

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

August 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Patrick.

ROLL CALL: Boardmembers Abent, Chairman Patrick, Vice Chairman Konietzko, Alternates Kruger and Reed.

Absent: Board members Hart and Foster (excused).

City staff present: Building Inspector Hummel and Deputy City Clerk Terpstra.

Both Alternate Kruger and Reed will be voting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Board member Abent moved, supported by Konietzko to amend the minutes under Appeal to be Considered, paragraph 3, sentences 1, 2 and 3 to read "Rick Wilson, representing Spartan Motors, was present. Vice Chairman Konietzko requested to be allowed to ask questions regarding both buildings, 1580 Mikesell and 1055 Mikesell, in the same public hearing to make it easier for the boardmembers. Chairman Patrick allowed the request noting each request had to have a separate vote." Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

APPEAL TO BE CONSIDERED

Public Hearing: 1986 S. Cochran opened at 6:02 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Terpstra read the appeal of 1986 S. Cochran – Bruce Telfer asking for a 367 sq. ft. ground floor variance and a 2 ft. height variance to add on to an existing barn.

Bruce Telfer was present and stated that the reason for adding on to the building is for personal storage use. The height is needed to tie the roof into the existing pole barn structure.

Public Hearing Closed: 6:08 p.m.

Vice Chairman Konietzko moved, supported by Abent to approve the variances for 1986 S. Cochran, Bruce Telfer to allow the 367 sq. ft. ground floor variance and the 2 ft. height variance to allow the addition on the existing barn. The reasons being that the board has granted similar requests in the past, the size of the lot is larger than most city lots, there will be no additional buildings only an addition to the existing structure so that it will fit into the existing neighborhood. Also to waive the 21 day waiting period. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Vice Chairman Konietzko stated that he had met with the City Manager regarding improving future meetings and has information from the Michigan Municipal League that

is helpful. There is a Zoning Board of Appeals Handbook and a Handbook for Municipal Officials. He would like the City to obtain copies of these publications for the board members who do not have them.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Board member Abent moved to adjourn at 6:15 P.M.

Ginger L. Terpstra, Deputy City Clerk