

ATTICA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

July 14th, 2011

At a meeting of the Attica Township Zoning Board of Appeals held on the 14th day of July, 2011 at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI, 48412, the following members were present: Carol Eisenhardt, William Winslow, Elaine Thayer, Richard Lacey and Kent Giermann. Absent: None. Also present: Attorney Michael Gildner and the public per the attached sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Kent Giermann.

MOTION by Winslow, seconded by Thayer to appoint Kent Giermann to the position of Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board having reviewed the last meeting minutes of November 12, 2010 and there being no corrections, additions or deletions:

MOTION by Thayer, seconded by Eisenhardt to approve the November 12th, 2010 Zoning Board of Appeal minutes. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairperson Giermann opened the meeting to consider the request of **Guido & Joan Mattiacci** to be granted a variance under Section 1200 of the Attica Township Zoning Ordinance, for a set back variance of 5 feet from the edge of Springer Lane in order to build a garage for a handicap vehicle.

Land situated in the Township of Attica, Lapeer County, Michigan, described as:

T7NR11E Springer Park Lots 12 & 13

Across the road from 271 Springer Lane, Attica, Michigan 48412

Joan Mattiacci described the location of the proposed garage in relation to the road and mailboxes.

Neighbor, Kerry Curvey, of 267 Springer Lane stated that she feels there is plenty of room on the Mattiacci's property to build the garage further away from the road and that furthermore she feels it would be difficult to back out of her driveway with the proposed garage built so close to the road. Ms. Curvey also stated that she is also objecting to the location of the proposed garage because it will make snow removal difficult and make it difficult for emergency vehicles to maneuver. Ms. Curvey brought photos of the proposed location of the garage.

Springer Park Association Board member, Kim Davies, stated that the Park Association Board has been working hard to make properties more accessible to fire and emergency vehicles by cutting back brush to widen the roadways and she is concerned about putting a building so close to the road.

There was lengthy discussion between ZBA members, Guido and Joan Mattiacci, Kerry Curvey, Attorney Gildner and Supervisor Ochadleus.

There being no further comments from the Zoning Board of Appeals:

MOTION by Eisenhardt seconded by Thayer to grant a variance to **Guido & Joan Mattiacci** under Section 1200 of the Attica Township Zoning Ordinance to place a garage with a total setback of 10 feet from the edge of Springer Lane contingent on Zoning Administrator Fackler's approval. A role call vote was taken. Winslow: Aye; Thayer: Aye; Lacey: Aye; Eisenhardt: Aye and Giermann: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business before the Zoning Board of Appeals, **MOTION** by Lacey, seconded by Eisenhardt to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Kent Giermann Chairperson

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary