

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING
HAYES TOWNSHIP
9195 MAJOR DOUGLAS SLOAN ROAD
CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN 49720
July 23, 2025
7:00 PM
AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83141540092?pwd=8B9u2ffX3izb5t85jekpgxyEjDjsre.1>

Meeting ID: 831 4154 0092

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1. Chair calls meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction of Zoning Board Members
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
5. Approval of March 26, 2025 meeting minutes
6. Public Comment- Non Agenda Items
7. Chair Opens Public Hearing – 6995 Birdland Dr. (Yates, Bill and Pamela)
Variance Request
 - a) Zoning Administrator introduces case and presents exhibits
 - b) Petitioner is recognized (and/or Agent) and puts forth case
 - c) Board Members report on their site inspections, if any, and ask questions they may have of Petitioner (and/or Agent). At this time discussion may take place between Petitioner and Board Members
 - d) Chair opens Public Comment
 - e) Correspondence acknowledged
 - f) Chair closes Public Comment
 - g) Review of applicable Section of Hayes Township Ordinance
 - h) Review and discussion of Finding of Fact
 - i) Motion and Roll Call Vote
8. Chair Closes Public Hearing
9. Zoning Board of Appeals Member Comment
10. Adjournment

Public Comment at Meetings of Hayes Township Zoning Board of Appeals

The Hayes Township Zoning Board of Appeals values public input and offers two opportunities for public comment near the beginning and end of its meetings. If you speak, however, you should not expect to engage board members or staff in discussion or debate.

ZBA members will not respond to comments made during public comment except to ask a clarifying question, correct an error, or provide specific factual information.

Public comment is recognized by the Michigan Open Meetings Act. The Act allows public bodies to adopt rules for orderly comment. To that end, the following rules have been adopted by the Hayes Township Zoning Board of Appeals:

1. A person wishing to speak will so indicate on the sign in sheet. Zoom attendees can indicate they would like to speak by raising their hand icon. Individuals attending in person will be called on first.
2. The person will begin by stating their name, spelling it if requested.
3. The speaker addresses the Chairperson, or other person chairing the meeting, on behalf of the entire board. Public comment should not be addressed to individual ZBA members or township staff, or to other members of the audience.
4. There is a three (3) minute time allotment for each speaker. The time limit may be extended by the Chairperson or majority of the board. A person may only speak once during a comment period. Audience members may not 'donate' their time to another speaker.
5. A speaker will be out of order if s/he is disruptive, speaks longer than the allotted time, uses vulgarities or makes a personal attack on a ZBA member or township employee that is unrelated to the performance of that person's duties.
6. A speaker ruled out of order will not be allowed to speak again at the same meeting except by special permission of the board.
7. The chair has the discretion to permit audience members to speak at times other than during public comment.

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The March 26th, 2025, Public Hearing meeting of the Hayes Township Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order by Chair Janice Vedder-Whipple at 7:00 pm. at the Hayes Township Hall, 09195 Old US 31 N., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rod Slocum, Janice Vedder-Whipple, Doug Kuebler, Joni Hosler and Rex Greenslade.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Deckinga and Jessica Perry (alternate)

ALSO PRESENT: April Hilton (Recording Secretary/Deputy Clerk) Ron VanZee (Zoning Administrator)

Audience: Deb Narten, Danielle Hutchinson, Bill Conklin, Matt Cunningham, LuAnne Kozma, Ellis Boal, Mark Snyder, CT Martin, Stephanie Baldwin, Michael Branan, Jeff Collins, Tim Boyko, Roy Griffiths, Mel Czechowski, Betty Henne, Steve Hassell, and Howard Warner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ms. Vedder-Whipple (Chair) opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

INTRODUCTION OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) MEMBERS:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rod Slocum, Janice Vedder-Whipple, Doug Kuebler, Joni Hosler and Rex Greenslade.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Deckinga and Jessica Perry (alternate)

REVIEWED AGENDA:

Mr. Slocum made a motion, supported by Mr. Greenslade, to approve the agenda.
Yeas: Rod Slocum, Joni Hosler, Doug Kuebler, Janice Vedder-Whipple and Rex Greenslade.

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8TH, 2025:

Mr. Slocum made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to approve the January 8th 2025 meeting minutes as amended.

Yeas: Rod Slocum, Doug Kuebler, and Janice Vedder-Whipple.

Abstained: Rex Greenslade and Joni Hosler.

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT NON AGENDA ITEMS:

Public Comment Opened at 7:08pm

None

Public Comment Closed at 7:08 pm

CHAIR OPENS PUBLIC HEARING FOR 6995 BIRDLAND DR:

Chair opened the public hearing at 7:09pm.

IDENTIFICATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

NONE

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR INTRODUCES CASE AND PRESENTS EXHIBITS:

In the Matter of: CASE #032625A, Application date of December 12th 2024, Notice posting date of February 24th 2025, Publication date February 27th 2025 in the Petoskey News Review. Notice was sent to all property owners within 300 feet on February 24th 2025.

Applicant and owner is Bill and Pamela Yates, Charlevoix County Property Tax Identification Number 15-007-301-021-25, located on property commonly known as 6995 Birdland Drive Charlevoix MI 49720. Parcel is zoned R1 with approximately 3.47 acres, average width of the parcel is greater than 200 feet and the average length of the parcel is greater than 700 feet. Proposed construction is well below the allowed 15% impervious surface of the R1 district.

The applicant is seeking variances to construct a new conforming single family dwelling. First variance request is a 35 foot variance from the 50 foot water feature (stream) setback requirement in section 3.14,3. to allow construction within 15 feet of the stream.

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Second variance request is a 6 foot variance from the 50 foot water feature (pond) setback requirement in section 3.14.3. to allow construction within 44 feet of the pond. The existing single family residence is non-conforming for front yard setback. Proposed new single family residence meets the 100 foot front yard setback from Lake Charlevoix. Shoreline Protection Strip proposed Site Plan has been submitted to the Shoreland Protection Strip Committee for review. Health Department of Northwest Michigan Approval for well and septic letter dated October 3rd 2024. Charlevoix County Soil Erosion Permit # PS2024-0111 issued 10/26/2024.

