

Trustees Scott Ruggles Liz Fessler Smith Andrea C Voorheis Michael Powell

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING**

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 7527 HIGHLAND ROAD, WHITE LAKE, MICHIGAN 48383 THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 – 6:30 PM

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# **AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. <u>May 23, 2024</u>
- 7. OLD BUSINESS
- 8. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Applicant: Suzanne Sanders

7774 Pontiac Lake Road

White Lake, Michigan 48386

Location: 7774 Pontiac Lake Road

White Lake, Michigan 48386 identified as 12-09-476-008

Request: The applicant requests to construct an accessory building (pole barn),

requiring variances from Article 5.7.C, Accessory Buildings or Structures in Residential

Districts.

B. Applicant: Michael & Quinn Falzon Trust

7551 Haley Road

White Lake, Michigan 48383 Location: **7551 Haley Road** 

White Lake, Michigan 48383 identified as 12-16-401-007

Request: The applicant requests a variance from Article 5.10, Swimming Pools, which requires that residential swimming pools be fenced on all sides with a minimum 4-foot high, non-ladderable fence, with any gate to be self-closing and latching. In lieu of installing a fence, applicant seeks to utilize a safety cover on the swimming pool.

C. Applicant: Donald King

3624 Jackson Boulevard

White Lake, Michigan 48383

Location: 3624 Jackson Boulevard

White Lake, Michigan 48383 identified as 12-07-151-028

Requests: The applicant requests to enlarge and alter a nonconforming structure (house), requiring variances from Article 7.23.A, Nonconforming Structures and Article 3.1.5.E, R1-C Single Family Residential Minimum Side Yard Setback. A variance from Article 7.28.A, Repairs and Maintenance to Nonconforming Structures is also required due to the increase in cubic content.





D. Applicant: Michael Moceri, Inc.

25201 Alexa Drive

Commerce Township, Michigan 48390

Location: 2927 Ridge Road

White Lake, Michigan 48383 identified as 12-18-101-018

Requests: The applicant requests to construct a single-family house, requiring variances from Article 3.1.6.E, R1-D Single Family Residential Minimum Lot Area, Minimum Lot Width, Side Yard Setback, Front Yard Setback, Maximum Lot Coverage, Maximum

Building Height.

E. <u>Applicant: Wade Paris</u>

9377 Gale Road

White Lake, Michigan 48386

Location: 9090 Buckingham Street

White Lake, Michigan 48386 identified as 12-14-280-015

Requests: The applicant requests to construct a single-family house, requiring a variance from Article 3.1.6.E, R1-D Single Family Residential Minimum Front Yard

Setback and Minimum Lot Area.

#### 9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: August 22, 2024

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

Procedures for accommodations for persons with disabilities: The Township will follow its normal procedures for individuals with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting. Please contact the Township Clerk's office at (248) 698-3300 X-164 at least two days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to make reasonable accommodations.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Spencer called the meeting to order 6:30 P.M. She led the Pledge Allegiance.

Roll was called:

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### Present:

Jo Spencer, Chairperson Clif Seiber Niklaus Schillack, Vice Chairperson Debby Dehart, Planning Commission Liaison Michael Powell, Township Board Liaison

#### **Also Present:**

Sean O'Neil, Community Development Director Nick Spencer, Building Official Hannah Kennedy-Galley, Recording Secretary

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Member Schillack, seconded by Member Dehart to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (5 yes votes).

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. April 25, 2024

MOTION by Member Powell, seconded by Member Seiber to approve the minutes of April 25, 2024 as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (5 yes votes).

# **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Applicant: Jordan Billet 8874 Arlington Road

White Lake, MI 48386 identified as 12-13-157-006

Location: 8874 Arlington Road

Request: The applicant requests to enlarge and alter a nonconforming structure (house) to construct first and second story additions, requiring a variance from Article 7.23.A, Nonconforming Structures. Variances from Article 7.28.A, Repairs and Maintenance to Nonconforming Structures are also required due to both the value of improvements and the increase in cubic content.

Director O'Neil briefly went over the applicant's request.

Jordan Billet, 8874 Arlington, was present to speak on behalf of his request. His variances requested were reduced from nine to four variances.

Member Powell said the applicant left the shed on the rear of the property and reduced the size of the building.

Member Schillack said he was surprised the applicant chose to reduce the size of the structure, but was happy that the variances requested were reduced.

The ZBA discussed the standards from Article 7, Section 37 from the ClearZoning Ordinance:

- A. Practical Difficulty
  - Member Powell said the house and the shed were preexisting, and the applicants were trying to make the house the best they could.
- B. Unique Situation
  - Member Seiber said the lot configuration was unique due to the undersized lot width at the road.
- C. Not Self-Created
  - Chairperson Spencer said the owner did not build the house or plat the lot.
- D. Substantial Justice
  - Chairperson Spencer said granting a variance would grant the homeowner substantial justice, similar to what the surrounding neighbors had.
  - Member Schillack said the variances would not infringe on view lines of the neighbors.
- E. Minimum Variance Necessary
  - Member Schillack said the applicant reduced the requested number of variances needed and was grateful for it.

Member Schillack MOVED to approve the variances requested by Jordan Billet from Article 7.23.A of the Zoning Ordinance for Parcel Number 12-13-157-006, identified as 8874 Arlington Road, in order to enlarge and alter a nonconforming house by allowing the second-story addition to encroach 0.5 foot into the required side yard setback and exceed the allowed lot coverage by 1%. A variance from Article 7.28.A is also granted to exceed the allowed value of improvements to a nonconforming structure by 165%. This approval will have the following conditions:

- The Applicant shall obtain all necessary permits from the White Lake Township Building Division.
- In no event shall the projection of any roof overhang be closer than five feet to the side lot lines.
- No mechanical units, including HVAC system or generator, shall be placed closer than five feet to any side yard lot line.
- A foundation certificate shall be required prior to the backfill inspection by the Building Department.
- An as-built survey shall be required to verify the approved setbacks and lot coverage

Member Dehart supported, and the motion carried with a roll call vote: (5 yes votes) (Schillack/yes, Dehart/yes, Powell/yes, Spencer/yes, Seiber/yes).

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Applicant: Vinyl Sash of Flint, Inc.

5433 Fenton Road Grand Blanc, MI 48507

Location: 9471 Cedar Island Road

White Lake, MI 48386 identified as 12-35-254-007

Request: The applicant requests to enlarge and alter a nonconforming structure (house) to construct an addition, requiring variances from Article 7.23.A, Nonconforming Structures and Article 3.1.6.E, R1-D Single Family Residential Minimum Lot Area and Minimum Lot Width. Variances from Article 7.28.A, Repairs and Maintenance to Nonconforming Structures are also required due to both the value of improvements and the increase in cubic content.

Chairperson Spencer noted for the record 30 owners within 300 feet were notified. 0 letters were received in favor, 0 letters were received in opposition, and 0 letters were returned undeliverable from the U.S. Postal Service.

Director O'Neil briefly went over the applicant's request. The septic and well locations were not shown on the survey. The locations would need to be called out on a plan prior to the Building Department issuing permits.

Member Schillack said there was not a dimension measured from the shed to the side yard lot line, nor was there a dimension measured from the house to the front yard property line.

The State Equalized Value was listed on the application as the total value of the property and structure, but the ordinance in this instance only needed to take into account the value of the structure.

Robert Bloss, Vinyl Sash, and the homeowners, Mr. and Mrs. LeShok, were present to speak on behalf on their case. A tree fell on their deck last summer and destroyed their deck. They wanted to rebuild and add a sunroom to the home.

The septic field was located roadside, on the northeast corner of the lot. The well was behind the garage. The shed at the lake was about 3' from the side yard lot line.

Member Powell asked the applicant if the proposed deck would have the same footprint as the former deck. Mr. Bloss confirmed.

Chairperson Spencer opened the public hearing at 7:01 P.M. Seeing none, she closed the public hearing at 7:01 P.M.

The ZBA discussed the standards from Article 7, Section 37 from the ClearZoning Ordinance:

#### A. Practical Difficulty

- Member Dehart said the lot was undersized for the current zoning standards, and the house was non-conforming as well.
- B. Unique Situation
  - Member Seiber said the lot configuration was unique due to the narrowness of the lot.
- C. Not Self-Created
  - Chairperson Spencer said the owner did not build the house or plat the lot.
- D. Substantial Justice
  - Chairperson Spencer said granting a variance would grant the homeowner substantial justice, similar to what the surrounding neighbors had.
  - Member Powell agreed.
- E. Minimum Variance Necessary
  - Member Seiber said the width of the addition was minimal.
  - Member Schillack said there weren't any other suitable locations for the sunroom.

Member Powell MOVED to approve the variances requested by Vinyl Sash of Flint, Inc. from Article 7.23.A and Article 7.28.A of the Zoning Ordinance for Parcel Number 12-35-254-007, identified as 9471 Cedar Island Road, in order to construct an addition that would encroach 3.9 feet into the required west side yard setback and exceed the allowed value of improvements to a nonconforming structure by 140%. A 32-foot variance from the required lot width and a 6,816 square foot variance from the required lot area are also granted from Article 3.1.6.E. This approval will have the following conditions:

- The Applicant shall obtain all necessary permits from the White Lake Township Building Division.
- Prior to issuance of a building permit, the survey shall be updated to provide existing and proposed lot coverage calculations. A separate variance application for lot coverage may be required, as information on lot coverage was not provided and a lot coverage variance was not requested/published.
- The addition plans shall be revised for consistency with the surveyor's site plan to the satisfaction of the Building Official, and shall include the septic, well, and setback locations from the west jog of the side yard property line and from the lakeside shed to the side yard property line.
- The addition's roof overhang shall be no closer than five feet to the west side lot line.
- A foundation certificate shall be required prior to the backfill inspection by the Building Division.
- An as-built survey shall be required to verify the approved setbacks.

Member Seiber supported, and the motion carried with a roll call vote: (5 yes votes) (Powell/yes, Schillack/yes, Spencer/yes, Seiber/yes, Dehart/yes).

B. Applicant: Lisa Gulda 5033 Thicket Lane Clarkston, MI 48346

Location: Parcel Number 12-16-200-030

Request: The applicant requests to divide a parcel of land, requiring variances from Article 3.1.1.F, AG Agricultural Minimum Lot Area and Minimum Lot Width.

Chairperson Spencer noted for the record 13 owners within 300 feet were notified. 0 letters were received in favor, 0 letters were received in opposition, and 0 letters were returned undeliverable from the U.S. Postal Service.

Director O'Neil briefly went over the applicant's request.

Member Dehart asked staff why the applicant did not rezone the property. Director O'Neil said the applicant was made aware of the rezoning process, but did have the right to request the variance if they wanted to go through the Zoning Board of Appeals process.

Member Schillack said the request seemed to be of a zoning matter, not of a variance perspective. Member Powell agreed, and pointed out that the applicant could apply and obtain lot splits for the southern three parcels, and rezoning the top two parcels.

Member Sieber said the Master Plan would support a rezoning to Suburban Farm, and it seemed that the applicant was trying to seek a rezoning through the variance process.

Lisa Gulda, 5033 Thicket Lane, was present. She said she only applied because she was advised to by former staff to proceed in this way as opposed to a rezoning request.

Member Powell said the ZBA is charged with granting variances based on hardship, not personal preference.

Member Seiber asked the applicant to confirm that parent parcel was split in 2021. Ms. Gulda confirmed, and said it was her father's property. When it was split in 2021, her brothers received the bigger parcel, and she received the smaller parcel with 15 acres.

Member Schillack said the applicant's request made sense; but the ZBA had to grant variances based on hardship.

Member Powell stated that he would have been in favor of the request if there were issues with the rezoning of the southernly three parcels.

Chairperson Spencer opened the public hearing at 7:30 P.M. Seeing none, she closed the public hearing at 7:30 P.M.

The ZBA discussed the standards from Article 7, Section 37 from the ClearZoning Ordinance:

A. Practical Difficulty

- B. Unique Situation
- C. Not Self-Created
  - Member Powell said the problem was self-created. The southerly three lots would not be impacted either as they could be split now.
- D. Substantial Justice
  - Member Schillack said there wasn't a matter of substantial justice as the applicant could go through the rezoning process.
- E. Minimum Variance Necessary

Member Powell asked staff to confirm that there wouldn't be any variances needed for the three southernly parcels. Director O'Neil confirmed.

Member Schillack MOVED to deny the variances requested by Lisa Gulda for Parcel Number 12- 16-200-030 due to the following reason(s): there was not a proven hardship, the problem was self-created, and substantial justice wasn't withheld from the applicant.

Member Powell supported, and the motion carried with a roll call vote: (5 yes votes): (Schillack/yes, Seiber/yes, Dehart/yes, Spencer/yes, Powell/yes).

C. Applicant: Connie Barker 600 Farnsworth Road White Lake, MI 48386

Location: 600 Farnsworth Road

White Lake, MI 48386 identified as 12-26-453-014

Request: The applicant requests to enlarge and alter a nonconforming structure (house) to construct an addition, requiring variances from Article 7.23.A, Nonconforming Structures and Article 3.1.6.E, R1-D Single Family Residential Minimum Lot Area. A variance from Article 7.28.A, Repairs and Maintenance to Nonconforming Structures is also required due to both the value of improvements and the increase in cubic content.

Chairperson Spencer noted for the record 31 owners within 300 feet were notified. 0 letters were received in favor, 0 letters were received in opposition, and 1 letter was returned undeliverable from the U.S. Postal Service.

Director O'Neil briefly went over the applicant's request.

Member Powell asked staff how front, rear, and side yard were determined in this scenario. Director O'Neil said the orientation of the existing surrounding lots made Farnsworth Road the front yard, opposite of the backyard. The neighbor to the north was oriented facing Farnsworth as well. The majority of the houses on Farnsworth faced Farnsworth.

Marlon Fleck, 2840 Eatonville, and Connie Barker, 600 Farnsworth spoke on behalf of the applicant. The alterations would allow Ms. Barker's mother to age in place in her home. The alterations were for handicapped modifications.

Member Powell said he empathized with the applicant's need for their request. He said the existing house looked small from the Farnsworth roadside. He asked the applicant how the additional floor would be adjusted to the existing floor. Mr. Fleck said there would be a foyer in the breezeway, and there would be a chairlift installed. The existing rooms were too small to help and assist.

Member Seiber asked the applicant what the garage was used for. Ms. Barker said vehicles. Member Seiber asked the applicant if they had considered converting the garage for living space. Mr. Fleck said he considered it, but the two-car garage was necessary, especially if there was someone in a wheelchair.

Chairperson Spencer opened the public hearing at 8:07 P.M. Seeing none, she closed the public hearing at 8:07 P.M.

Member Seiber said the surrounding houses did meet the rear yard setbacks, and if a variance were granted, it would be one of the only houses in the area that did not meet the rear yard setbacks. Member Powell added that the subject lot was a corner lot. Member Seiber said there were alternatives presented without needing the rear yard setback, he did not see a case for substantial justice.

The ZBA discussed the standards from Article 7, Section 37 from the ClearZoning Ordinance:

- A. Practical Difficulty
  - Member Dehart said the corner parcel was a practical difficulty
  - Member Schillack said a corner lot had been recognized as a practical difficultly in the past.
- B. Unique Situation
  - Member Dehart said the corner parcel was a unique situation.
- C. Not Self-Created
  - Member Dehart said the applicant didn't plat the parcel.
- D. Substantial Justice
  - Member Seiber said he did not see a case for substantial justice.
  - Member Dehart said the applicant offered to reduce the addition.
- E. Minimum Variance Necessary
  - Member Dehart said if the applicant were to reduce the addition, there would be less of a variance necessary.
  - Member Schillack appreciated the applicant's offer to eliminate the shed.

Member Powell MOVED to approve the variances requested by Connie Barker from Article 7.23.A and Article 7.28.A of the Zoning Ordinance for Parcel Number 12-26-453-014, identified as 600 Farnsworth Road, in order to construct an addition that would encroach 6 feet into the required rear yard setback (west), exceed the allowed lot coverage by 10%, and exceed the allowed value of improvements to a nonconforming structure by 335%. A 1,110 square foot variance from the required lot area is also granted from Article 3.1.6.E. This approval will have the following conditions:

- The Applicant shall obtain all necessary permits from the White Lake Township Building Division.
- The shed shall be removed from the property prior to approval of the final inspection by the Building Official.
- No mechanical units, including HVAC system or generator, shall be placed in the front yard or closer than five (5) feet to any side yard lot line or rear yard lot line.
- A foundation certificate shall be required prior to the backfill inspection by the Building Division.
- An as-built survey shall be required to verify the approved setbacks and lot coverage.

Member Schillack supported, and the motion carried with a voice vote: (4 yes votes) (Powell/yes, Dehart/yes, Spencer/yes, Schillack/yes, Seiber/no).

