

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
MAY 19, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Brownstown Township Zoning Board of Appeals was held in the Brownstown Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, Brownstown, MI 48183, on Thursday, May 19, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairperson Cox and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Cox, Blair-Krosnicki, Knappmann, Scipione, and Walters. Also in attendance was Building Official Earl.

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Alternate Sipos

Motion of Blair-Krosnicki, supported by Walters, to approve the minutes of March 17, 2011 as submitted. All voting aye.

Motion of Walters, supported by Blair-Krosnicki, to approve the agenda of May 19, 2011 as submitted. All voting aye.

**CASE #V110002:** Walter and Frances Witkowski, 18262 Whisler Dr. were in attendance along with their fence contractor, Don Jones from Custom Wood and Vinyl Fencing, to explain their request to install a 6-foot vinyl privacy fence five feet off the sidewalk which would be 25 feet beyond the required minimum front yard setback of the neighboring property.

No correspondence was received and no one was in the audience for or against case #V110002.

Motion of Walters, supported by Blair-Krosnicki, to approve the request of Walter and Frances Witkowski, 18262 Whisler Dr., for a 20 foot variance to Zoning Ordinance #141, Section 13.03 (b)(3)c and allow the installation of a 6 foot vinyl privacy fence to be setback a minimum of 10 foot off the property line and further to maintain the 43-foot sight distance at angle of drive. All voting aye.

**CASE #V110003:** Cathy Wichman representing Henry Ford Health Systems, 19765 Allen Road, was in attendance to explain the reason for their variance request to install a new sign 7.5 inches over the maximum allowed 8 feet in height and 89.38 square feet larger than the maximum of 40 square feet allowed. Many of their clients are first-time patients and have had a difficult time finding the center and market studies show larger numbers are preferable. They also have legal requirements to list their hospital affiliation on the sign. The base of the sign could be reduced in size, but then the address numbers would be too close to the ground and not be very visible.

No correspondence was received and no one was in the audience for or against case #V110003.

Motion of Blair-Krosnicki, supported by Walters, to approve the request of Henry Ford, 19765 Allen Road, to install a new sign 7.5 inches over the maximum allowed 8 feet in height and 89.38 square feet larger than the maximum of 40 square feet allowed as submitted. All voting aye.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Motion of Knappmann, supported by Walters, to open the Public Forum at 7:42 p.m. All voting aye.

Kelly Caville, 24712 Charles, attended the meeting to view the ZBA meeting process for a zoning variance request that she plans to submit in the near future.

Motion of Walters, supported by Blair-Krosnicki, to close the Public Forum at 7:46 p.m. All voting aye.

Motion of Blair-Krosnicki, supported by Walters, to adjourn the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at 7:48 p.m. All voting aye.

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