PETITIONER IS RECOGNIZED (AND/OR AGENT) AND PUTS FORTH CASE:

Michael Branan from Glennwood Construction, presented the variance need to the ZBA. - Mr. Branan stated they are requesting a variance, due to the lot being very difficult to build on without one, due to the property having Lake Charlevoix 100 foot setback, as well as a stream and pond set back. They applicants are staying outside of the 100 foot setback to Lake Charlevoix which then causes it to be very difficult to meet the setbacks of the pond and stream. The family that purchased the property is growing and they will need a home of appropriate size. The soil on the lot is another battle for building for they cannot install a basement due to the soil content. Therefore they are requesting a variance to allow for a large enough footprint for the new family, while working with the building challenges. They will be removing the existing home which is within the 100 foot setback of Lake Charlevoix, and the new proposed dwelling is back away from the 100 foot setback of Lake Charlevoix. However it encroaches then on both the pond and stream setbacks. They plan to put in a shoreline protection strip along Lake Charlevoix and 15 feet for the stream as well.

DISCUSSION BETWEEN PETITIONER AND ZBA MEMBERS:

- Ms. Vedder-Whipple clarified it is the structure approaching the stream setback not the protection strip.
- Mr. Branan stated it is lawn to the stream and lake Charlevoix, they plan to restore the shoreland protection strip along the stream and lake Charlevoix.
- Ms. Vedder-Whipple requested information when the existing house was built?
- Mr. Branan stated they are not sure exactly when, however would assume sometime in the 1980's.

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- 99 - Ms. Vedder-Whipple requested information on whether or not the current owners created
100 any of the water features on the parcel.
- 101 - Mr. Branan stated they do not know when the pond was created, however, does appear to be
102 a man made pond. The current owner purchased the property with all the water features on
103 the parcel as they are.
- 104 - Ms. Vedder-Whipple asked if all the water features on the property are connected to each
105 other.
- 106 - Mr. Branan stated it is his understanding that all the water features including the pond are
107 connected to Lake Charlevoix.
- 108 - Ms. Vedder-Whipple stated the other side of the stream consist of wetlands.
- 109 - Ms. Vedder-Whipple requested information of when the current owners of the property
110 became aware of the foundation issues?
- 111 - Mr. Branan stated they were originally hired to remodel the existing home's interior, when
112 assessing they came across the foundation issues with the home.
- 113 - Ms. Vedder-Whipple asked if they will need to do anything special or use any extra materials
114 when constructing the new home to avoid future foundation issues?
- 115 - Mr. Branan stated they will need to use special footers.
- 116 - Mr. Slocum requested if they plan to have the proposed vegetation for the protection
117 strips approved for proper erosion.
- 118 - Mr. Branan stated their landscape architect used deep rutted native plantings when
119 developing the site plan.
- 120 - Mr. Slocum requested more information on the retaining wall materials along Lake
121 Charlevoix and the stream.
- 122 - Mr. Branan stated they have removed that from their plans. They have found the retaining
123 wall is not needed.
- 124 - Mr. Slocum asked how they plan to stabilize the area with the wall removed.
- 125 - Mr. Branan stated it will be a gradual slope.
- 126 - Mr. Greenslade stated when he looks at the proposed plans, he would like to know why the
127 applicants decided to encroach on the stream setback versus the pond setback?
- 128 - Mr. Branan stated the property is an "L" shape. In order to build and still have a view of
129 Lake Charlevoix the house must be placed closer to the stream.

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- Mr. Greenslade stated it would be better if any kind of run off due to a smaller setback to be into a man created water feature such as the pond, instead of the wetland stream that is directly connected to Lake Charlevoix. Also, requested if the existing driveway and parking areas are proposed to stay the same?

- Mr. Branan stated they will only be adjust slightly, staying very close to the same.

CHAIR OPENS PUBLIC COMMENT:

Opened at 7:27 pm

Comments Included:

- Stated they are familiar with the property. Appreciated Mr. Greenslade question for a reason of the house being only 15 feet from the stream.

- Stated they are a part of Protect Lake Charlevoix Shoreland. They feel the applicants are disregarding the set back regulations of the ordinance. Support the shoreland protection plan however feel the applicants are ignoring the importance of the stream. Feel the house should be smaller and set back from both the lake and the stream. Would like to see the Variance request denied.

CHAIR CLOSSES PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment closed at 7:33pm.

REVIEW OF APPLICABLE SECTION OF HAYES TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE:

- Mr. Slocum stated the building envelope outside of the 50 foot setback is particularly small.

- Mr. Branan has tried splitting the difference the setback of the pond and stream however was not practical, without decreasing the proposed size of the home.

-Ms. Vedder-Whipple requested information regarding the soils on the parcel within the setbacks.

- Mr. Branan stated the soil testings that have been conducted at neighboring parcels have shown the soils tend to be messy.

- Ms. Vedder-Whipple commends the applicant for the proposed house conforming to the Lake Charlevoix 100 foot Setback.

- Mr. Branan stated they worked with a landscape architect to create a berm which that plan to construct on the property that will prevent any run off from running into the stream.

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- Mr. Greenslade requested clarification in the run off would be directed towards the pond.
- Mr. Branan stated the run off would be directed towards the 100 foot setback of Lake Charlevoix to then be filtered by the 50 foot protection strip.
- The ZBA members reviewed both section 3.14 Water Front Regulations.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF FINDING OF FACT:

- Discussed the need for the 35 foot variance from the 50 foot water feature setback requirement variance to construct a new single family dwelling unit.
- Ms. Vedder Whipple suggested putting the condition on the variance for the Shoreline Subcommittee to review the project before approval.
- Discussed the need for the 15 foot variance from the 50 foot water feature setback requirement in section 3.14,3.

