

Hayes Township
Zoning Board of Appeals
January 11, 2023 10:00 am
Hayes Township Hall
09195 Major Douglas Sloan Road
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
Zoom id: 840 4420 7655

The January 11, 2023, meeting of the Hayes Township Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order by Chair Thomas Darnton at 10:00 am.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Darnton (Chair), Doug Kuebler (Board of Trustee Rep), Rex Greenslade (Planning Commission Representative), Janice Vender-Whipple and Bruce Deckinga. Rod Slocum (Alternate) also present.

ALSO PRESENT: Kristin Baranski (Recording Secretary/ Clerk) April Hilton (Deputy Clerk), Ron Van Zee (Zoning Administrator)

Audience Members Signed In: Mr. Harmon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Darnton led the Pledge of Allegiance

INTRODUCTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) MEMBERS: All present ZBA members introduced themselves.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Deckinga made a motion, with support from Mr. Greenslade, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Bruce Deckinga, Tom Darnton, Rex Greenslade, and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

REVIEW AND APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2022:

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, with support from Mr. Greenslade, to approve the October 24, 2022 minutes as presented.

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Tom Darnton, Bruce Deckinga, Rex Greenslade, and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mr. Deckinga made a motion, supported by Ms. Vender-Whipple to open nominations for chair.

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Bruce Deckinga, Rex Greenslade, and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: None

Recused: Tom Darnton

Motion Carried

Mr. Deckinga made a motion, supported by Ms. Vender-Whipple to nominate Tom Darton as Chair of the ZBA. A roll call was taken.

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Bruce Deckinga, Rex Greenslade, and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: None

Recused: Tom Darnton

Motion Carried

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Mr. Deckinga to close nominations for chair.

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Bruce Deckinga, Rex Greenslade, and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: None

Recused: Tom Darnton

Motion Carried

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Mr. Deckinga to open nominations for Vice-Chair.

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Bruce Deckinga, Rex Greenslade, Tom Darnton and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ms. Vender-Whipple made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to nominate Bruce Deckinga to Vice-Chair of the ZBA.

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Rex Greenslade, Tom Darnton and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Recused: Bruce Deckinga.

Nays: None

Mr. Deckinga excused himself from the position.

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Mr. Deckinga made a motion, supported by Mr. Greenslade to nominate Janice Vender-Whipple to Vice-Chair of the ZBA.

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Bruce Deckinga, Rex Greenslade, and Tom Darnton.

Recused: Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Mr. Deckinga to close nominations for Vice-Chair of the ZBA.

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Bruce Deckinga, Rex Greenslade, and Tom Darnton.

Recused: Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Mr. Greenslade made a motion, supported by Mr. Deckinga the ZBA minutes submitted by Kristin Baranski (clerk) are excellent.

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Bruce Deckinga, Rex Greenslade, Tom Darnton, and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Ms. Vender-Whipple for the Clerk to continue serving as the ZBA Recording Secretary.

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Bruce Deckinga, Rex Greenslade, and Tom Darnton.

Recused: Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ITEM: WHETHER TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF RULES AND PROCEDURES:

Janice Vender-Whipple, Rod Slocum, and Bruce Deckinga will work on new procedures as a subcommittee. Focusing on ways to make meetings more efficient and decrease the amount of paperwork the ZBA must read through for a ZBA hearing. Specifically, an outline for the

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applicate to identify their purpose for the hearing, summarize their statement, and include documentation for support. The goal for this is to be concise and avoid future abstract request of the ZBA members.

Mr. Darton made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to approve a subcommittee to review ZBA Rules and Procedures and to provide recommendations for updating rules to better serve the public, township staff and the members of the ZBA with respect to matters coming before us.

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Bruce Deckinga, Rex Greenslade, Tom Darnton, and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Deckinga made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to adjourn at 11:25 am.

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Bruce Deckinga, Rex Greenslade, Tom Darnton, and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Baranski
Hayes Township Clerk/Recording Secretary