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The Leoni Township Zoning Board of Appeals held a meeting Monday, May 22nd, 2017 in the Leoni Township Meeting Hall, 913 Fifth Street, Michigan Center, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Members present: Bill Stoewer, Robert Eadie and Vern Beckwith

Members absent: Vickie Hintz and Jerry Cox

18 persons in attendance.

Purpose of the ZBA read by Bill Stoewer

Motion by Mr. Beckwith, supported by Mr. Eadie to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Beckwith, supported by Mr. Eadie to approve the May 1, 2017 minutes as presented.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A public hearing was opened at 6:05 to hear a request from Brad Eversole, 3528 Sechler Drive, for a variance of the setback from the road from the required 25 feet to 5 feet to build a 24x30 pole building.

Mr. Stoewer stated that there had never been a variance granted for an auxiliary building in a front yard. Suggested that the back yard could be elevated to put the pole barn there.

Mr. Eversole stated that there is a drainage problem, standing water. He said the site had been a swamp and was filled to be able to put the trailer there.

Mr. Stoewer stated it is out of character for the neighborhood.

When asked if he would like to proceed with three (3) Board members, Mr. Eversole said he would.

Mr. Stoewer felt that the water issue was a unique circumstance.

Mr. Stoewer began the process of reviewing the six (6) conditions of Zoning Ordinance Section 42.63, #1 was discussed and voted on.

Roll call vote: Stoewer, yea. Eadie, nay. Beckwith, nay.
Variance failed.

Public Hearing closed at 6:40 pm.

A public hearing opened at 6:42, to hear a request from Greg Bobzien, 4225 Jane Drive, for a front yard setback change of the required 25' to 8'.

Mr. Stoewer felt that 8 feet was not enough. Mr. Bobzien suggested he could change it to 12.5'.

Being a corner lot, he has two (2) front yards. Again, Mr. Stoewer stated that a variance had never been granted for an auxiliary building in a front yard.

When asked if he wanted to proceed with three (3) Board members, Mr. Bobzien

Beginning the process of reviewing the six (6) conditions of Zoning Ordinance Section 42.63, #1 was discussed and voted on.

Roll call vote: Beckwith, nay. Eadie, nay. Stoewer, nay.
Variance failed.

Adjourn at 7:35pm

Next meeting: June 5th, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Dickinson, Secretary