

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2009, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Chairman, Steve Welch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Welch, Parker, Weatherford, Haskins, Parker, Grantner and Scott.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Strasser, DPW Representative and M. Snow, Clerk's Office.

Scott moved and Weatherford seconded to approve the Regular ZBA Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

1. ZBA #09-20

BY: James Metcalf
5865 Lake Crest
Columbiaville, MI 48421

RE: 3218 Kleinpell

FOR: Residential use in an Industrial zoning,
Church in M-2 zoned area.
(5 votes required)

James Metcalf, 5865 Lake Crest, would like to relocate his Bible study, which is on Dort Hwy to Kleinpell. They are in need of a larger building with more room.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

Mr. Strasser explained the Building Inspector said the building is not set up for Assembly use and would need to be totally revamped to comply with code. There would be a final inspection upon completion.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Weatherford asked if Mr. Metcalf was aware of the cost it would take to bring to code. He said it would not be an issue.

Mr. Parker thought there was too much work involved to bring the building to code but as long as the applicant is aware he would like to give them a chance to do so.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ACTION:

Mr. Parker moved and Weatherford seconded to approve ZBA #09-20. Motion carried 7-0.

2. ZBA #09-21

BY: Jack Leach
1428 LaSalle
Burton, MI

RE: 1428 LaSalle

FOR: To construct a handicap deck/ramp with
overhang at 4' from the south property line.
5' required. (4 votes required)

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Jack Leach, 1428 LaSalle, needs to add one foot to the handicap ramp he is constructing on the south side of the home.

Mr. Strasser recommended approval.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mark Therrian, 4434 Robindale, representing himself and his parents, who live next door, at 1436 LaSalle, supported Mr. Leach in his project.

Mr. Strasser recommended approval.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Mr. Parker expressed his appreciation that Mr. Leach is rebuilding his home in the City.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ACTION:

Mr. Parker moved and Mrs. Parker seconded to approve ZBA #09-21. Motion carried 7-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Snow explained due to budget cuts in the City, the Clerk's office is trying to eliminate spending costs. An earlier start time would cut 3 employees overtime by 1 hour.

Mr. Parker said the Board is here to serve the public and the Council may get feedback regarding residents taking time off to attend the Zoning meetings. He was in favor of the time change.

Mr. Haskins said the start time is set to accommodate the residents. Times earlier than 5:00 were brought up in prior discussion.

Mr. Strasser said the applicant may not have to be present for the meeting. He would check with Attorney Austin on this matter.

Mr. Grantner was in favor of the time change. He suggested Council give up their Health Insurance package, which would save the City much more money than what moving the meeting time earlier would save. The amount of money to support these benefits is unfair to the residents and it does not sit well with many residents he has spoken with. Council gets a payout if not utilizing benefits and sometimes money isn't as important as the message being sent to taxpayers.

Mr. Haskins said it may be difficult to exclude the Council's Health Care, but will take this to the Board for consideration.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on **Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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