

Oakfield Township
10300 14 Mile Rd., Rockford, MI 49341
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Appeals was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 10300 14 Mile Rd., Rockford, MI and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mark Harrington.

ZBA Members Present: Mark Harrington, Matt McCambridge, Sam Peterson, Chad Sowerby

Absent: Ashlee Vanderkooi

Also Present: Greg Dean, Derek Cushman, Lori Cushman, Josh Ambrose, Jenny Ambrose, Roger Devries

NEW BUSINESS:

Derek and Lori Cushman applied for a 25-foot variance of Section 7.5, Table 7.51 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a split of their 10.9 acres giving lake frontage to their current property and the new parcel that would be created by the split. They provided a drawing by Roosien and Associates, Grand Rapids, MI showing the potential property split with the new parcel having 125' of lake frontage, noted that the property passed a septic inspection/perk test done by the Kent County Health Department, and are willing to install the private road that would be necessary after the property split. Section 7.5 requires properties to have a minimum of 150 feet of lake frontage.

Peterson and Sowerby explained that granting the variance would set a precedent for future variance requests.

Motion to approve the variance offered by Harrington, supported by McCambridge.

Roll call vote: Peterson – No; Sowerby – No; McCambridge – No; Harrington – No. Motion failed 4-0.

McCambridge suggested having Roosien redraw the split line to provide setback from the current home as well as the required 150 feet of lake frontage and resubmit the drawing to the Township Assessor.

Dean noted that the other option is to appeal to Kent County Circuit Court.

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM offered by Harrington, second by Sowerby, approved 4-0.

Minutes typed by Barbara Kaaikala