

# **COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**Columbia Charter Township Hall  
8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI, 49230**

**March 10, 2026, at 7:00pm**

### **AGENDA**

The Zoning Board of Appeals welcomes Public Comments.

Anyone wishing to address the Board should only do so once recognized by the Chairperson.

Comments shall be limited to three minutes.

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**5. Public Comments**

(Unrelated to agenda items)

**6. Variance Requests**

**a. Public Hearing: Variance (26-001)**

**Owner/Applicant:** Michael Trout

**Location:** 6534 N. Shore Dr. Clarklake, MI 49234 (Tax ID #: 000-19-17-434-001-01)

**Request:** Variance application to permit an 884-square foot garage in the north front yard. The garage will be constructed in the front yard area, and setback 3-foot from the west side property line, requiring a 7-foot variance. The Columbia Charter Township Zoning Ordinance requires a 10-foot side yard setback, Article 3: Table 3-4, and prohibits accessory structures in the front yard area, Article 20, Section 20.8.

**b. Public Hearing: Variance (26-002)**

**Owner/Applicant:** Ron & Kate Richards

**Location:** 8588 N. Shore Dr. Clarklake, MI 49234 (Tax ID #: 000-19-17-304-032-01)

**Request:** Variance application to permit a remodel and expansion of an existing single-family dwelling. The proposed additions to the dwelling totaling 286-square foot will be setback 9-foot from the west side property line, requiring a 1-foot variance, setback 2.5-foot from the east side property line, requiring a 7.5-foot variance, setback 28.5-foot from the water's edge of Clark Lake, and total lot coverage of 47-percent. The Columbia Charter Township Zoning Ordinance requires a 10-foot setback from side property lines, a 29.1-foot setback is required from the water's edge based on the averaging standard of footnote 4, and a maximum lot coverage of 30-percent, Article 3: Table 3-4.

**7. New/Old Business**

**a.** Election of Officers

**b.** Annual Planning & Zoning Report: 2025 Planning & Zoning Dept. Summary

**c.** Approval of October 30, 2025, Meeting Minutes

**8. Announcements by the Chairperson or Zoning Administrator**

**9. Adjournment**