

**ADA TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020, SPECIAL MEETING**

A Special meeting of the Ada Township Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 4:30 p.m., via video/audio-conferencing, in conformance with Public Act 228 of 2020 concerning temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dixon at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Burton, Dixon, McNamara, Smith

Members absent: Nuttall

Staff present: Bajdek, Buckley, Ferro, Suchy

Public: 10

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Smith, supported by Burton, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by roll call vote 4-0, with 1 absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by McNamara, supported by Burton, to approve the December 1, 2020 Meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed by roll call vote 4-0, with 1 absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Request for Variance from Private Road Standards to allow a new parcel to have access to a private road (Baer Dr.) which does not meet roadway width, easement width, or grade standards and does not have a recorded maintenance agreement, 201 Honey Creek Ave. NE, Ryan LaHaie for Emily Dietrich**

Ferro presented an email/letter received on Saturday, December 19, 2020, from Sara Lachman, Attorney representing Ryan LaHaie. Ms. Lachman's email said Mr. LaHaie has decided to withdraw his Application for Variance Request at this time.

Ferro said a motion to receive and file Mr. LaHaie's withdrawal communication is recommended.

Moved by McNamara, supported by Burton, to receive and file the variance withdrawal communication from Ryan LaHaie. Motion passed by roll call vote 4-0, with 1 absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Emily Dietrich asked for the opportunity to clarify the series of events and said she wants to understand why this seems like an inappropriate request for the property with the road already going right through it.

Ferro responded, from a Zoning perspective our Zoning rules state that any newly created parcel must have access that conforms with current standards for private roads and Baer Drive does not conform with several of the standards thereby necessitating the need for a variance. Ferro stated the expectation of the Township is that they pursue an access using the easement shown on the Land Division application.

Ben Schaal shared concern about the current condition and activity on the private road and offered to share several images he had taken. Ferro stated Mr. Schaal could email the images to him and he would be happy to share them with the Zoning Board.

Public comments closed at 4:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by McNamara, supported by Smith, to adjourn meeting at 4:41 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Smith
Ada Township Clerk

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