have to be removed. Nice looking tree really hate to see it go even if it is for a garage.

Tubergen commented that the house does set way back off the road and with all the trees nothing is really visable from the road.

Van Woude asked the applicant if he contacted the neighbor to the south. This neighbor would see clearly see the buildings.

Mr. Van Solkema stated that he had not.

The applicant was then asked as to what he intended to use the building for.

He responded by saying he would store his tools inside, maintaining of his equipment, storage for his Ford tractor.

It was commented by the board members that this building could be built at another location on this property.

After much discussion a motion was made by Haagsma supported by Brinks to deny the request to build the accessory building in front of the house and it does not meet any part of Byron Township Zoning Ordinance Article 21.6 (1, 2, or 3.)

Roll call vote: Tubergen - no. Gould - yes. Haagsma - yes. Brinks - yes. VanderWoude - yes. Motion Carried. Variance denied.

#### **Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held May 25, 2005**

A motion was made by Haagsma supported by Gould to approve the minutes as corrected. Yes - 5. No - 0. Abstained - 1 (Brinks absent from meeting)

#### **Approval of the minutes from special meeting held May 26, 2005**

A motion was made by Haagsma supported by Gould to approve the minutes as corrected. Yes - 5. No - 0.

#### **Approval of the minutes from special meeting held June 13, 2005**

A motion was made by Gould supported by Brinks to approve the minutes as written. Yes - 5. No - 0. Abstained - 1 (Haagsma absent from meeting)

#### **Miscellaneous**

Items discussed were:

- ▶ Clarification of total of accessory buildings allowed in R-A zoning.
- ▶ Survey requirements
- ▶ Draft for sign ordinance/billboard ordinance/size of dog house/play houses

**Adjournment**

7:45pm. A motion was made by Haagsma supported by Gould to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

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Jeff Brinks  
Secretary of Board of Appeals