

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2014

Call to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Benak, Halstead, Lake, Bowen, Lyons

Also in attendance: Recording Secretary MacLean and Zoning Administrator Habedank.

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes: of 9/26/2013 regular Meeting. Motion to approve by Benak, second by Halstead.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Business Session – New Business

1. Election of officers for 2014/2015. Officers for 2013/2014: Chair=Bowen, Vice Chair=Halstead, Secretary=Lake. Motion by Benak to keep them the same for the 2014/2015 year, second by Lyons. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. 2014/2015 Meeting schedule, Resolution ZBA14-01.

Motion to adopt Resolution ZBA14-01 by Benak, second by Bowen.

Roll call vote

Bowen-yes

Lake-yes

Halstead-yes

Lyons-yes

Benak-yes

Motion Carried. Resolution adopted.

Discussion: Accessory buildings need to be addressed. This is something that is coming to the Zoning Administrator now, regarding “Established Use” as stated in the Ordinance. The property owner needs to establish the plan for future building.

Everyone agrees it would be beneficial to have training in the fall to be kept up to date on issues. This is the legislative body of the township so it is very important. Zoning is important for home values, health, safety, welfare and aesthetics. ZA will get a copy of The Zoning Handbook, by the Michigan Municipal League. Common sense, good judgment and compassion go a long way in making decision. People have a right to a reasonable use of their property.

It is important that site visits are done by members when cases come before this Board.

Call the ZA anytime with any questions.

Adjournment at 7:35

Respectfully Submitted by Recording Secretary MacLean