

ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
OCTOBER 28, 2014

The Board of Appeals of Zeeland Charter Township held a regular meeting in the township hall on October 28, 2014 at 7pm. Members present: Bruce Knoper, Rich DeLeau, Dirk Pyle, Tom Oonk, Steve Walters, and Ben Zwagerman; absent: Russ Mudget. Also present was Zoning Administrator, Don Mannes.

Secretary Tom Oonk called the meeting to order. Motion by Pyle, supported by Zwagerman to appoint Steve Walters as temporary chairman. Motion Carried.

Motion by Knoper, supported by Zwagerman to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014 meeting. Motion Carried.

Secretary Oonk read the hearing notice. (Notice attached) Zoning Administrator Mannes stated this was a new request for Zeeland Charter Township. This will require two variances. 1) Migrant housing is not addressed in the list of permitted uses in the township and 2) the type of construction for the housing does not meet township code but will be required to meet state guide lines for migrant housing in an Agricultural Zone.

Chairman Walters opened the public hearing. Mr. Kevin VerHage stated their request is to build a 40'x30' pole barn with 5 units to house 30 employees from July 15 to October 15. They require a specialized work force for the type of product produced. The cost and location of temporary housing is difficult to find.

Motion by Pyle, supported by Knoper to close the public hearing. Motion Carried.

Motion by Pyle, supported by Oonk to allow the construction of housing for migrant workers for this parcel in the Agriculture Zone. After much discussion, Pyle withdrew the motion.

Motion by Knoper, supported by Zwagerman to get a legal opinion concerning the variance request. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Ayes:Knoper, Walters, Zwagerman, Oonk, Pyle, and DeLeau. Absent: Mudget.

Election of Officer was held for 2014 & 2015. Moved by Pyle, supported by Knoper to elect the following: Steve Walters, Chairman, Russ Mudget, Vice Chair, and Tom Oonk, Secretary. Motion Carried.

Moved, supported, and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Vivian Zwyghuizen, Recording Secretary

Tom Oonk, Secretary