

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Minutes for Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2020
7:00 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall
5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690
Phone 231-267-5141/Fax 231-267-9020

Call to Order by Chair at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Benak, Bowen, Halstead, Hooper, Lake, Alternate Shaffer,
Absent: Alternate Garza

Set/Adjust Agenda

Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None

Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Lake, second by Shaffer, to approve minutes of September 26, 2019. On voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Other Matters to be reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals

- a. Correspondence Received - None
- b. Resolution #ZBA20-01, 2020/2021 Regular Meeting Schedule
MOTION by Benak, second by Halstead to adopt Resolution #ZBA20-01, Meeting Schedule.
Roll call vote: Bowen-yes; Benak-yes; Hooper-yes; Halstead-yes; Lake-yes; Shaffer-yes; Garza-NA
- c. Review of Zoning Board of Appeals By-laws. Discussion: Leave the first regular meeting as January.
Discussion: Section 2.B Add the words Meetings ‘that include a public hearing’ shall be. . .
Discussion: ZBA has granted Use Variances since before February of 2006. Leave the wording as is.
Discussion: Section 2.E by-laws already indicate majority of total membership. Leave the wording.
MOTION by Hooper second by Bowen to approve the by-laws as amended with the words to include Public Hearing Meetings in Section 2.B
- d. Election of Officers, Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
MOTION by Hooper, second by Halstead to keep the officers the same, Bowen as Chair, Halstead as Vice Chair and Lake as Secretary. On voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Report of Planning Commission Representative, Hooper: Planning Commission has been tasked with reviewing the RC 5 acre rule. Looking to get a survey and gather information to make a well informed decision to give a recommendation to the Board. Event Barn ordinance has been in question. We need an ordinance to address it. We are having open houses regularly. Next one will be in April, then July and in the fall. Working on review of the Master Plan.

Report of Township Board Representative, Benak: Just passed the event barn survey on to the PC for their recommendations- that is not first on their agenda. Park renovations, increasing the boat launch, parking, etc. – we received a grant through the DNR. Budget meetings are just getting started. Getting new computers for the clerk, treasurer and supervisor offices. Chief Flynn has applied for and received grants for the Fire Department. Chief Flynn is quite an asset to our community. The Parks and Rec committee is working to get the parks spruced up and signs for the walking trails. Miami Beach Association is taking over their sewer system now that the special assessment has been completed.

Report of Zoning Administrator, Hall: Written report presented with by-law recommendations.

Public Comment: None

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 28, 2020, if it is necessary.

Adjournment: 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary, Lois MacLean