SECTION 8.07 VARIANCES

1. The need for the requested variance is due to unique circumstances or physical conditions of the property involved that do not generally apply to other properties in the surrounding area and/or zoning district, such as narrowness, shallowness, shape, water, or topography and is not due to the applicant's personal or economic hardship.
 - Mr. Greenslade requested if any of the neighboring properties in the surrounding area have similar issues for development.
 - Mr. Branan stated he has not encountered another piece of property that proposes the challenges for development as this particular parcel is highly unique and difficult.The ZBA came to a consensus that the parcel is an unusual shape with poor soil and has water surrounding four sides of the parcel. The proposed construction is similar to the neighboring houses.
2. The need for the requested variance is not the result of action of the property owner or previous property owners (self-created).
 - Ms. Vedder-Whipple the current owners did not create the pond themselves.
 - Mr. Greenslade stated it was created from a previous property owner, and the current owner purchased the property knowing the pond and stream were located there.Would prefer to see they encroach the pond setback more than the stream setback.

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3. That strict compliance with regulations governing area, setback, frontage, height, bulk, density or other dimensional requirements will unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property for any permitted purpose, or will render conformity with those regulations unnecessarily burdensome.
- Mr. Greenslade stated again the current owner purchased the property knowing the pond and stream were located there.
4. Whether granting the requested variance would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether granting a lesser variance than requested would give a substantial relief to the property owner and be more consistent with justice to other property owners.
- Mr. Greenslade suggested altering the shape of the pond and perhaps move the house closer to the pond setback versus the stream setback.
- Mr. Slocum asked Mr. VanZee if he knew the history of the pond and what the process would be to alter the pond in any way.
- Mr. VanZee stated EGLE does not have any record of the pond being built and if the applicant wanted to alter the pond an EGLE permit would be needed.
- Mr. Greenslade suggested granting a lesser variance than requested would give substantial relief to the property owner and be more consistent with the justice to other property owners.
- Ms. Vedder-Whipple stated they are moving the house back so that it is outside of the 100 foot setback from Lake Charlevoix and planting integrating a substantial about of plantings in the greenbelt as requested.
- Mr. Branan requested the ZBA to consider a variance of perhaps 25 feet of the stream, due to the 50 foot setback makes it near impossible for the applicant to build and still enjoy the views of Lake Charlevoix from their home.
- Mr. Greenslade stated it is not the Zoning Board of Appeal's purpose to trade variances with the applicant. The Zoning Board of Appeals must make a decision on the variance requested by the applicant. After reviewing the Site Plan, the shape of the house submitted does not appear to be constructed to consider the stream setback at all.
- Mr. Slocum stated he agrees with Mr. Greenslade and feels the house was not designed to best fit into the building envelope of the property.

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- Mr. VanZee requested information from the applicant regarding the soil testing they had performed on the parcel and whether or not the placement of the house was determined based on the soil results.

- Mr. Branan stated the soils results did not factor into the development of the proposed house location and design for the soils are poor everywhere on the parcel.

5. That the requested variance will not cause an adverse impact on surrounding property, property values, or the use and enjoyment of property in the neighborhood or Zoning District.

- Mr. Slocum stated allowing the variance that close to the creek could negatively impact the water quality of the surrounding property.

ZBA members discussed the request for a 6 foot variance from the 50 foot water feature (pond) setback requirement in section 3.14,3. To allow construction within 44 feet of the pond.

1. The need for the requested variance is due to unique circumstances or physical conditions of the property involved that do not generally apply to other properties in the surrounding area and/or zoning district, such as narrowness, shallowness, shape, water, or topography and is not due to the applicant's personal or economic hardship.

2. The need for the requested variance is not the result of action of the property owner or previous property owners (self-created).

3. That strict compliance with regulations governing area, setback, frontage, height, bulk, density or other dimensional requirements will unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property for any permitted purpose, or will render conformity with those regulations unnecessarily burdensome.

4. Whether granting the requested variance would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether granting a lesser variance than requested would give a substantial relief to the property owner and be more consistent with justice to other property owners.

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5. That the requested variance will not cause an adverse impact on surrounding property, property values, or the use and enjoyment of property in the neighborhood or Zoning District.

MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Greenslade made a motion, Supported by Mr. Slocum to deny a 35 foot variance from the 50 foot water feature (stream) setback requirement in section 3.14,3. to allow construction within 15 feet of the stream.

Yeas: Rod Slocum, Doug Kuebler, Joni Hosler, Rex Greenslade and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Greenslade made a motion, supported by Mr. Slocum to deny a 6 foot variance from the 50 foot water feature (pond) setback requirement in section 3.14,3. To allow construction within 44 feet of the pond.

Yeas: Rod Slocum, Doug Kuebler, Rex Greenslade, Joni Hosler, and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: **Motion Carried**

CHAIR CLOSES PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Greenslade made a motion, supported by Mr. Slocum to close the Public Hearing at 8:21pm.

Yeas: Rod Slocum, Doug Kuebler, Rex Greenslade, Joni Hosler, and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: **Motion Carried**

CHAIR OPENS PUBLIC HEARING for 07115 BIRDLAND DR:

Chair opened the public hearing at 8:22pm.

IDENTIFICATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None.

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR INTRODUCES CASE AND PRESENTS EXHIBITS:

In the Matter of: CASE #032625B, Application date of January 8th 2025, Notice posting date of February 26th 2025, Publication date March 1th 2025 in the Petoskey News Review. Notice was sent to all property owners within 300 feet on February 26th 2025. Applicant and owner is Lake Living North, Charlevoix County Property Tax Identification Number 15-007-301-018-10, located on property commonly known as 07115 Birdland Drive Charlevoix MI 49720. Parcel is zoned R1 with approximately 1.7 acres it is a legal lot of record, average width of the parcel is greater than 200 feet and the average length of the parcel is greater than 400 feet. Proposed construction is well below the allowed 15% impervious surface of the R1 district.

The applicant is seeking variances to construct a new conforming single family dwelling. First variance request is a 20 foot variance from the 100 foot Lake Charlevoix setback requirement in section 3.14,3. to allow construction within 80 feet of the Lake. Second variance request is a 10 foot by 14 foot rear addition, that meets the current Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance setback requirements, however adds to the spatial dimensions of the nonconforming structure.

