

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
MINUTES  
May 22, 2020**

The Burt Township Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order by Chair Kim Kihnke on May 22, 2020 via teleconference.

Attendance: Kim Kihnke, Harold Koviak, Dennis Reimann, Jay Jontz, Dave Hutto, Carl Reimann, (Alt)

Also: James Thoms, Jim Larson, Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**Agenda:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Koviak, supported by Jontz to add:

Other Business: Private Lake Access License renewals

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Conflict of Interest:** None

**Minutes:** Sept 20, 2019 Minutes

**MOTION:** Moved by Dennis Reimann, supported by Hutto to approve the minutes of September 20, 2019 as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**VARIANCE REQUESTS:**

**James and Patricia Thoms, 4226 Oak Tree Circle Rochester Hills, MI 48306**

- Request for a variance for 6459 Numbers Road Indian River, MI 49721 (parcel# 120-025-402-020-00) regarding Article 6.04.01 to build an accessory building 40'x64' which is 760 square feet larger than the allowed 1800 square feet.

Mr. Thoms participated in the teleconference and said the building will fit nicely on the property with the variance.

The site was visited by all ZBA members.

Chair Kihnke asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Thoms; no questions from the committee.

Mr. Thom's neighbor, Mr. Abbott, called and said he does not have any issues with the accessory building and that it should be approved.

No further discussion.

Mr. Thoms said the revised drawing shows the driveway to the west and hides the structure from the street. Larson said it meets all setbacks and lot coverage – 5.9 acre lot. There will not be a second story on the structure.

**MOTION:** Moved by Dennis Reimann, supported by Koviak to approve a dimensional variance for 760 sq ft per the drawing submitted for an accessory building for James and Patricia Thoms.

Roll call vote taken: Reimann – yes; Koviak – yes; Hutto – yes; Jontz – yes; Kihnke – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Reason:** The accessory building is hidden from the road, it will not affect the surrounding community, and is on a large enough parcel.

Note: Letters from the ZBA should include a statement that a zoning permit from the Zoning Administrator is needed before getting a building permit from the county.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### Private Lake Access License Renewals – Kihnke

Renewals are due for all Private Lake Access sites except Koviak's and PA Miller subdivision. Kihnke and McDougall will send out letters.

## **REPORTS**

### **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR – Larson**

Larson said he is busy and has had a lot of calls.

For the next ZBA meeting, Mr. John Palk on Francine Lane may request a variance for a patio in the 75' lakeside setback.

### **TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ZBA – Koviak**

- Sturgeon Bay Road -paving complete
- Phase II of the trail – paving complete
- East Burt Lake Road – will be paved in late July or August
- Boat launch on Mullett-Burt Road will be started next week
- Board approved the 2020-2021 budget in March
- Spring Clean Up day is June 20, 2020 on the East Side – 9 am – 4 pm
- Resolutions were passed for Cherry Capital Connection and Aspen Wireless for high speed internet service

### **PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ZBA – Jontz**

- The Master Plan Update was approved
- Solar Energy ordinance was approved
- Working on high speed internet – Allen Kozlowski is leading a subcommittee
- Working on updating language for non-conforming lots
- Working on accessory structures as principal use

### **ZBA MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Kihnke asked if garage sales are allowed in the township – yes

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Next Meeting – July 17, 2020 – 7:00 pm

**MOTION:** Moved by Jontz, supported by Reimann to adjourn.  
**MOTION APPROVED**

Adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary