

Hopkins Township Board of Appeals Minutes of Quarterly Meeting, Nov 29, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom MacArthur, Chairman
Doug Hills, Member
Bruce Modreske, Member
Carol Levandoski, Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: See attached sign in sheet.

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

NEW BUSINESS CONDUCTED:

1. At 7:30, to consider a Special Land Use Variance petition from Louis Bartz, Bartz Enterprises, to allow for the retail sales, as defined in the State of Michigan Vehicle Dealer process, in the Industrial District, for the purpose of operating businesses as they are now. Approximate locations of properties are 3312 12th Street.

Meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Chairman, Tom MacArthur

Neighbors expressed concern about possibility of business being expanded beyond it's current configuration. Lighting and traffic concerns were expressed along with building along property borders for new or expansion of existing businesses. Board members directed the neighbors to attend the Planning Commission meetings to express their concerns and to have a voice in the design of their community.

The board explained that tonight's meeting was only to address the special use variance for existing business and no new business or construction or expansion of existing businesses or rezoning. Residents indicated that the mailing that they received were a bit confusing because the map drawn showed all the land that bordered theirs and not the part that was just zoned industrial.

MOTION to approve the Special Land Use Variance to the current owners of Bartz Enterprises and is renewable annually by the township Zoning Administrator until the business changes ownership was made by Doug Hills, supported by Bruce Modreske.

Motion passed: 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Levandoski