Original Structure built prior to the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance. Zoning permits were issued for three additions to the existing structure in 1984 by Hayes Township that the current ordinance does not allow in the front yard setback. The ordinance effective in 1984 had a front and rear yard setback of 25' and greenbelt requirement of 50'.

Section 3.02,2 Nonconformities, "This ordinance shall not prohibit the repair, improvement or moderation of a nonconforming structure to correct deterioration, obsolescence, depreciation and wear, provided the structure's spatial envelope (the building footprint and vertical profile) remains the same."

Shoreline Protection Strip proposed Site Plan will need to be submitted to the Shoreland Protection Strip Committee for review.

-Mr. Greenslade requested clarification on the front yard set-backs in 1984 when the additions were built.

-Mr. VanZee stated the Front yard setback, which is the lake side setback, in 1984 was 25 feet.

- Ms. Vedder-Whipple requested clarification from which point of the house is the setback measured.

-Mr. VanZee clarified the set back is measured from the eve of the house.

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PETITIONER IS RECOGNIZED (AND/OR AGENT) AND PUTS FORTH CASE:

Stephanie Baldwin presented the variance need to the ZBA.

Ms. Baldwin stated she is the owner and operator of Edge-water Design Group and has been working with the property owner on the design for the new roof. She presented pictures to the ZBA showing the water damage to the current roof. The current owners purchased the property in 2020, the home was originally built in the 1950's and was designed with very shallow pitches in the roof and is located approximately 80 feet from Lake Charlevoix. They plan to keep the existing footprint of the home, however, due to the roof damage, the owners would like to repair the roof and increase the roofs pitch to prevent future leaks and rotting from Northern Michigan winter snow. Due to the home being a legal non-conforming placed within the now 100 foot setback of Lake Charlevoix they are requesting a variance to replace the damage roof with a steeper pitched roof, which will increase the spatial dimensions within the home however not the actual footprint of the home. The low pitch is not ideal for the Northern Michigan area and the owners would like to replace it with a design that will last. The second Variance is a small addition inside the existing building envelope on the road side of the house outside of the 100 foot Lake Charlevoix setback.

DISCUSSION BETWEEN PETITIONER AND ZBA MEMBERS:

Mr. Greenslade requested information regarding the second floor addition.

Ms. Baldwin stated the second floor addition will be within the roof pitch. They owners would like to move the bedroom from downstairs, up into the loft space which is the reason for the requested dormer addition. The number of bedrooms will not increase, just requesting to change the location of the bedroom within the house.

Mr. Greenslade requested clarification is the bedroom addition is within the 100 foot setback of Lake Charlevoix.

Ms. Baldwin stated one third of the house sits within the 100 foot setback from Lake Charlevoix. And part of that third does include the requested roof repair, however the request for the increase footprint dormer addition is not within the 100 foot setback from Lake Charlevoix.

Ms. Vedder-Whipple requested if the eaves would be changing at all.

Ms. Baldwin stated they will remain the same.

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Opened at 8:40 pm

Comments Included:

- Requested if they are adding bedrooms.

- Applicant stated they are moving the bedroom up not adding an additional bedroom.

- Stated they feel the ZBA did not go through the Finding of facts correctly. Stated they feel the current zoning ordinance protects the shoreline. Feel not all materials were available to the public. Referenced the non-conformity section of the Hayes Township Ordinance. Feels the second story should not be allowed on the non-conformity.

- Stated they feel the repair on the roof isn't a big deal on a non-conformity even with a slight pitch. However adding room for a bedroom and bathroom is too much to ask on a non-conformity.

- Mr. VanZee clarified any repair to the roof including a pitch to the roof would need a variance request.

- Request if the applicant is adding an additional bedroom or moving a bedroom. Also suggested the ZBA consider the situation the applicants are in.

- The applicant clarified they are not adding additional bedrooms. It would cost a large amount of additional funds to move the house completely.

- Stated they understand there are different size pitches and the applicant could consider a smaller pitch.

CHAIR CLOSES PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment closed at 8:55pm.

REVIEW OF APPLICABLE SECTION OF HAYES TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE:

ZBA members reviewed section 3.14 Waterfront Regulation of the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance. ZBA members reviewed section 3.02 Nonconformities of the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance.

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REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF FINDING OF FACT:

Discussed the need for the 20 foot variance from the 100 foot Lake Charlevoix setback requirement in section 3.14,3 variance to increase the spatial envelope of the dwelling within 80 feet of Lake Charlevoix.

Ms. Vedder Whipple suggested putting the condition on the variance for the Shoreline Subcommittee to review the project before approval.

Discussed the need for the 15 foot variance from the 50 foot water feature setback requirement in section 3.14,3.

SECTION 8.07 VARIANCES

1.The need for the requested variance is due to unique circumstances or physical conditions of the property involved that do not generally apply to other properties in the surrounding area and/or zoning district, such as narrowness, shallowness, shape, water, or topography and is not due to the applicant's personal or economic hardship.

NO

2.The need for the requested variance is not the result of action of the property owner or previous property owners (self-created).

YES

3.That strict compliance with regulations governing area, setback, frontage, height, bulk, density or other dimensional requirements will unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property for any permitted purpose, or will render conformity with those regulations unnecessarily burdensome.

YES

4.Whether granting the requested variance would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether granting a lesser variance than requested would give a substantial relief to the property owner and be more consistent with justice to other property owners.

YES

5.That the requested variance will not cause an adverse impact on surrounding property, property values, or the use and enjoyment of property in the neighborhood or Zoning District.

YES

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Discussed the need for the proposed 10'x14' rear addition, that meets the current Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance setback requirements, however, adds to the spatial dimensions of the nonconforming structure.

SECTION 8.07 VARIANCES

1.The need for the requested variance is due to unique circumstances or physical conditions of the property involved that do not generally apply to other properties in the surrounding area and/or zoning district, such as narrowness, shallowness, shape, water, or topography and is not due to the applicant's personal or economic hardship.

NO

2.The need for the requested variance is not the result of action of the property owner or previous property owners (self-created).

NO

3.That strict compliance with regulations governing area, setback, frontage, height, bulk, density or other dimensional requirements will unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property for any permitted purpose, or will render conformity with those regulations unnecessarily burdensome.

NO

4.Whether granting the requested variance would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether granting a lesser variance than requested would give a substantial relief to the property owner and be more consistent with justice to other property owners.

NO

5.That the requested variance will not cause an adverse impact on surrounding property, property values, or the use and enjoyment of property in the neighborhood or Zoning District.

YES

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MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Greenslade made a motion, Supported by Ms, Vedder-Whipple to approve a 20 foot variance from the 100 foot Lake Charlevoix setback requirement in section 3.14,3. to allow construction within 80 feet of the Lake Charlevoix.

Yeas: Rod Slocum, Doug Kuebler, Joni Hosler, Rex Greenslade and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: **Motion Carried**

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Mr. Greenslade to approve the proposed rear addition equaling 70 square foot that meets the current Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance setback requirements, however, adds to the spatial dimensions of the nonconforming structure.

Yeas: Rod Slocum, Doug Kuebler, Rex Greenslade, Joni Hosler, and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: **Motion Carried**

CHAIR CLOSSES PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Ms. Hosler to close the Public Hearing at 9:40pm.

Yeas: Rod Slocum, Doug Kuebler, Rex Greenslade, Joni Hosler, and Janice Vender-Whipple.

Nays: **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments included:

- Stated they support this proposed project as long as the septic field allows for the additional bathroom.

- Stated they feel the second story addition is not needed to fix the roof. Feel the ZBA is allowing a bigger structure too close to Lake Charlevoix. Feels the bathroom addition is a big deal that close to Lake Charlevoix. Disappointed in the decision made by the ZBA. Feels the notice for the meeting was not correct.

- Mr. Greenslade stated the staff stated the notice was correctly posted.

- Thanked the ZBA for clearly looking at the property and the need of the property owner.

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Hayes Township
Zoning Board of Appeals
Public Hearing
September 18th, 2024
09195 Old U.S. N, Charlevoix, MI 49720

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Ms. Hosler, to adjourn at
9:49pm.
Yeas: Rod Slocum, Bruce Deckinga, Doug Kuebler, and Janice Vender-Whipple.
Nays: None **Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,
April Hilton
Hayes Township Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

Zoning Administrator Report

To: Zoning Board of Appeals Hayes Township
From: Ron VanZee Zoning Administrator
Date: 7/23/2025

CASE NO: 072325A (for office use only)

APPLICATION DATE: May 26th 2025

NOTICE POSTING DATE: June 18th 2025

PUBLICATION DATE: June 21st 2025 (Petoskey News Review)

300ft NOTICE SENT DATE: June 18th 2025

APPLICANT(S)/OWNERS: Bill and Pamela Yates

SUBJECT ADDRESS: 6995 Birdland Dr. Charlevoix MI 49720

MAILING ADDRESS: 23050 Industrial Dr. E. Saint Clair Shores, MI 48080.

PARCEL NO: 15-007-301-021-25

ZONING: R1

PARCEL SIZE: Approximately 3.47 acre, Average Width is <200ft, Average Length is <700ft

Setback Requirements: (Section 4.13 schedule of regulations)

Front: 100' from Ordinary High-Water Mark of Lake Charlevoix
Side: 15'
Rear: 25'

Shoreline Protection Strip: (Section 3.14 Waterfront Regulations)

Lake Charlevoix: 50'
Stream/Creek: 50'
Water Feature: 50'

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: Proposed construction is well below the allowed 15% impervious surface of the R1 district.

REQUEST:

1. a 15 foot variance from the 50 foot water feature (stream) setback requirement in section 3.14,3. To allow construction within 35feet of the stream.

ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMITY:

Existing single family residence is non-conforming for front yard setback. Proposed new single family residence meets the 100 foot front yard setback eliminating a 24 foot non-conformity from Lake Charlevoix.

SHORELAND PROTECTION STRIP:

Shoreline Protection Strip proposed Site Plan has been submitted to the Shoreland Protection Strip committee for review.

ADDITIONAL APPROVALS FOR PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION:

- Health Department of Northwest Michigan Approval for well and septic letter date October 3rd 2024.
- Charlevoix County Soil Erosion Permit# PS2024-0111 Issued 10/26/24

USE(S):

INTENT: The residential district is designed to accommodate and encourage single family residential development and associated uses, in keeping with the residential goals and policies specified in the Hayes Township Master Plan. The permitted uses are intended to provide for residential and related uses and those compatible with such, with the intent to keep residential areas relatively quiet and free from detrimental influences.

THANK YOU for your submission!

Your notice has been submitted for publication. Below is a confirmation of your order. You will also receive an email confirmation.

ORDER DETAILS

Order Number:
LPET0319827
Order Status:
Submitted
Classification:
Govt Public Notices
Package:
General Package
Total payment:
175.44
Payment Type:
Account Billed
User ID:
L0039546
External User ID:
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ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Hayes Township
9195 Major Douglas Sloan RD
Charlevoix, MI 49720-9053
231-547-6961
clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com
Hayes Township
Contract ID:

TRANSACTION REPORT

Date
June 18, 2025 2:06:55 PM EDT
Amount:
175.44

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

1 Affidavit

SCHEDULE FOR AD NUMBER LPET03198270

June 21, 2025
Petoskey News-Review

PREVIEW FOR AD NUMBER LPET03198270

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- Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974.
- C. The wheels, axles and towing assembly shall be removed from a mobile home before the unit is attached to the foundation. Additionally, no mobile home shall have any exposed undercarriage or chassis.
 - D. Mobile homes shall not be used as an accessory building.
2. Replacement of lawfully existing non-conforming mobile homes shall be allowed provided the site and age of replacement would be in greater compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, and is located in compliance with the applicable district setbacks. The replacement would not increase the non-conformity or would not be contrary to the intent of the Ordinance and shall comply with the additional standards A-D listed above in subsection 3.11.1.

Section 3.12 Recreational Vehicles

Temporary occupancy of travel trailers, motor homes and other similar vehicles shall not exceed ninety (90) days in any calendar year and shall not be connected to utility, water supply and sanitary sewer. No more than two (2) recreational vehicles shall be allowed on parcels with an existing dwelling unit. They are to be located in a side or rear yard and the placement must comply with district setbacks. In the event that two or more recreational vehicles occupy a parcel for longer than the ninety (90) day limit, they shall then be required to be stored within an enclosed structure.

