

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
JULY 30, 2009**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Donald Oswald at 7pm in the Columbia Township meeting hall.

Roll call. Present: Don Oswald, Barb Beamish, John Messimer, Courtney Travilla and Robin Tackett. Absent: Bruce Andrews and Steven Holmstrom. Travilla and Tackett appointed as alternates in the absence of Andrews and Holmstrom.

Chairman Oswald presented one request for variance:

WHITNEY, Michael and Judith, 3155 Ocean Beach Road, Clarklake, Mich. 49234 ADP#000-19-15-378-002-02. Request for a variance of 15 feet on the roadside to the east and a 15-foot variance to the back yard lot line to construct a steel garage.

Mr. Whitney presented a survey, a deed, drawings and plat location and said the drain culvert precludes him from building the garage without the variance.

It was noted that the shape of the lot and the irregularity of the lot were conditions beyond the control of the applicant and that the building area would be the highest and best use of the land.

No objections from neighbors were presented.

Motion by Travilla seconded by Messimer to approve the variance of 15' to the east and 15' to the roadside to construct a garage based on Article 10 section 10.3 A 1,2,3 and C.

Ayes: Tackett, Beamish, Oswald, Messimer and Travilla. Nays: none. Variance approved.

Chairman Oswald presented a new request from the Banases whose request for a variance had been denied. New conditions were presented to be considered. Motion by Beamish, seconded by Messimer to hear the Banas request. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Beamish seconded by Oswald to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2009 meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted.

**John Messimer, secretary
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP ZBA**