

PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
SPECIAL VARIANCE PUBLIC HEARING
Held May 25, 2016

Call to order: The special meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. by Chairman Steve Lang.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: In attendance were S. Lang, C. Winters, B. Fay, B. Hellmuth & Alternate J. Bidwell. P. Hart arrived at 6:45 pm.

Approval of Agenda: B. Hellmuth moved to approve the agenda as written. Support by; C. Winters. All ayes; so moved.

Public Hearing opened at 6:03 pm.

Mischoney Variance Request: P. Budnik advised that the applicant is requesting a variance to allow the construction of a 30' x 60' pole barn that will not meet the required front and rear setbacks. The applicant has requested to alter the front setback from 50 ft. to 3.3 ft. and the rear setback from 20 ft. to 2 ft. The property is an irregular shape. He advised that they had received a letter from MDOT stating that a permit is not needed from them as long as there is no overhang or encroachment. C. Wallsey asked about the square footage and if there has been any contact with the Planning Commission regarding the size He stated that 10 ft. would be more reasonable. He also asked if there would be a problem with the road commission. P. Budnik advised that there are no problems with the road commission. W. Christopherson stated that you should know what you need when you are buying a lot to stay within the setbacks. T. Jones stated that he lives across the street and is against the variance. R. Torsch stated that the snow plows would have a difficult time. K. Christopherson asked why it could not be moved closer to the highway and not his property.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:23 pm.

Board Discussion & Decision: B. Hellmuth advised that the notice that was sent out and published had the front setback of 20 ft. instead of 50 ft. and no setback for the rear. J. Bidwell advised that she was concerned about the road commission and the size of the building. S. Lang stated that the notice will need to be re-noticed with the correct information. B. Hellmuth stated that the building could be moved farther to the north to allow for a bigger setback. B. Fay agreed that the setback should be at least 10 ft. from the road. C. Winters suggested that the applicant could consider a narrower and smaller building. S. Lang stated that the size of the building is what creates the hardship. J. Bidwell moved to post pone the hearing to a later date. Supported by; B. Hellmuth. The members discussed the motion regarding the postponement of the hearing; due to re- publication. B. Hellmuth moved to amend the motion for the reason of the postponement to a later date to allow for notice and publication of the public hearing. Supported by; J. Bidwell. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes; so moved. A roll call vote was taken on the motion from J. Bidwell of the postponement of the public hearing. All ayes; so moved. The board members agreed that the notice will need to be done as quickly as possible to have the postponed hearing on June 15, 2016.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss; the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Meeting Reminder: The ZBA will meet on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 @ 7:00 pm. for their regular quarterly meeting.

Respectfully submitted; Kimberly S. Bedard, Administrative Assistant