

ATTICA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
January 10, 2019

At a meeting of the Attica Township Zoning Board of Appeals held on the 10th day of January, 2019 at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI, 48412, the following members were present: Kent Gierman, Elaine Thayer, Carol Eisenhardt, Bill Winslow and Richard Lacey. Absent: None. Also present; Attorney Mike Gildner and the public per the sign in sheet attached.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Gierman opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. to reconsider the request of Paul Pelto and Bethany Pelto for a variance from the zoning ordinance to build an addition onto their home which does not meet the required setbacks in the R-1 Residential District. The property is located at 131 Sunset Hills Drive, Attica, MI 48412. (Parcel ID #44-003-010-033-00)

Mrs. Pelto stated that the reason for the request is that she has back problems and cannot go up and down stairs any more. There was discussion.

Chairman Gierman closed the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

VARIANCE REQUEST MOTION:

There was discussion.

MOTION by Eisenhardt, seconded by Thayer to grant a variance request to Paul Pelto and Bethany Pelto of 131 Sunset Hills Drive, Attica, MI 48412 (44-003-010-033-00) for a zoning variance to the minimum side yard setback in the R-1 Residential District. The variance is granted for a 16 foot by 18 foot addition situated in line with the south line of the house due to the owner's handicap. A roll call vote was taken. Eisenhardt: Aye; Thayer: Aye; Lacey: Nay; Winslow: Nay and Gierman: Nay. Ayes: Two (Eisenhardt and Thayer). Nays: Three (Lacey, Winslow and Gierman). Absent: None (0). **MOTION FAILED.**

MOTION by Winslow, seconded by Lacey to grant the request of Paul Pelto and Bethany Pelto of 131 Sunset Hills Drive, Attica, MI 48412 (44-003-010-033-00) for a zoning variance to the minimum side yard setback in the R-1 Residential District as requested. The variance is granted due to the narrow lot, health issues of the applicant as well as the fact that there is plenty of

room on the lot to expand the home without causing issues for the neighbors. This is a one story addition without a basement. A roll call vote was taken. Eisenhardt: Nay; Thayer: Nay; Lacey: Aye; Winslow: Aye and Gierman: Aye. Ayes: Three (Winslow, Lacey, Gierman). Nays: Two (Thayer and Eisenhardt). Absent: None (0). **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2018 MEETING:

MOTION by Thayer, seconded by Eisenhardt, to approve the November 29, 2018 regular Board meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business before the Zoning Board of Appeals, **MOTION** by Eisenhardt, seconded by Thayer to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Kent Gierman, Chairman

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary