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ZBA MINUTES March 7, 2022

The Leoni Township Zoning Board of Appeals held an In Person and Zoom meeting Monday, March 7, 2022, @ 6:00 PM, 913 Fifth Street, Leoni Township Meeting Hall, Michigan Center, Michigan.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M.

Members Present: Vern Beckwith, Keith VanPoperin, and Rae Fruth

Members absent: Nora Sharp-McGee (via ZOOM from Manatee County, FL)

Persons in attendance: 1

Purpose of ZBA board read by: Keith VanPoperin

Motion by V.Beckwith, supported by R. Fruth to approve the agenda for March 7, as written
Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Motion by V. Beckwith, supported by R. Fruth to approve the February 7 minutes as written
Motion Carried by Voice Vote

Public Comment:

Opened: 6:05

Closed: 6:07

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION:

K. VanPoperin read the current purpose of the ZBA board and suggested that the board does not currently know where this wording came from and why so they would like to address the current purpose and align it to the Zoning Board of Appeals Act as well as the Leoni Township ordinance.

R. Fruth read a version that she created based on the Zoning Enabling Act.

The Board discussed making sure that the word dimensional variance be included in the new purpose because the board can only grant dimensional variances and are not allowed to grant a use variance.

K. VanPoperin discussed the four criteria that have to be met before a variance can be granted and how it needs to be included in the application process. K. VanPoperin asked R. Fruth if she would be willing to work with the zoning administrator on including the four criteria into the application. Board was in agreement that all applicants need to be informed of all the criteria required for a variance at the application process so they will know up front before they spend the money for a variance if they will be able to provide the criteria required to meet it, as well as being prepared to support the criteria questions at the meeting.

Motion by R. Fruth and supported by V. Beckwith to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Next scheduled meeting date is June 13, 2022.