

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
4338 BEELINE ROAD
ALLEGAN COUNTY
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DECEMBER 1, 2021

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randy Becksvoort called the planning commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Becker, Randy Becksvoort, Jim Johnson, Chad Nienhuis,
Marcia Perry

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin -- Township manager
Ron Bultje – Township attorney
Jim Hayden – Public information officer
Doug Den Bleyker -- Graafschap Fire Department chief

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Perry requested that future minutes include the zoning classification of properties in motions.

**Motion by Perry, second by Nienhuis, to approve the minutes of the Nov. 3, 2021, meeting.
UNANIMOUS DECISION VOICE VOTE – MOTION APPROVED 5-0.**

ARTICLE III. OLD BUSINESS – None

ARTICLE IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Van Oss Special Use Request

Joan Van Oss, 4742 64th St., parcel #0311-003-027-72, zoned R-2, explained the special use request for an accessory building in an area considered to be a front yard. The proposed garage is between the house and the road with two spaces – one for a camper and one for a tractor. She said the proposed structure will look like the house and has to go in the front because of driveway access. The special use is needed because the required setback is 200 feet and the proposed structure is about 73 feet back from 64th Street.

Becksvoort opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Al Davis, 4753 64th St., supports the request.

Motion by Perry, second by Johnson, to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. UNANIMOUS DECISION VOICE VOTE – MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

The commission discussed the request. Becksvoort asked why the proposed structure needed to be in the front. Van Oss said it was due to driveway access and said the structure will be hidden by trees and bushes from view from the road. Becker asked about the driveway and Van Oss said it will be completely paved, including the apron in front of the proposed structure. Meshkin said the proposal fits the ordinance in regard to total square footage of accessory buildings.

Motion by Nienhuis, second by Perry, to approve the special use request for the structure, that the current vegetation remain between the structure and the road, or additional screening exist, in compliance with Zoning Code Sections 38-471 (2), 38-91 and 38-65, with verbal representations and notations in the minutes and all applicable laws and ordinances. UNANIMOUS DECISION VOICE VOTE – MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

ARTICLE V. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

ARTICLE VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nienhuis, second by Becker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. UNANIMOUS DECISION VOICE VOTE – MOTION APPROVED 5-0.