

**LENOX TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

A meeting of the Lenox Township Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at the Lenox Township Hall, located at 63775 Gratiot Avenue, Lenox, Michigan 48050.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Stremersch called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Present:      Chuck Stremersch: Chairperson                      Kirk Flood  
                 Peg Heimes: Vice Chair                                      Jodi Kethe: Secretary  
                 Other: 1  
Absent:        Chuck Geisler

**2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Motion by Heimes supported by Flood to approve the minutes of August 31, 2015.

**All Ayes**

**Motion Carried**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Kethe supported by Flood to approve the agenda.

**All Ayes**

**Motion Carried**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. LENOX TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS BY-LAWS REVIEW**

Kethe stated that after this is voted on tonight a clean copy will go out to everyone.

Motion by Heimes supported by Flood to adopt the proposed amendments to the Zoning Board of Appeals By-Laws.

**All Ayes**

**Motion Carried**

**B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Motion by Heimes supported by Flood that we appoint Charles Stremersch as chairperson.

**All Ayes**

**Motion Carried**

Motion by Stremersch to keep all the other officers in their positions. Kethe stated that Peg Heimes would be Co-Chair and Jodi Kethe would be Secretary. Motion by Kethe supported by Flood.

**All Ayes**

**Motion Carried**

**C. COMPENSATION FOR ALTERNATE DISCUSSION**

Kethe stated that the rule of thumb has always been that the alternate, if they did not par-take in the meeting, they were not paid. She doesn't believe this is correct. She would like the alternate to attend the meetings so they have an understanding of what is going on. With that said she would like to have some compensation put on that position.

Heimes said she doesn't have a problem with that and wondered how much she had in mind. Kethe said that the ZBA is already losing money and she doesn't want to have to raise the fee of a resident coming in front of the ZBA. A normal member gets \$75 for each person that comes in front of the board. Jodi wondered if \$25 per person that comes in front of the board for the alternate ZBA member would be fair.

Heimes said she thought that is fair.

Michael Vennard asked if he was to come to the meeting and be an active voting participant than he would get \$75.

Kethe answered yes.

Vennard recapped that what the board is asking is that the alternate should be a part of the meetings even though they are not voting.

Kethe answered yes.

Vennard said as an alternate he thinks \$25 per person coming in front of the board is fair. He asked how long a typical meeting usually takes.

Flood answered approximately 20 minutes.

Stremersch stated that if we have a member that is not at a meeting than the alternate would automatically take the seat and would get the full amount.

Kethe said that the alternate could show up at any meeting and end up being a voting member.

Stremersch also noted that the alternate would have the same packets mailed to them.

Vennard said he thinks that that is fair.

Motion by Kethe supported by Heimes to set the compensation for the alternate at \$25 per with that being raised to the normal \$75 if they participate as a voting member.

**All Ayes**

**Motion Carried**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**7. COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

None

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Heimes supported by Flood to adjourn the Lenox Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at 7:22 PM.

**All Ayes**

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Kethe  
Secretary