

**LEROY TOWNSHIP
8156 4 Mile Road
East Leroy, Michigan 49051**

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES
March 31, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER (via Conference Call)-

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Arbogast at 6:30pm.

ROLL CALL (via Conference Call)-

Members present included Travis Arbogast, Michael VanHouten, Randy Lang and Alternate Ben Belote.

Others present (**via Conference Call**): Supervisor Laveta Hardish, Zoning Administrator Rob Behnke and Mr. Corey Markos.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES-

A motion was made by Mike VanHouten to approve the March 11, 2020 meeting minutes as presented, supported by Randy Lang. **Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

MARKOS PUBLIC HEARING-

Chairperson Arbogast called the Public Hearing to order at 6:32pm.

Presentation:

Mr. Corey Markos, 8930 5 Mile Road, explained that he was requesting relief from the zoning ordinance that would allow him to build a proposed addition and attached garage to the west of his house. He further explained that he does not have an existing garage; that he cannot build the addition and garage on the east side of his house due to a walkout and he does not have enough room in his back yard due to his septic and drywell system. Mr. Markos also stated that he has owned the property for (3) years (he purchased the property from his father). **Mr. Markos is requesting relief of (50) feet from the (100) foot front yard setback requirement in an area zoned Agricultural.**

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS-

Randy Lang stated that it appeared that the addition and attached garage could only be added to the west side of house. Board members reviewed the property using GIS photos and the proposed plans for the addition and attached garage.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS-

There were no public comments. Zoning Administrator Behnke indicated that the Township Office did not receive any letters, emails or telephone calls about the MARKOS variance request.

CLOSURE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairperson Arbogast closed the Public Hearing at 6:39pm.

NEW BUSINESS-

A motion was made by Mike VanHouten to **approve** the MARKOS variance request as the relief does meet the requirements, as outlined under Article XXVI, Sec. 38-804 of the Leroy Township Zoning Ordinance, for the granting of such variance, supported by Randy Lang.

A Roll Call vote was taken on the motion:

VanHouten- YES

Lang- YES

Arbogast- YES

Motion carried. Variance approved.

Mr. Markos then asked how long the variance was good for. Zoning Administrator indicated that granted variances are good for one-year (must obtain a building permit within that timeframe). Mr. Markos indicated that his contractor is now backed-up due to COVID-19 pandemic. Supervisor Hardish stated that the Township would extend the time beyond the (1) year period, if necessary.

ZBA MEMBER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS-

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR-

None.

ADJOURNMENT-

A motion was made by Mike VanHouten to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm, supported by Randy Lang. **Motion carried with unanimous support.** Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

ROB BEHNKE
Acting Secretary