Section 3.13 Animals

The keeping of poultry, pigs, horses or other such livestock is allowed in the Agricultural and Rural Residential Districts. In other districts, provided the parcels of land are five (5) acres or greater in size, the keeping of poultry, pigs, horses or other such livestock is allowed, as provided for under the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

Section 3.14 Waterfront Regulations

1. Intent

The waterways and lakes in and adjacent to the lands of Hayes Township are invaluable assets to the economy and quality of life, and therefore must be preserved in a natural fashion to maintain health of these waterways as well as the natural beauty of Northern Michigan. Thus, owners of waterfront lots have an added responsibility regarding the preservation and protection of these natural resources, water quality and community scenic and recreational values.

2. Setback Area Regulations

Except as provided herein, no structures (with the exception of a patio/deck, walkway, retaining wall, launching ramps and / or docking facilities including steps) shall be allowed within one hundred (100) feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark on Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix, and eighty (80) feet on Susan Lake, and such excepted facilities shall meet the side yard setbacks for the district in which they are located.

- A. One at-grade patio/deck, not to exceed two hundred (200) square feet may be located within the 100-ft. setback following review and approval by the Zoning Administrator to ensure the structure will be installed in a manner which will cause the least negative environmental impact.

- I. No portion of the patios/deck shall be located more than two feet above the natural grade.

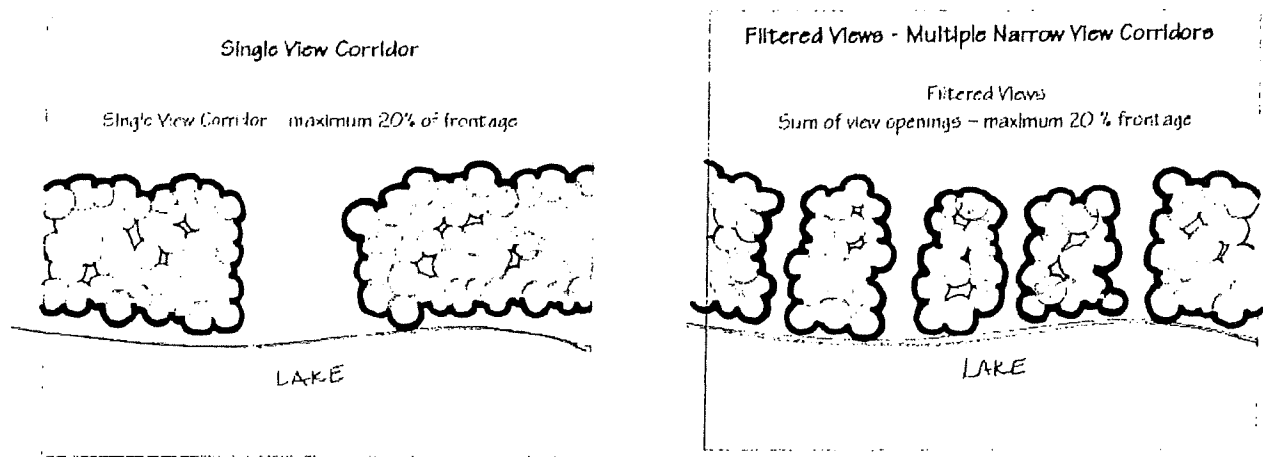
- II. It is the desire of the Township to bring nonconforming patios/decks into conformance with provisions of this Ordinance as rapidly as is permitted by law.

3. **Shoreland Protection Strip**

This is part of zoning permit application

A Shoreland Protection Strip shall be required on all waterfront lots. The shoreland protection strip shall include all of the land area located within fifty (50) feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark of a lake or a stream abutting or traversing the property in question. The purpose of the strip is to protect the lake by preventing soil erosion, providing a filter for the removal of pesticides, fertilizers and other potential water pollutants, and to maintain a visual barrier. Within the shoreland protection strip, the following development or use restrictions (A-L below) shall apply:

- A. **The Shoreland Protection Strip shall not be altered more than 20% under any condition, except to remove dead trees or shrubs, remove invasive species, or for selective trimming of trees as permitted in 3.14.3I.**
- B. For any new construction or renovation of a structure located on a waterfront lot, the establishment, restoration and/or maintenance of a Shoreland Protection Strip shall be required. Refer to Section 3.14.8 for details on the waterfront development approval process.
- C. Shoreline retaining structures shall be permitted with appropriate agency approvals.
- D. Walkways or stairs for water access shall be allowed, provided they:
 - I. Do not exceed six (6) feet in width;
 - II. Are constructed in such a way that stormwater is slowed;
 - III. Take the most environmentally sensitive route between each destination; and
 - IV. Are not constructed in such a way that they expand the deck beyond the two hundred (200) square foot maximum.
- E. The use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers is prohibited.
- F. Leaves, grass clippings and similar yard/garden wastes may not be burned or stored. Composting of food waste is encouraged, but must be located a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark.
- G. No septic tanks or septic system filtration fields shall be located within the Shoreland Protection Strip.
- H. Natural vegetation cover, including trees, shrubs or herbaceous plants shall be maintained on at least eighty percent (80%) of the lake or stream frontage within the Shoreland Protection Strip. Please refer to the list of recommended species by Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network. The list of recommended native species is available at the Township Hall and an electronic link is posted on the Township website. The vegetation on the remaining twenty percent (20%) may be cleared for a single view corridor; or selective trees removed to provide for a filtered view throughout the frontage, provided the cumulative total of the trees removed does not exceed the allowed twenty percent (20%) of the frontage. When trees are removed, root systems shall be left in place for shoreline stabilization. For purposes of this subsection, the natural vegetation coverage within the shoreland protection strip shall be determined by the sum of the area of the waterfront view blocked by all portions of each vegetation plant (trunk, limbs, and leaves) when viewed directly landward behind each plant.



