

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
MEETING OF JULY 19, 2012**

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, July 19, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Cox and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cox, Blair-Krosnicki, Scipione, Knappmann, Alternate Peters, and Alternate Lewis. Also in attendance was Building Official Earl.

**ABSENT:** Walters.

Motion of Scipione, supported by Knappmann, to approve the minutes of May 17, 2012. All present voting aye.

Motion of Knappmann, supported by Lewis, to approve the agenda of July 19, 2012. All present voting aye.

**CASE #V120009:** Mark Swanson, 24625 Jason Dr. was in attendance to explain his request to install a pool in the dedicated storm easement in the rear yard at 24625 Jason Dr., an R-3 district. A variance to Ordinance #141, Section 1301(3) is required for approval.

Mark Gatti, 23936 Telegraph, spoke in favor of granting the variance.

Motion of Knappmann, supported by Scipione to approve the request of Mark and Renee Swanson to install an above ground pool within the dedicated storm easement in the rear yard with the condition that homeowners acknowledge that should the pool be damaged or removed due to work in the easement by the utility, the pool will be repaired or replaced at the homeowners expense. Ayes: Cox, Scipione, Knappmann, Lewis, Peters. Nays: Blair-Krosnicki. Motion approved.

**CASE # V120010:** John Townsend, Jr. of Townsend Neon Signs, 31550 Gossett Dr, Rockwood, MI 48173, was in attendance to explain their request to install an electronic changeable message board sign at 29788 Fort Road, Calvary Assembly of God. The sign will be a monument type sign located in the same spot as the existing sign. A variance to section 16.03 of the zoning ordinance is required for approval.

Gary LaFromboise, 29734 Fort Road was in attendance and spoke of his concerns of the sign being a distraction on a high speed road in a residential neighborhood.

Motion of Knappmann, supported by Blair-Krosnicki to approve the request of Townsend Neon Signs to install an electronic message board sign at 29788 Fort Road with the following conditions: No scrolling or blinking of messages is allowed, and the change rate of messages is to be no less than thirty (30) seconds. All present voting aye. Motion approved.

**CASE # V120011:** Jason Kelly, JDK Homes, 50714 Van Dyke, Shelby Twp., MI 48317, was in attendance to explain their request to construct a 2160 square foot home with an attached garage at 31738 Marigold within the front setback. The setback requirement for an R-3 district is 25

feet. The garage would extend into the setback 2 feet 6 inches. A variance to section 3.03 is required for approval.

No correspondence was received and no one was in the audience for or against case #V120011.

Motion by Blair-Krosnicki, supported by Scipione to approve the request of JDK Homes to construct a 2160 sq. ft. home with an attached garage at 31738 Marigold 2 feet 6 inches within the front setback. All present voting aye.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Motion of Knappmann, supported by Blair-Krosnicki to open the Public Forum at 7:30 p.m. All present voting aye.

Motion of Knappmann, supported by Lewis to close the Public Forum at 7:31 p.m. All present voting aye.

Motion of Lewis, supported by Scipione to adjourn the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at 7:31 p.m. All present voting aye.

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