

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
APPROVED MINUTES
June 21, 2023

The meeting was held at Highland Township Auditorium, 205 N. John St., Highland, Michigan, 48357.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

David Gerathy, Chairman
Michael Borg, Vice Chairman
Anthony Raimondo, Secretary
Grant Charlick - absent
Peter Eichinger
Robert Hoffman
John Jickling
(Alternate) Mary Michaels

Kariline P. Littlebear, Zoning Administrator

Visitors: 0

Mr. Gerathy, Chair, welcomed the board members as there was no audience present. The alternate participated in the meeting in place of the absent regular member.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Mr. Gerathy noted that there was no audience present and moved on to the next agenda item.

MINUTES:

Mrs. Michaels made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2023, as corrected. Mr. Borg supported the motion, and it carried with a unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Gerathy stated that he was concerned that Mr. Hoffman's text communication with the applicant for 23-09 at the last meeting could be considered ex parte communication and a violation of the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Hoffman felt that it was not ex parte communication because he used the ZBA application to find the applicant's phone number and texted him during the public meeting to ask if he was going to make it to the meeting. Mr. Gerathy and Mr. Borg asked that staff look into this type of situation for clarification. Mrs. Littlebear stated that she will review the ZBA bylaws, the ordinance, the Open Meetings Act, and check with the township attorney if necessary.

Mr. Jickling stated that one of his neighbors, Brian Rand, will be on the agenda for the next meeting so he will need to recuse himself for that case.

Mrs. Littlebear stated that she had been informed that a new recording sound system will be installed in the auditorium soon but she wasn't given a date yet.

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ADJOURN:

At 7:48 p.m., Mrs. Michaels made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Raimondo supported the motion, and it was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Raimondo
Secretary
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