- I. Selective trimming of trees to allow for filtered views is permitted within the Shoreland Protection Strip so long as the overall health of the tree is not compromised and is not included in the allotted 20% removal.
- J. The removal of invasive species is both allowed and encouraged. Please refer to the list of invasive species by Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network. The list of recommended invasive species is available at the Township Hall and an electronic link is posted on the Township website.
- K. It is in violation of the zoning ordinance to alter or disturb the Shoreland Protection Strip except to remove dead trees or shrubs, remove invasive species, or for selective trimming of trees as permitted in 3.14.3I. If altered or disturbed, the following corrective measures are required:
 - I. Any and all fill material placed within the Shoreland Protection Strip shall be removed. Only soils or rocks, consistent with the composition of the pre-existing on-site soil and rocks, shall be allowed when necessary for growth of new vegetation. Placement of beach sand is prohibited.
 - II. The Shoreland Protection Strip shall be replanted. The replanted area shall consist solely of native vegetation and any replacement trees, similar in size and species to those removed. Any tree greater than 8 inches in diameter (8 inch in diameter measured at 4.5 feet above the ground) which was removed, shall be replaced at a rate of two trees for the first 8 inches in diameter, and one additional tree for each additional 4 inches in diameter of the original tree removed (*i.e. if a 20" tree is removed—5 replacement trees would be required, 2 for the first 8" and 3 for the other [20"-8"] 12 inches of diameter of the removed tree.*)
 - III. All required replanting shall be replanted with native species as recommended by the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network and installed and maintained in accordance with the requirements of Section 3.24.
 - IV. Where native shoreline vegetation does not exist, a combination of native vegetation shall be introduced in a naturalized planting pattern as exemplified by neighboring shorelands that have not been disturbed.
4. Docks and Boat Parking on Lake Charlevoix and Susan Lake
 - A. A maximum of one dock shall be permitted for each waterfront lot, except for properties upon which a marina is permitted by all of the following: the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

- B. One shared dock serving two (2) adjacent waterfront parcels owned by separate individuals, may be placed on the common shared property line upon filing with Hayes Township a letter of agreement signed by both property owners.
 - C. A shared dock for a multiple family development, such as Planned Unit Development or Condominium project, may be allowed as part of a site plan approval with Planning Commission approval and subject to the requirements of Section 3.14.5 Limitation of Funnel Development.
 - D. Any boat moored at or stored on a lot within any residential district shall be owned by and registered to an individual living at said property.
 - E. Undocked boats may be stored on a residential lot so long as the Shoreland Protection Strip is not disturbed and is in conformance with the requirements of this ordinance.
 - F. Each dock, mooring anchor, or other means of non-temporary anchorage shall be located at least fifteen (15) feet from the riparian boundary and moored boats shall not cross the riparian boundary. The one exception to this provision is for shared docks as described in 3.14.4B and 3.14.4C.
 - G. Dock lighting for safety and navigational purposes are allowed. All lighting shall comply with Section 3.20; flashing lights are not allowed and require that the maximum height does not exceed four (4) feet, above the dock surface.
 - H. Any damage caused to the Shoreland Protection Strip during the process of installing or removing seasonal docks, shall be repaired within 30 days from the date that the property owner is notified by first class mail.
 - I. All permits required by the MDEQ, USACE, Hayes Township, and other applicable entities must be obtained prior to the construction or modification of docks or marinas.
5. **Limitation of Funnel Development**
Not more than one (1) single family home or cottage or one (1) condominium unit or one (1) apartment unit, including any dwelling unit located on the waterfront lot, shall use or be permitted to use each one hundred (100) feet of lake or stream frontage as measured along the Ordinary High Water Mark of the lake or stream. This restriction is intended to limit the number of users of the lake or stream frontage to preserve the quality of the waters, avoid congestion, and to preserve the quality of recreational uses of all waters and recreational lands within the Township. This restriction shall apply to any parcel regardless of whether access to the water shall be gained by easement, common fee ownership, single fee ownership or lease. This restriction shall not apply to a "Public Access Site" as hereafter described.
6. **Marine Sewage Pump-out Facility**
Any commercial dock facility providing dockage for boats with marine sewage holding tanks on board shall provide a marine sewage pump-out facility which shall be capable of providing pump-out service to a local health department approved sewage disposal facility, or have a written service agreement in place by a licensed or permitted pump-out facility.
7. **Public Access Sites**
Land abutting a lake or stream, which land is under the possession and control of a governmental agency including Hayes Township, the County of Charlevoix, the Charlevoix County Road Commission, the State of Michigan, or other governmental agency, and which governmental agency allows public access across the site to the lake or stream abutting the site, is herein described as a "Public Access Site." Such Public Access Sites may be owned or leased by the public agency, or dedicated to the use of the public, but shall, in any case,

be under the exclusive control of one or more public agencies which have the authority to impose regulations and restrictions upon the use of the site and upon access to the abutting lake or stream.

The restrictions of this Section 3.14(1-3, and 8) shall not apply to a "Public Access Site", as above described, provided that such sites are subject to governmental control enabling the controlling governmental agency to limit boat docking, moorage and boat launching, prohibit overnight mooring, camping, vehicle parking, and other controls upon use of the site.

The governmental agency shall have the authority to impose such controls and restrictions upon the use of Public Access Sites and the abutting waters as are deemed necessary to protect the lake or stream and adjoining properties from pollution, congestion, other damage, or unreasonable impositions upon the use and enjoyment of others using the site, using other private property in the proximity of the site, or the waters which the site abuts.

If not otherwise prohibited by law, the Hayes Township board shall also have the authority to pass ordinances and adopt rules restricting the use of such Public Access Sites and the use of the abutting lake or stream in such manner as is deemed necessary in the future to protect the lake or stream, the users thereof, and properties in the proximity thereof from pollution, congestion, other damage or unreasonable imposition upon the use and enjoyment of others. Such ordinances may designate different rules, regulations and restrictions for each individual Public Access Site as shall be deemed appropriate for the protection of the particular site, the waters, or private property in the proximity of the particular site.

