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**ZBA MINUTES June 3, 2019**

The Leoni Township Zoning Board of Appeals held a meeting Monday, June 3, 2019, @ 6:00p.m. 913 Fifth Street, Leoni Township Meeting Hall, Michigan Center, Michigan.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Robert Eadie, Vern Beckwith, Stephanie Smith, Jennie Bach, and Steve Sawicki.

Members absent: Ryan Kintz

Persons in attendance: 5

Purpose of ZBA read by Robert Eadie.

**Motion by Vern Beckwith, supported by Stephanie Smith** to approve of the agenda as presented.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Motion by Vern Beckwith, supported by Robert Eadie**, to approve the May 20, 2019 minutes as presented .  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Public Hearing: Open at 6:08 p.m.**

1300-1310 Falahee Rd  
000-14-07-200-001-02  
Laurice Lazebnik  
Variance

**Board Discussion:** Eadie brought up the potential for splitting the parcel and adding another variance to accommodate the driveway and parking concerns. Sawicki does not want to split the parking and Lazebnik's buyer wants exclusive rights to the land and their preference is the 26 ft. variance. Ordinance states that the property has available land for parking if needed.

**Public Hearing: Closed at 6:45 p.m.**

**Motion by Robert Eadie, supported by Vern Beckwith**, to vote on granting the variance as written.

**Roll call vote:**           **2 Ayes - Beckwith & Eadie.**  
                                  **3 Nays – Smith, Bach, & Sawicki**

**Motion denied.**

**Public Hearing: Open at 6:47 p.m.**

7515 Cain Road  
000-09-35-126-002-00  
Charles Loveland  
Variance

**Board Discussion:** Loveland has 60 acres of property to build barn on and Loveland needs to show hardship of property to justify variance. Loveland claimed that he was preserving the productivity of agricultural ground and would lose 4000 square feet of productive agricultural land by building the barn somewhere else on property.

Eadie started reading the 5 steps required to constitute a vote. Loveland could not pass the first step and therefore the **variance was denied.**

**Public Hearing: Closed at 7:10 p.m.**

**Motion by Robert Eadie, supported by Jennie Bach,** to make Steve Sawicki a permanent Zoning board member to replace Ryan Kintz who resigned. Board will also add 1 to 2 alternate members.

**Roll call vote: 4 Ayes, Beckwith, Bach, Eadie & Smith**  
**0 Nays - Motion carried.**

**Motion by Stephanie Smith, supported by Jennie Bach, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.**

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

Next meeting will be held on 6/17/2019.