

**Vergennes Township
Zoning Board of Appeals
Wednesday September 16, 2020
10381 Bailey Dr.
Lowell, MI 49331**

6:57 pm - Chair Pete Gustafson called the meeting to order

Roll Call - Schreur, Odell, Gustafson, Makuski, Wester

Approval of the Minutes - Roger Odell motioned and Doug Wester seconded to approve the minutes from the May 23rd 2019 meeting as written, all voted yes. **Motion Carried.**

- a. Application Presentation - Lyle Weeks made a presentation of his request. He stated that the property has a worn out gravel pit north of where he lives. Mark Richmond wants to buy farm land, but not the woods and old gravel pit. Gustafson explained the boundaries of the property to be purchased. Mark Richmond of 1784 Biggs is looking to purchase the property but not the gravel pit and woods that is there. He has been farming this area already, but would like to own it.
 - b. Public Comment - Both Weeks and Richmond explain why they would like this sale to go through. There is no intention at this point to use the 5 acre parcel for building.
 - c. Member Discussion and Motions - There was great discussion within the board about the issue at hand - the concern over building on the property that is left in Lyle Weeks' possession. There was a lot of discussion of why the remainder cannot be combined with Mr. Weeks adjacent land because both are in different sections. They came to the conclusion that there would be another variance needed because of the easement of the power lines along with the lack of 300 feet of frontage on either Fallasburg Park Rd or Biggs. The board came to the conclusion that they would grant the variance with the following statement - "Grants the applicant, Lyle Weeks, a variance to allow applicant to sell 13.288 acres of his property in section 23 of the township, leaving the remaining 5.564 acres of his property in section 23, which he owns in common with the contiguous adjacent parcel in section 14; on the condition that this variance does not grant approval for the remaining 5.564 acres in section 23 to be split off as a separate parcel in the future."
 - d. Motion - Roger Odell made the motion to approve the variance with the statement included. Doug Wester seconded this motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.
2. Adjourn Meeting - Bill Makuski motioned and William Schreur seconded to adjourn the meeting at **7:49 pm**.

Minutes taken by Jasmin Wittenbach