

ATTICA TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES OF THE  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
August 11, 2016

At a meeting of the Attica Township Zoning Board of Appeals held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016 at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI, 48412, the following members were present: Kent Gierman, Elaine Thayer and Richard Lacey. Absent: Bill Winslow and Carol Eisenhardt. Also present: The public per the attached sheet.

Chairman Gierman opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. to consider the request of Timothy Thorsen for a variance to build an accessory building without meeting the setback requirements and will not meet the requirements for door placement or the requirements for sitting in front of the house on the property in the R-1 district. The property in question is located at 367 North Point Drive, Attica MI 48412. Mr. Thorsen explained that the road goes down the middle of the property and the front of the house faces the lake. There was lengthy discussion among the zoning board, Timothy Thorsen and Elaine Thorsen of 367 North Point, Cindy Goerletz of 4775 Northway. Patrice Avery and Brent Avery of 375 North Point, Joe Giroux of 334 Elk Lake Rd and Joanne McDonald of 387 North Point. Brent Avery and Joanne McDonald each wrote a letter (attached) stating their objection to of the proposed accessory building.

Chairman Gierman reviewed Mr. Thorsen's request for a variance. There was discussion.

**MOTION** by Thayer to deny Timothy Thorsen's request to construct a 24 foot x 27 foot accessory building on property zoned R-1 One-Family Residential and located at 367 North Point Drive without meeting the requirements for setbacks, accessory building placement, and accessory doors placement in the R-1 district. The variance is denied due to the following reasons:

- a) It cannot meet front and rear setback requirements in the R-1 district.
- b) It will sit in front of the house no matter where it faces, which is in direct violation of Section 5.1.3F.ii
- c) The doors of the accessory building will face the street in all cases, which is in direct violation of Section 5.1.3.F.v.

- d) Health safety and welfare issue.

Seconded by Lacey. A roll call vote was taken. Lacey: Aye ; Thayer: Aye and Gierman: Aye. Ayes: All (3). Nays: None (0). Absent: Two: (Eisenhardt and Winslow). **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board having reviewed the last meeting minutes of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and there being no corrections, additions or deletions:

**MOTION** by Thayer, seconded by Lacey to approve the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeal minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All (3); Nays: None (0). Absent: Two (Eisenhardt and Winslow). **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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Kent Gierman, Chairman

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Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary