

Blendon Township  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
August 29, 2022

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 7:00 pm by Chairman Bruce Costen.
2. **Roll Call: PRESENT:**
  - Bruce Costen
  - Dave Hovingh
  - Randy Glass
  - Brett Huizenga
3. **Also Attending:**
  - a) Steve Kushion – Zoning Administrator
  - b) Andrew Moore – Planning Consultant
4. **Motion to approve the agenda** was made by Dave Hovingh, support by Brett Huizenga.

Motion Carried 4-0
5. **Motion to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes, dated February 7, 2022,** was made by Dave Hovingh, support by Brett Huizenga.

Motion Carried 4-0
6. **New Business:**
  - a) **Election of Board Secretary:**
    - **Motion to elect Randy Glass as the Secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals** was made by Bruce Costen, support by Brett Huizenga.

Motion Carried 4-0
  - b) **Matt Boetsma Variance Request:**
    - Public Hearing for the request of Matt Boetsma for a variance from section 15.03.02(c) of the Blendon Township Zoning Ordinance, to allow for the construction of an accessory building with the total area of the accessory building exceeding the total square foot area of the ground floor of the main building on the property.
    - **Motion to open the public hearing at 7:05 pm** was made by Dave Hovingh, support by Randy Glass.

Motion Carried 4-0
    - Applicant was in attendance.
      - Applicant represented by Julie Boetsma
      - Both applicant and representative stated the reason for the variance request.
    - Public Comment:
      - John Zandstra
        - 5883 – 64<sup>th</sup> Ave
        - Supports the location of the house on the property.
    - **Motion to close the public hearing at 7:05 pm** was made by Dave Huizenga, support by Randy Glass.

Motion Carried 4-0

- Township Planner, Andrew Moore, highlighted his staff report memorandum to the board.
- Discussion was had by the members of the ZBA on whether the existing barns would be considered accessory buildings or would they be considered AG barns since they are used for cows and hay and are located in the AG-zoning district, therefore making them exempt from zoning ordinances.
- ***Motion made by Bruce Costen, support by Dave Hovingh, to take no action on Matt Boetsma's application for a variance based on the determination that the existing buildings on the parcel are AG buildings and therefore not subject to Section 15.03.02(c) of the Blendon Township Zoning Ordinance.***

Motion Carried 4-0

#### 7. Adjournment:

- a) With no further business brought before the board, a ***motion was made Brett Huizenga, support by Dave Hovingh, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.***

Recorded by Tina Vander Schuur  
Submitted by Randy Glass, Secretary