

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020 AT 2:00PM**  
**ROOM 135 – COMMISSIONER’S ROOM - CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BUILDING**

**Members Present:** Charles Freese, Ralph Hemmer, John Moore, John Thompson, Nini Sherwood

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Michael Turisk, Jen Merk

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Freese at 7:00pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Freese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was presented. Mr. Freese stated that a request had been received to table the Thomas Finch/Jason Campbell request until June 24th 2020. **Motion** by Mr. Freese seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve tabling the Finch/Campbell request until June 24, 2020 and to approved the revised agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the April 22, 2020 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting were presented. Ms. Sherwood noted two typographical errors in the minutes. **Motion** by Mr. Hemmer seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING & ACTION ON REQUESTS**

**Laura and Jason Mayer** – The applicant requests approval of a 17-ft. setback variance to place a shed onto a vacant waterfront property zoned Lake and Stream Protection (P-LS). Section 17.23.1.g. of the Zoning Ordinance states in part, a minimum 50-ft. setback from water’s edge is required for private storage buildings in the P-LS zoning district. The subject property is located at 1988 Lake Shore Dr. in Mullett Township, Parcel No. 130-029-100-037-00, Section 29.

Ms. Merk reviewed information included in the staff report.

Mr. Freese asked Mr. and Mrs. Mayer if they wanted to add anything to what Ms. Merk had presented. They stated that the material submitted was adequate.

Mr. Freese asked for public comments. Mr. Gouine stated that many other structures in the vicinity are closer to the water than is the proposed storage shed. Public comment closed.

The Zoning Board of Appeals added the following to the General Findings:

10. The storage building to the south of the parcel and the recreational deck to the north are closer than 33ft. to the water’s edge.
11. Most dwellings, storage buildings and other structures along Lake Shore Drive are closer than 33 ft. to the water’s edge.

The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed and approved the Findings of Fact and the Specific Findings of Fact under Section 23.5.4. **Motion** by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the variance request based on the General Findings and the Specific Findings of Fact under Section 23.5.4. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No comments.

**ZBA COMMENTS**

Ms. Sherwood asked whether the application of Mr. Nelson was to be held tonight. Ms. Merk stated that Mr. Nelson had requested that the application be postponed until the June 24, 2020 meeting. Ms. Merk read Mr. Nelson’s email request.

**Motion** by Freese, seconded by Mr. Moore, to revise the agenda to include the tabling of both the Finch/Campbell request and the Nelson request until June 24, 2020. Motion carried unanimously

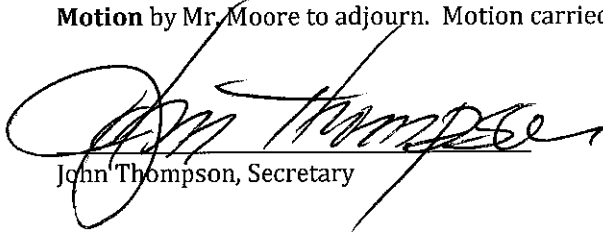
Mr. Turisk provided information on a proposed amendment to the zoning regulation pertaining to temporary regulatory relief in regards to COVID-19. Mr. Turisk explained that the proposed amendments would allow a portion of on-site parking to be used as an outdoor seating area. Mr. Turisk stated that the proposed amendment would also allow for more flexibility in granting administrative extensions of site plans review approvals, special use permits approvals and zoning permits. Mr. Turisk stated that a public hearing is scheduled on July 1, 2020.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments.

**ADJOURN**

**Motion** by Mr. Moore to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.



John Thompson, Secretary