

**Columbia Township
Zoning Board of Appeals
Sept. 6, 2007**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Oswald at 7:30 pm.

Roll call. Present: Beamish, Messimer, Holmstrom, Andrews, and Oswald.

BIEK, John 10614 Hewitt Rd. Brooklyn, Mich. 49230 ADP#000-19-22-428-007-00. Request a variance to enclose a carport of 17' 6", 7'6" to the front lot line.

Mr. Biek said he wants to enclose the existing carport for safety and security. He presented a building permit from 2001 but no variance document.

Mr. Oswald explained that the variance request is to be considered as if the structure was not there. No variance documentation is in the file. The structure was built with a building permit but no variance was granted.

Letters recommending approval were received from the Lake Columbia Building Committee and Mrs. Nancy Fielder of 10616 Hewitt Rd.

A letter from Columbia Township Supervisor, Ray Kuzminski was received recommending denial of the variance.

Mrs. Beamish and Mr. Andrews could not remember a variance being applied for on this property

Mr. Messimer asked why the structure was not enclosed when it was built. Mr. Biek responded that the garage was still in use and later made into another interior room.

The Board reviewed the ordinance Article X Section 10.3 and could find no reason to approve the variance.

Motion by Messimer seconded by Andrews to deny the variance request based on Article X, Section 10.3 of the zoning ordinance paragraphs A, 1,2,3,4,5, and A,B, C,D,and F.

Ayes: Beamish, Messimer, Holmstrom, Andrews and Oswald, Nays: none.
Variance denied.

Motion by Beamish seconded by Holmstrom to approve the minutes of August 16, 2007. Ayes all, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**John Messimer, Secretary
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP ZBA**