

Cato Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2022

The Cato Township Zoning Board of Appeals met on Thursday August 25, 2022, at the Lakeview Community Center.

Meeting called to order:

Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Members present:

Larry Gilbert, Cato Board Supervisor
Brandi Clark-Hubbard, Recording Secretary

Absent: Duane Stevens, Chairman

Others present:

David Kelsey, Cato Zoning Administrator
3 members of the public

Approval of August 18, 2022 Minutes

Motion by Gilbert, supported by Clark-Hubbard to accept the prior meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – Variance Request 7540 Schmeid Rd:

- Property owners Jerry and Barbara Bristol were present to discuss their variance application for a 32x56 pole barn with a height of 18 feet. Members discussed that these dimensions exceed two zoning regulations (accessory building size not to exceed 100% of the dwelling on parcels greater than 5 acres and building height limit of 14 feet). Members noted that the planning commission has proposed changes to both of these regulations; however, the changes would not be adopted by the township board until November at the earliest. No complaints were received from any of the 5 neighbors who were sent notification letters. Members discussed and the Bristols acknowledged that the variance under consideration is a non-use variance, and the proposed pole barn may only be used for permitted or special uses expressly authorized in the Rural-Residential (RR) zoning district.
- Motion by Gilbert, supported by Clark-Hubbard to approve the variance. Motion carried.
- Copy of ZBA approval noted on original zoning application and provided to the Bristols.

New Business:

- Gilbert reported that the township clerk will be contacting the Honeymoon Heights Association to inquire further on any deed restrictions regarding the Tanis variance application received last week.

Old Business:

- The ZBA currently does not have any alternate members. Gilbert will look into this.
- Clark-Hubbard will check with township clerk on file containing minutes from past ZBA meetings.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the ZBA, a motion was made by Clark-Hubbard and supported by Gilbert to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Recorded by:
Brandi Clark-Hubbard
Recording Secretary, Cato Township Zoning Board of Appeals