

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION**  
**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
**Regular Meeting**

A special meeting of the Charter Township of Zoning Board of Appeals was held on January 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Union Township Hall.

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

Present: Bryan Mielke, Andy Theisen, and Tim Warner

Excused: Jake Hunter

**Others Present**

Peter Gallinat & Jennifer Loveberry

Alternates: John Zerbe and Taylor Sheahan-Stahl

Chair Warner called alternates John Zerbe and Taylor Sheahan-Stahl to the table to have a complete board for the meeting.

Theisen nominated himself to act as Vice-Secretary for the January 2019 and February 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals meetings. Per the by-laws, Officers will be elected for 2019 at the March meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Theisen moved Gross supported the approval of the December 5, 2018 minutes as presented.**

**Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays 0. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence / Board Reports**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Mielke moved Sheahan-Stahl supported to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays 0. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment: Restricted to (3) minutes regarding issues not on this Agenda**

Open – 7:05 p.m.

No comments were offered.

**New Business**

- Theisen stated prior to the Agenda Item that his business is working on the property in a separate area not related with tonight's variance; however, felt that he should as if a recusal would be necessary. No action needed.
  
- A. **Variance 2019-01 Variance for one freestanding elevated sign exceeding height (2ft) and quantity allowed (1). Located at 3046 Jen's Way, Mt. Pleasant, MI Owner: McGuirk Mini Storage**

**Public Hearing**

Public Hearing – open 7:06 p.m.

Terri Sommerville, 810 Liberty Dr., Representing Arboretum Apartments – concerns with additional lighting

Tad Richards, 688 Trillium Circle – concerns with additional lighting

Public Hearing – closed 7:10 p.m.

Tim Bebee CMS&D, on behalf of McGuirk Mini Storage, Inc., stated that the applicant is asking for quantity – 1 additional free-standing sign and an additional 2ft height variance of the said sign.

Discussion was held by the ZBA board.

**Sheahan-Stahl** moved **Zerbe** supported to deny Variance 2019-01 request for an additional free-standing sign per section 5.8c, stated reasoning that all of section 5.8c 1a-e does not meet any of the criteria that would allow the variance. Also stating that the request for an additional 2ft height variance of said sign would be moot, as sign is denied. **Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Township Planner, Gallinat stated that there would be a 21-day appeal period before the decision is final. Starting after the minutes are approved at the next scheduled meeting in February 2019.

**Other Business**

**Extended Public Comment**

Open 7:49 p.m.

No comments were offered.

**Final Board Comment**

**Adjournment**

Chair Warner adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

**APPROVED BY:**



**Jake Hunter – Secretary**  
**Andy Theisen – Vice Secretary**

*(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)*