

**Vergennes Township – 10381 Bailey Dr, Lowell MI 49331**

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

**February 11, 2021 – Minutes**

**This meeting was held remotely over Zoom.**

**7:03 p.m.** – Meeting was called to order by Peter Gustafson. Present were Gustafson, Makuski, Odell, Wester and Schreur.

Odell motioned to reappoint Gustafson as Chair, Odell as Vice Chair and Schreur as Secretary for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Wester supported the motion. All members voted yes, **motion carried.**

Makuski motioned to accept the minutes from November 5, 2020. Odell supported the motion. All members voted yes, **motion carried.**

Michael and Leslie Grohman, 13850 Covered Bridge Road, presented their request for a variance to create a smaller parcel than the required three acre minimum, allowing them to split the parcel so they and their son could build homes on the land.

Two emails were read – Ron Dawson, 705 Montcalm stated opposition to the variance and Alan Rumbaugh, land owner at 13889 and 13970 Covered Bridge Road supported the variance.

The ZBA heard additional concerns from Steve Hartmann over Zoom, who resides at 800 Montcalm.

Gustafson read the ordinance language on conditions to grant a variance.

A lengthy discussion ensued about the request, the ordinances, the area and with questions and answers.

Odell motioned to grant the variance at 13850 Covered Bridge Road. Wester supported the motion. Roll Call vote; Gustafson – no, Makuski – no, Odell – yes, Schreur – no, Wester – yes. **The motion failed 2-3.**

Makuski motioned to deny the variance at 13850 Covered Bridge Road and Schreur supported the motion. Roll Call vote; Gustafson – yes, Makuski – yes, Odell – no, Schreur – yes, Wester – no. **The motion carried 3-2.**

Wester motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Makuski supported the motion. **Motion carried.**