

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**May 7, 2015**

The Zoning Board of appeals of Zeeland Charter Township held a regular meeting in the township hall on May 7, 2015 at 7pm.

Members present: Tom Oonk, Rich De Leau, Bruce Knoper, Dirk Pyle and Ben Zwagerman.

Absent: Steve Walters and Russ Mudget.

Secretary Oonk called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for temporary chairman for this meeting. Motion by Knoper second by Zwagerman to elect Pyle which was confirmed by unanimous voice vote at which point Pyle took over as chairman.

Motion by Knoper second by DeLeau to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting. Motion approved by voice vote. Unanimous.

Secretary Oonk read the noticed that was published for the public hearing as follows

The Zoning Board of Appeals of Zeeland Charter township will hold a public hearing in the Township Hall, 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, MI at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 7, 2015, to review the request from Lee Shore Properties to construct a fence around the perimeter of parcels 70-17-400-042 & 43. This would require a variance of the Zeeland Charter Township Zoning Ordinance Section 3.15.B & D Fences.

The public hearing was declared open by chairman Pyle and the applicant Marvin Martin was asked to present his request and the reasons for it. He stated that the food safety guidelines require a fenced in area for processed and unprocessed material storage in truck trailers loading, unloading and awaiting shipment and distribution.

Zeeland Farm Services had a representative present at the hearing for their information but did not comment during the hearing.

Motion by Knoper, Second by Zwagerman to close the public hearing. All Ayes by voice vote.

After some discussion a motion was made by Knoper, Seconded by DeLeau to approve the request for both the front yard and barbed wire variances. A roll call vote was unanimously in favor of the motion. Reason for granting the request was for the security and safety of this food processing industry.

Chairman Pyle declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Tom Oonk Secretary

Don Mannes recording secretary