

## Hopkins Township Board of Appeals Minutes of Special Meeting June 23, 2008

Members present: Lori Castello, Bruce Modreske, Tom MacArthur, Doug Hills and Carol Levandoski

Guests present: John A. Nowak, Phil Iciek, Julie Makarewicz (GR Press).

Location: 142 East Main Street, Hopkins, MI 49328

Meeting called to order: 7:01pm Meeting Adjourned: 8:32pm

### New Business:

1. Consider a variance petition from Hopkins Township for relief from the Ag. Zoning District to allow the donation and development of a Township Park. The property is located on 135<sup>th</sup> Ave. between 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets, parent parcel number 0310-001-009-00.

Discussion: Hills indicated that the township has no plans to develop at this time; this piece of land is nice with the river running through it. Castello indicated that this split will leave the parent parcel with 288' road frontage on 136<sup>th</sup> Ave. and currently no residence on the parent parcel.

MacArthur presented a letter received from Gail George with objections to receiving the parcel for a township park. See attached correspondence. Castello and Modreske indicated that Mrs. Hakken raised concerns about flooding on the parcel. Castello thanked Mr. Nowak for the generous donation to the township.

Motion to approve the variance request and allow the donation of land for a township park was made by Castello, supported by Hills.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

Motion to recognize the parent parcel with 288' road frontage as a buildable parcel was made by Hills, supported by Castello.

Ayes – 4, Nays – 1

2. Request from Kirk Sharphorn for clarification on decision made in June 2004 for variance request from Steve Yetman for relief from front yard setback on parcel 0310-032-014-00.

Board members recall the variance was approved in regards to the exceptional setback based on an unsuitable building site within the normal setback with two conditions:

1. the driveway needs to support essential services vehicles, and
2. the culvert for the driveway should be in accordance with the county drain commissioner's recommendations.

Old Business:

Minutes from November 13, 2007 were read.

Motion to approve minutes as written was made by Castello, supported by Levandoski.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

Board of Appeals officer selection for 2008.

Motion to keep current officers in place for 2008 was made by Castello, supported by Modreske.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

Motion to adjourn at 8:32pm was made by Levandoski, supported by Modreske.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

Next scheduled meeting is August 12, 2008. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Levandoski