8. Waterfront Development Review

A. Intent

It is the intent of the Waterfront Development Review process described below to promote the gradual, systematic, and long-term restoration of the Shoreland Protection Strip.

- i. To ensure compliance with the waterfront regulations described in 3.14 (1-5), an added layer of review is required for all residential waterfront development and any modifications to the Shoreland Protection Strip. This added layer of review requires a Shoreland Landscaping Plan (3.14.8B) in most instances for the area within one hundred (100) feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark and Site Plan Review for all new residential waterfront dwelling units.
- ii. For the area of land waterward of the Ordinary High Water Mark, MDEQ and/or Army Corps of Engineers permits must be obtained for any construction or changes since the alternation of the shoreline will have significant effect on the Shoreland Protection Strip, and thus the health of the water body.
- iii. An advisory Subcommittee of the Planning Commission has been created to review waterfront developments and facilitate compliance with the waterfront provisions in this section. The requirements placed on property owners will be in proportion to the proposed activity.

B. Shoreland Landscaping Plan

The purpose of the Shoreland Landscaping Plan is to ensure that waterfront development will not negatively impact water quality.

- i. The Landscaping Plan shall address the conditions set forth in Section 3.14 (1-5).
- ii. The Landscaping Plan shall address the elements set forth in Section 3.24 Landscaping.

- iii. Prior to receiving a zoning permit to build or increase the footprint of a waterfront structure, a Shoreland Landscaping Plan with the following information is required:

1. A detailed inventory of the existing 50-foot Shoreland Protection Strip area, including the locations of trees, shrubs, and ground cover, with notes as to the locations of native and non-native species.
2. A detailed inventory of all structures within one hundred (100) feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark.
3. A detailed inventory of planned changes to the 50-foot Shoreland Protection Strip area, including tree removals and/or plantings, vegetation removal and/or plantings (if applicable).

C. Shoreland Protection Subcommittee

To ensure the compliance with the waterfront provisions in this section, a Subcommittee of the Planning Commission will meet to review waterfront development proposals to provide input and recommendations to the zoning administrator and/or planning commission.

- i. Members of the Subcommittee shall include two (2) members of the Planning Commission and a representative from Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, the Lake Charlevoix Association, or a similar organization with technical expertise on aquatic ecosystem management.
- ii. Each member of the Subcommittee shall be appointed by the Planning Commission chairperson to a term that coincides with their regular planning commission term.
- iii. The Subcommittee is advisory only, reports directly to the Planning Commission, and does not have the authority to make final decisions.
- iv. Section 3.14.8D summarizes what actions trigger review by the Subcommittee.

D. The following table summarizes the information required and the review process for residential development on waterfront properties:

Location	Triggering Actions	Review Process	Data Required
Any Conforming Waterfront Lot	Modification of an existing structure without changing the building footprint.	Administrative Review by the Zoning Administrator	Plot Plan as described in Section 5.02.
	Modification of the spatial dimensions of an existing structure (less than 50%) or the addition of an accessory structure.	Administrative Review by the Zoning Administrator with input from the Shoreland Protection Subcommittee	Plot Plan as described in Section 5.02. and a Shoreland Landscaping Plan as described in Section 3.14.8A.
	A new residential home construction or a major reconstruction (over 50%).	Planning Commission Site Plan Review with input from the Shoreland Protection Subcommittee	Shoreland Landscaping Plan as described in Section 3.14.8A. and Site Plan Data required in 5.03.3.
Within the 100-foot shoreline setback	The addition or modification of a walkway, retaining wall, or patio/deck.	Administrative Review by the Zoning Administrator with input from the Shoreland Protection Subcommittee	Plot Plan as described in Section 5.02. and a Shoreland Landscaping Plan as described in Section 3.14.8(A).



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Fwd: Request to ZBA to be on Agenda July 23

2 messages

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Tue, Jul 22, 2025 at 3:39 PM

To: Ron Vanzee - Zoning <zoning@hayestownshipmi.gov>

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To: Hayes Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Date: July 22, 2025

RE: Request to amend your July 23 agenda to include agenda item to schedule two hearings for two ZBA Notices of Appeal

Dear ZBA Chair Vedder-Whipple and ZBA members and alternate:

I now co-represent, with Ellis Boal, the appellants Kevin Willis, Kim and Pat Fary, Carol Umlor, Darcy and Catherine Phelps, Mike Taylor, Summer LaVanway, JoEllen and Jim Rudolph and Shelly Van Wart before the ZBA regarding:

(1) their Notice of Appeal filed May 29 of the zoning permit issued for the 12,000+ -square foot Pickleball facility and storage building being built in the Agriculturally-zoned former gravel mine site next to their homes; and

(2) their Notice of Appeal filed June 24, of Mr. Van Zee's administrative mis-handling on June 16 of their May 29 application accompanying the Notice of Appeal, which violated the Zoning Ordinance, as well as his ongoing failure to submit his administrative files on the permit to the ZBA, and his ongoing failure to enforce the automatic, mandatory Stay. Applications are not due until 30 days prior to the date of the appeal's scheduled ZBA hearing, per ZO § 8.05.

The Appellants request that you add the scheduling of the required public hearings for these two Appeals on your July 23 meeting agenda.

Ellis Boal wrote to the entire ZBA by email on July 9. We do not see this correspondence on your agenda.

Yesterday, the Appellants sued the Township in Charlevoix County Circuit Court for the ZBA Chair for failing to schedule these mandatory two hearings. Only the ZBA Chair has the power to call the ZBA's meetings and it is a clear requirement upon receipt of a Notice of Appeal. The purpose of the lawsuit is for the Court to order you to do your clear legal duties as required by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

ZBA members, please make a motion at the July 23 meeting to add to your agenda the scheduling of these public hearings on the two Appeals.

The Appellants would also like to speak to the issue when you discuss.

Sincerely yours,

LuAnne Kozma

Rex Greenslade <greensladerex@gmail.com>
To: Ron VanZee <zoning@hayestownshipmi.gov>

Tue, Jul 22, 2025 at 5:39 PM

Best regards,
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HAYES TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

Meeting Date:	July 23rd, 2025
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Location:

Hayes Township Hall

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