

OTISCO TOWNSHIP
Preliminary
ZONING BOARD MINUTES for April 9, 2018

- Members Present:** Frank Mason – Chairperson; Dan Zeigler – co-chair; Laura Staats – Secretary;
Also present: Roger Vander Molen – Zoning Administrator
- Call to Order:** Frank Mason called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve the Agenda as written was supported, passed 3-0
- Approve Minutes:** Minutes from the March 12, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved, passed 2-0 Dan abstained as he was not present at the March meeting.
- Board Reports:** Zoning Administrator, Roger Vander Molen gave a short review for of the Zoning Administrator/Ordinance Enforcement Report, what is new and what is still in progress. See written report.
- Township Board: Dan gave a short review of the previous board meeting and combined department meeting, and stated that Medical Marijuana would be on the agenda for this month's Board Meeting.
- Planning Commission: Frank gave a short review from The Planning Commission which included the continued discussion of the Recreation Plan for the Township Hall and the approval of a special use permit for Ostrum Road.
- Old Business:** None
- New Business:** Regular Meeting closed at 7:09 pm **Public Hearing:** Brad Reeves, 5316 Benton Road; 130-024-000-100-20 requesting a variance to allow a driveway to his property located behind 5340 Benton Road. Owner is asking for relief from Ordinance numbers: 1.200 and 1.420, to allow access to the rear acreage where he plans to build a home. A 30 foot wide access way was included in the 6.813 acres he is purchasing. Public Hearing closed at 7:32 pm.
- A discussion followed regarding the requested variances to allow a driveway on the 30 foot access way. Current Ordinance requires 150 feet of road frontage. It was noted that in the Quit Claim Deed that a 36 foot utility easement on the property at 5340 Benton Road runs adjacent to the 30 foot wide path, giving the allotted 66 foot road right-of-way. The drive would be constructed on the 30 foot wide path and not be in the utility right-of-way. An Anonymous letter was received and read into the record. [Letter is on file with the Zoning Administrator.] The Zoning Board of Appeals approved the relief from Ordinances 1.200 and 1.420 stating that only one home may be constructed on the lot and no splits would be allowed. Variance granted to give relief from 150 foot road frontage. Passed 3-1
Planning Commission to determine finished widths and construction of driveway.
- Public Comment:** None
- Member Comment:** Frank Mason brought it to the Zoning Board of Appeals attention that the Planning Commission will be looking at changes to the ordinance that allows structures in front of residences, currently this is not allowed without applying for a variance. Also to define what is the difference between Maintenance and Restoration.
- Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made, and supported, passed 3-0
Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Next Meeting:

May 14, 2018 @ 7:00 PM Otisco Township Hall

Proposed Agenda:

Approve April Meeting minutes for Public Hearing on Benton Road, and new Public Hearing for Berry at 5798 Whites Bridge Road, to extend Pole Barn in front of home.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura Staats