Zeeland Charter Township

Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes of January 24, 2017 meeting

The Zoning Board of appeals of Zeeland Charter Township held a regular meeting in the township hall on January 24, 2017 at 7pm.

Members present: Tom Oonk, Bruce Knoper, Steve Walters, Russ Mudget, and Ben Zwagerman. Absent – Rich De Leau and Dirk Pyle.

The minutes of the prior meeting were not available for review and approval.

Secretary Oonk read the notice for the public hearing as follows:

The Zoning Board of Appeals of Zeeland Charter Township will meet in the township hall, 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, MI at 7pm on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 to review the request from Michael Tubergan for a side yard variance for Parcel #70-17-11-300-016 with the address known as 6181 Riley Street, Zeeland. This will require a variance of Section 5.03 A. Lot, Yard, and Building Requirements of the Zeeland Charter Township Zoning Ordinance

Chairman Walters opened the public hearing.

There were no persons attending the hearing besides the applicant.

Applicant Michael Tubergen explained the reasons for his request for an accessory building addition side yard variance saying that the slope of his land and the location of his septic system will not allow another option for an addition placement.

After a period of questioning and dialog a motion was made by Knoper and seconded by Mudget to close the public hearing.

Several ZBA members questioned the accuracy of the measurements in the sketch that accompanied the request and compared it to a GIS overlay provided by Chairman Walters. It appeared that the property line drawn by the applicant was a best guess line agreed upon by him and his neighbor. The ZBA was not comfortable with issuing a variance this close to the lot line until the lot line is verified by a registered surveyor.

A motion was made by Oonk and seconded by Zwagerman to table the request until the lot line survey is available for review. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Walters declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Tom Oonk Secretary.

Don Mannes Recording Secretary