

Erie Township  
Erie, MI  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
October 1, 2024

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Tad Norts called to order the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd., Erie Michigan.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Tad Norts present  
Cheryl Martin present  
Shelly Hahn present  
Dan Bogart present  
Steve Mishka present

Also present: Mike Demski and Recording Secretary Kimberly Cousino

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

**D. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Steve Mishka moved, supported by Dan Bogart to appoint Tad Norts as chairman. Tad Norts accepted the appointment. Motion carried.

Tad Norts moved, supported by Shelly Hahn to appoint Steve Mishka as vice chairman. Steve Mishka accepted the appointment. Motion carried.

Steve Mishka moved, supported by Shelly Hahn to appoint Kimberly Cousino as the recording secretary for the zoning board of appeals. Kimberly Cousino accepted the appointment. Motion carried.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 15, 2023**

Steve Mishka moved, supported by Shelly Hahn to approve the minutes as presented for the May 15, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT**

Cheryl Martin moved, supported by Steve Mishka to approve and place on file the revenue and expense report as presented. Motion carried.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

Steve Mishka moved, supported by Shelly Hahn to accept and place on file the memo from building department regarding the appeal, dated 8-23-2024.

**F. BUSINESS**

1. Appeal # 24-033-035-00 by John Harmon, 7352 Suder Ave., Erie MI, for the appeal addresses of 7352 Suder Ave, Erie, MI., who is requesting a variance from Erie Township Zoning Ordinance #117, as amended: Article 10, Table 10-4 Accessory Building Requirements for Conservation Districts, to construct a Post-Frame accessory building with less than the required side setback of 50 feet from the dwelling (for a building larger than the dwelling). The proposed setback from the dwelling is 30 feet.

The property is identified as:

Parcel Number 58-05-033-035-00 in the AC –Agricultural Conservation district.

Property Address 7352 Suder Ave. – Between Sterns and Lotus Roads.

There was no public present to offer comments.

Mr. Harmon stated his plan is to construct the outbuilding thirty feet from his home, instead of the required fifty feet to avoid his leach field. There is adequate space beyond the leach field to construct the building size he desires, but it would be a farther walking distance. Discussion was held, committee members presented questions to Mr. Harmon.

Steve Mishka moved, supported by Cheryl Martin to deny the variance request strictly on the fact that the applicant does not meet all of the required findings, specifically A and B, in Zoning Ordinance 117, Article 6.05, section (c) Variances. Roll called; Shelly Hahn – yes, Tad Norts – yes, Steve Mishka – yes, Cheryl Martin – yes, Dan Bogart – yes. Motion carried, the appeal is denied.

**G. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

Steve Mishka moved, supported by Cheryl Martin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Kimberly Cousino  
Recording Secretary