

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