

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2010, 5:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Chairman Steve Welch called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Weatherford, Parker, Welch, Bennett, Parker, Haskins and Grantner.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: A. Frost, DPW Representative and M. Snow, Clerk's Office.

Weatherford moved and Grantner seconded to approve Regular ZBA Meeting minutes of June 17, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

1. ZBA #10-09

BY: Rick Plite
2255 N. Vassar
Burton, MI 48509

RE: Parcel #59-01-526-028

FOR: To construct a 24' x 48' pole barn located in
the front yard. (4 votes required)

Rick Plite, 2255 N. Vassar, said there is no room on his property due to the layout of the home. His house sits perpendicular to the road.

Mr. Welch read letters from Patrick O'Reilly, 6474 Pinebrook and Virginia Matter, 6412 Pinebrook, who were in opposition of the variance.

Ms. Frost said the barn would not exceed the square footage. The issue is that it would be in the front yard. She recommended approval.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Mr. Parker asked what would be used to side the barn and Mr. Plite replied he would be using sheet siding.

Mr. Parker prefers it to be more aesthetically pleasing. He asked if Mr. Plite would be adding a driveway from the barn. Mr. Plite said he would enlarge the existing drive.

Mr. Welch asked if the barn could be built closer to the existing shed.

Mr. Grantner said the footage is fine, but the way it will fit in after completion troubles him.

Mr. Bennett suggested a roof other than steel so it might look more desirable.

Mr. Plite said there would be 2 ft. overhangs on the barn and he would not have to re-shingle the roof if it is steel, which saves him money.

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ACTION:

Mrs. Parker moved and Bennett seconded to approve ZBA #10-09. Motion failed, 3-4.
Weatherford, Terry Parker, Grantner, Welch-voted no.

2. ZBA #10-10

BY: Joseph Tennant
1369 Audrey
Burton, MI

RE: Parcel #59-14-577-025

FOR: To have 4 adult dogs. 2 adult dogs allowed.
(5 votes required)

Joseph Tennant, 1369 Audrey, explained the dogs are his wife's companions. He has redone all the fencing on the property so the dogs would not be tempted to bark at people passing by. He keeps up after the dogs and asked that they be able to remain at the home. He has a sheet of paper with all of his neighbor's signatures saying they are in favor of him keeping the dogs.

Ms. Frost received a complaint from a neighbor, but none have showed in the audience to oppose. The complaint did not specify why they were opposing the variance. She suggested putting the stipulation that after the dogs pass, the owners can only have up to 2 dogs at a time rather than making them get rid of 2 of them. She recommended approval.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Mr. Welch talked to surrounding neighbors. They are in favor of the variance.

Mr. Grantner asked the ages of the older dogs. Mr. Tennant said they are around 8 and 10 years.

Mr. Haskins commended on the work done on the fencing to contain the dogs and noise.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ACTION:

Haskins moved and Mr. Parker seconded to approve ZBA #10-10. Motion carried 6-1, with Weatherford voting no.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming "Marijuana Law" that will go before the Planning Commission and terms ending for Board members.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on **Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.

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