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LEONI TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES
July 12, 2021

The Leoni Township Zoning Board of Appeals held a Regular Board Meeting Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:00 P. M. via the ZOOM.us remote meeting platform as per advertised. Chairman Eadie was in attendance at Leoni Township Hall, 913 Fifth St., Michigan Center, Michigan.

Call to Order 6:13 pm, (technical difficulty with log on caused delay)

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Chair Eadie, members Nora Sharpe-McGee, Keith VanPoperin, Vern Beckwith, Rae Fruth.

Members Absent: 0

Approximately 10 people in attendance

Member Nora Sharpe-McGee volunteered to take notes for minutes due to the absence of Secretary Trammell. All members agreed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Fruth, **support** by Beckwith to approve agenda as written.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carries

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 21, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Beckwith, **support** by Eadie to approve minutes as written.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carries

PURPOSE OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Read by Chair Eadie

PUBLIC COMMENT: began at 6:25 pm

Neighbors spoke in opposition to the variance, then Mr Turfee, attorney, stated that he was under the impression that the meeting was going to be adjourned due to the fact that the Leoni Township Board of Trustees was scheduled to vote the following night, July 13, on township legislation regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals guidelines.

Member Sharpe-McGee stated that she had, in fact, spoken with Guy Conti, township general counsel (who was absent from the meeting due to illness), in regards to that matter and he had advised that an adjournment would be the best option to take because the board was, in fact, scheduled to vote July 13, specifically, on proposed amendments to Ordinance 42-63(b) (1) and 42-63(b)(2) which would affect the guidance of this board. Joe Chambers, Zoning Admin., asked to speak and stated that he was in that same meeting and was under that same understanding.

PUBLIC COMMENT ENDED: 6:37 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. 000-14-24-260-002-01
Alan Harajli
15200 Wolf Lake Lorest Variance**

Motion by Sharpe-McGee to adjourn hearing for 000-14-24-260-002-01 aka 15200 Wolf Lake Forest Variance, as per attorney, Guy Conti's, direction due to the impending vote scheduled for July 13, 2021 by Leoni BOT and to schedule to rehear this business on the next regularly scheduled ZBA meeting date of July 26, 2021 **Support** by Fruth.

Ayes: 4 Eadie, Fruth, Sharpe-McGee, Beckwith

Nays: 1 VanPoperin

BOARD DISSCUSSION:

Member Eadie stated that he believed that the same 5 board members that originally heard the Wolf Lake Variance request would all need to be present for the re-hearing and asked if VanPoperin, who would be out of the state, would be able to attend. . It was also discussed that since the original hearing was publicly advertised as a ZOOM meeting, that the adjournment hearing would also be via ZOOM. VanPoperin answered in the affirmative about attendance.

Motion to adjourn meeting by McGee, **support** by Fruth.

Motion carries by voice vote

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Sharpe-McGee, temporary secretary, Zoning Board of Appeals

