

**PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
SPECIAL VARIANCE MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
Held May 5, 2017**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. by the Vice Chairman, J. Bidwell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Members present; J. Bidwell, B. Fay, F. Walker, B. Hellmuth & Alternate; S. Lang. Chairman, C. Winters – Absent.

Approval of Agenda: B. Hellmuth moved to approve the agenda as written. Supported by; S. Lang. All ayes; motion passed.

Public Hearing Opened @ 5:04 pm.

Beeson – Variance: P. Budnik advised that the applicants are requesting a variance to allow an addition to their non-conforming home. They are requesting to reduce the front south setback from 26.5 ft. to 23.5 ft. and to the North the setback would go from 30.5 ft. to 35 ft. The board members questioned if there was a hardship or practical difficulty. The applicants advised that the home is set at an angle to the lake and there is a home that sits at the edge of the lake to the north of them that obstructs their view of the lake. Board members discussed their concerns regarding the ordinance and non-conforming homes and also the options of an addition of the north side of the home.

Public Hearing Closed @ 5:40 pm.

Beeson Variance – Board Decision: The board members discussed the request and determined that they had found no practical difficulty that would justify a variance. The board also determined that granting the request would result in the expansion of a non-conforming structure, in violation of the zoning ordinance. S. Lang moved to deny the variance request; with the exception to allow the requested addition to the north side of the home. Supported by; B. Hellmuth. All ayes; motion passed.

Adjournment: The special meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Meeting Reminder: The ZBA will meet again on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 @ 7:00 pm. for their regular quarterly meeting.

Respectfully submitted; Kimberly S. Bedard, Administrative Assistant