

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION
Zoning Board of Appeals
Regular Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Union Zoning Board of Appeals was held on March 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

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

Brown moved Buckley supported to appoint Liz Presnell as Acting Chair for the meeting. Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Roll Call

Present:

Brown, Buckley, Coyne, LaBelle, Loose, and Presnell

Excused:

Barz

Others Present

Rodney Nanney, Community and Economic Development Department Director, Peter Gallinat, Zoning Administrator, and Tera Green, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Agenda

Buckley moved LaBelle supported to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Correspondence / Board Reports

None

Approval of Minutes

LaBelle moved Coyne supported to approve the December 7, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: 6. 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.

Closed – 7:05 p.m.

New Business

A. Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary)

Brown moved Buckley supported to appoint Liz Presnell as Chair of the ZBA. Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Coyne moved Brown supported to appoint Brandon LaBelle as Vice-Chair of the ZBA. **Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays 0. Motion carried.**

Buckley moved Brown supported to appoint Eric Loose as Secretary of the ZBA. **Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays 0. Motion carried.**

B. Training Work Session – MTA Module Follow-up Discussion
Discussion by the Board.

- C. Introduction of Updated Section 14.4 (Zoning Board of Appeals)**
- a. Introduction by Staff
 - b. Board Member Questions

Nanney introduced the amendments to Section 14.4 (Variances and Appeals) made to correct inconsistencies with sections 601, 603, and 604 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, to correct discrepancies in the application requirements, and to clarify and expand upon the variance criteria.

Discussion by the Board.

Other Business

Buckley reported that the Planning Commission approved a motion to open the Master Plan for a 5-year review.

Nanney reported a possible variance to come before the ZBA in May.

Extended Public Comment: Restricted to 5 minutes regarding any issue.

Open: 7:47 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 7:47 p.m.

Final Board Comment

Presnell – Welcomed the new faces to the ZBA Board.

Brown – Thanked the members for stepping up to fill the officer positions.

Buckley – Commented on how accessible the ZBA Boards personal contact information is and to be mindful before communicating with applicants.

Adjournment

Chair Presnell adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Eric Loose – Secretary

(Recorded by Tera Green)