

Columbia Township Zoning Board of Appeals

June 18, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Robert Willerer. Roll Call: Barbara Beamish, Bruce Andrews, Robin Tackett and Chairman Robert Willerer. Absent: Brad Denning.

Motion by Tackett to approve Agenda as presented. Seconded by Barbara Beamish. Ayes: All.

Approval of May 21, 2015 minutes. Corrections noted by Chairman Willerer. Changes to be made and resubmitted. Motion by Chairman to approve meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Barbara Beamish. Ayes: All.

Chairman told both applicants for tonight's hearing that we are one member short and that they must still receive 3 of the 4 votes to grant/approve a variance. He gave each applicant the choice to proceed as scheduled or to be heard on a different evening when all 5 Board members are present. John Maberson and Philip Simon both said yes they wanted to go ahead with hearing.

John Maberson for a variance request to construct a pole building a distance of 9' to the Front yard lot line and a distance of 17'6 to the Backyard lot line on property known as 8518 N. Shore Dr. Clarklake, MI ADP#000-19-17-327-004-01. John Maberson presented his reasons for requesting a variance. He wants to build a pole barn to store his boats and cars. He stated he would be accessing the lot by an easement. He cannot make his garage any bigger because of a power line that is low hanging. Chairman asked applicant if there are any other reasons that may have to grant a variance for the 64X40 Pole Barn. Mr. Maberson he needs all the room he can get for storage.

Jack OShea of 8504 N Shore Dr. Clarklake spoke to say that the power line is only 13 ft so that would be an issue for Mr. Maberson.

No Correspondence.

Meeting closed to public comment at this time. Board discussion.

Chairman made motion to grant variance as requested. Motion Died.

Motion to deny variance as requested by Chairman Willerer. Seconded by Andrews. Siting 10.3 A 1. 3. & 10.3 C. Ayes: ALL. Variance Denied.

Second hearing of the evening. Philip Simon for a variance request to construct a deck onto the existing structure a distance of 7' to the East lot line, on property known as Lot 22 Vansetta Park 3991 Utopia, Clarklake, MI ADP#000-19-15-301-007-00.

Mr. Simon presented his reasons as to why he is requesting a variance. He is replacing existing steps and deck that are on the property. He is trying to minimize the impact but they still need steps and deck that are safe and usable. They enter through the side door as the front sliding doors at this time they are not able to open. They will just be replacing existing with steps and deck that better suit their needs.

Sandy Simon (wife) spoke as to reasons they are requesting variance. They purchased the home as a foreclosure they do not have keys to sliding glass doors on the front of the home so at this moment the only access to the home is through the side door. They would like to upgrade existing stairs and deck.

No correspondence.

Meeting closed to public comment at this time.

Motion by Andrews to grant variance as requested. Siting 10. A 2. 4. 10.3 C. Seconded by Chairman Willerer. Ayes: All. Variance granted.

No comments.

Motion to adjourn by Chairman Willerer, seconded by Andrews. Ayes: All. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Tackett

Columbia Township Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary