

***BYRON TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING – March 26, 2008
MINUTES***

The regular meeting of the Byron Township Board of Appeals was called to order by Chairman Abe VanderWoude on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Byron Township Offices, 8085 Byron Center Ave. Byron Center, MI.

Members present were: Abe VanderWoude, James Haagsma, Jeff Brinks, & Kathy Burgess. Absent: Seymour Gould and Alternate Doug Tubergen. Also present were Township Building Inspector Randy Zomerlei and Recording Secretary LaVonne Kuiper.

DeKleine Builders variance request – Secretary Jeff Brinks stated that a letter was received by DeKleine Builders stating that due to the changes in the ordinance their variance request for a 285 sq ft., area variance to construct a garage addition for the property located at 1118 Shore Pointe Dr. SW is no longer needed and they are seeking approval to withdraw their variance application.

A motion was made by Haagsma supported by Burgess to allow the application to be withdrawn.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Exxel Engineering - Don DeGroot from Exxel Engineering and Pete Smith from Grand Rapids RV were present. Don DeGroot explained they had met with the Township Planner Larry Nix and he suggested they come to the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting and seek the Boards opinion if a variance would be needed for using an existing gravel area for a storage area. Don stated that Pete Smith is purchasing the Grand Rapids Furniture Site and he plans to move his RV Sales & Service to this location. As suggested by Larry Nix, they are submitting copies of the site plan that both illustrate the existing site conditions and the proposed use. We are requesting that the ZBA review the site plan and verify that the existing gravel areas can remain as a pre-existing use. These areas will continue to be used as storage for RV units. The present use of much of the gravel area is for inventory storage in tractor trailers. They would like to know if the proposed use will be acceptable and confirm that a variance for storage will not be necessary.

After some discussion it was the consensus of the Board that a variance would be needed and required for this property.

Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2007

A motion was made by Burgess supported by Brinks to approve the minutes as written. Abe VanderWoude abstained. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Burgess supported by Haagsma to renew the officers for another one year term.

Chairman-----Abe Vander Woude
Vice Chairman-----James Haagsma
Secretary-----Jeff Brinks

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

7:23 p.m. It was moved by Brinks supported by Burgess to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Jeff Brinks
Secretary of Board of Appeals