D. Applicant: Gateway Commons, LLC 600 N. Old Wooward, Suite 100

Birmingham, MI 48009

Location: 6340 Highland Road and 6350 Highland Road

White Lake, MI 48386 identified as 12-20-402-003 and 12-20-426-003

Request: The applicant requests to construct a commercial/retail center, requiring variances from Article 6.4.C.iii, Minimum Driveway Spacing – Relative to Intersections, Article 4.17.A, Drive-Thru Window Service Front Yard Setback, Article 4.17.B, Drive-Thru Window Service Driveway Setback from Residential Zoning Districts, and Section 5.11.M, Minimum

Requirements for Off-Street Parking.

Chairperson Spencer noted for the record 13 owners within 300 feet were notified. 0 letters were received in favor, 0 letters were received in opposition, and 0 letters were returned undeliverable from the U.S. Postal Service.

Chairperson Spencer said she believed this was the first time she saw these sections of the ordinance come before the ZBA.

Director O'Neil gave a brief report.

Member Seiber asked staff if the drive thru windows were placed on the west side of the property, would a variance be triggered for the additional 10'. Director O'Neil confirmed.

Member Schillack asked staff if there would be disorderly traffic patterns within the parking lot. Director O'Neil said it would most likely be of internal nature, and the developer would need to mitigate that.

Member Schillack commended the developer for working around the natural features setback on the site.

Keith Maziasz, 600 N Old Woodward, Scott Tousignant, 3140 East Howell, and Jake Root, 1644 Ford, were all present to speak on behalf of the applicant. The east end of the building needed the additional stacking for the drive thru customers. The drive location on Bogie Lake Road was the anticipated location preferred by MDOT, which was roughly 70' short of meeting the zoning requirements. The extra 10' needed for the drive thru was for the window, not for the stacking. The west side of the building would not be ideal for a drive thru window as it would not face up to a driver's side window. The topography of the site proved to be a difficulty due to the changes in elevation.

Member Seiber asked the applicant if the building could be shifted westerly to accommodate the 60' front yard set back. Mr. Tousignant t said the site proved to be difficult due to the wetlands, and shifting the building would encroach on the drive aisles.

Chairperson Spencer opened the public hearing at 8:52 P.M.

Mary Earley, 5925 Pine Ridge Court, was concerned about traffic cutting through the development.

Chairperson Spencer closed the public hearing at 8:54 P.M.

Member Powell stated that the site was extremely hard to engineer, and the project had seen a lot of planning efforts from the Planning Commission and staff.

Member Schillack said he was looking forward to seeing the site developed.

The ZBA discussed the standards from Article 7, Section 37 from the ClearZoning Ordinance:

- A. Practical Difficulty
  - Member Dehart said the site had topographical issues.
- B. Unique Situation
  - Member Seiber said there was a M-59 boulevard that impacted the driveway.
- C. Not Self-Created
  - The applicant did not plat or create the lot.
- D. Member Substantial Justice
  - Member Seiber said the variance would provide substantial justice.
  - Member Schillack said seeing a quality design on a difficult site was substantial justice.
- E. Minimum Variance Necessary
  - Member Dehart said it was the minimum variance necessary,
  - Member Schillack said the site would not impact the natural features of the site.

Member Seiber MOVED to approve the variances requested by Gateway Commons, LLC from Article 6.4.C.iii, Article 4.17.A, Article 4.17.B, and Article 5.11.M of the Zoning Ordinance for 6350 Highland Road (Parcel Number 12-20-426-003) and 6340 Highland Road (Parcel Number 12-20-402-003) in order to allow construction of a commercial/retail center. This approval will have the following conditions:

- The variances shall become effective if and when the final site plan for the development is approved by the Planning Commission.
- Approval is in accordance with the preliminary site plan prepared by Boss Engineering dated January 1, 2023 (revision date February 28, 2024).

Member Schillack supported, and the motion carried with a roll call vote: (5 yes votes) (Seiber/yes, Schillack/yes, Spencer/yes, Dehart/yes, Powell/yes).

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Director O'Neil said he and Building Official Spencer would be at future ZBA meetings until a new staff member was hired and settled.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** July 25, 2024 (June's meeting will be canceled).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Member Schillack, seconded by Member Seiber, to adjourn at 9:09 P.M. The motion carried with a voice vote (5 yes votes).



# REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**TO:** Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM: Andrew Littman, Staff Planner

**DATE:** July 8, 2024

Agenda item: 8A

**Appeal Date:** June 10, 2024

**Applicant:** Suzanne Sanders

**Address:** 7774 Pontiac Lake Road

White Lake, MI 48386

**Zoning:** SF Suburban Farm

**Location:** 7774 Pontiac Lake Road

White Lake, MI 48386

### **Property Description**

The approximately 10-acre parcel identified as 7774 Pontiac Lake Road is zoned SF (Suburban Farm). The existing 2,179 square-foot single-family home on the property (measuring 2,179 square feet) utilizes a private well for potable water and a septic system for sanitation.

## **Applicant's Proposal**

The applicant, Suzanne Sanders, whose daughter is a competitive equestrian jumper, seeks to construct a private 16,128 square-foot indoor equestrian arena (with stables) as an accessory building to her single-family home. The proposed building would have 16-foot-high walls and a 22-foot-high roof (measured at the midline of the roof).

## Planner's Report

Article 5.7.C of the Zoning Ordinance limits the height of roofs and walls of accessory buildings to 18 feet for roofs and 14 feet for walls. Therefore, height variances are being requested of 4 feet for the roof and 2 feet for the walls.

It should be noted that staff has been considering to increase the height limitations for accessory buildings/structures in the AG and SF Districts, provided that there are sufficient setbacks from property lines. In this case the setbacks are substantial, and are as follows (measured from the proposed location of the arena to the respective property line):

North property line: 92 feet
East property line: 263 feet
South property line: 87 feet

• Distance to existing residence (to the west): 478 feet

The requested variances are listed in the following table.

Variance #	Ordinance Section	Subject	Standard	Requested Variance	Result
1	Article 5.7.C	Accessory Buildings in Residential Districts	Maximum wall height of 14 feet	2 feet	16-foot-high walls
2	Article 5.7.C	Accessory Buildings in Residential Districts	Maximum building height of 18 feet	4 feet	22-foot-high building height (measured at midline of roof)

### **Zoning Board of Appeals Options:**

Approval: I move to approve the variances requested by Suzanne Sanders from Article 5.7.C of the Zoning Ordinance for Parcel Number 12-09-476-008, identified as 7774 Pontiac Lake Road, in order to construct a new accessory building that would exceed the allowable height for the roof by 4 feet and for the walls by 2 feet. This approval is conditional on the applicant obtaining all necessary permits from the White Lake Township Building Division.

**<u>Denial:</u>** I move to deny the variances requested by Suzanne Sanders for Parcel Number 12-09-476-008, identified as 7774 Pontiac Lake Road, due to the following reason(s):

<u>Postpone:</u> I move to postpone the appeal of Suzanne Sanders to a date certain or other triggering mechanism for Parcel Number 12-09-476-008, identified as 7774 Pontiac Lake Road, to consider comments stated during this public hearing.

#### **Attachments:**

- 1. Variance application dated June 10, 2024.
- 2. Aerial of subject parcel
- 3. Elevation sketches
- 4. Sketch plan
- 5. Roof plans dated May 16, 2024.
- 6. Letter of denial from the Building Official dated May 21, 2024.

#### 7.37 STANDARDS

General variances: The Zoning Board of Appeals may authorize a variance from the strict application of the area or dimensional standard of this Ordinance when the applicant demonstrates <u>all</u> of the following conditions "A - E" or condition F applies.

- A. Practical difficulty: A practical difficulty exists on the subject site (such as exceptional narrowness, shallowness, shape or area; presence of floodplain; exceptional topographic conditions) and strict compliance with the zoning ordinance standards would unreasonably prevent the owner from using of the subject site for a permitted use or would render conformity unnecessarily burdensome. Demonstration of a practical difficulty shall have a bearing on the subject site or use of the subject site, and not to the applicant personally. Economic hardship or optimum profit potential are not considerations for practical difficulty.
- B. Unique situation: The demonstrated practical difficult results from exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applying to the subject site at the time the Ordinance was adopted or amended which are different than typical properties in the same zoning district or the vicinity.

- C. Not self created: The applicants problem is not self created.
- D. Substantial justice: The variance would provide substantial justice by granting the property rights similar to those enjoyed by the majority of other properties in the vicinity, and other properties in the same zoning district. The decision shall not bestow upon the property special development rights not enjoyed by other properties in the same district, or which might result in substantial adverse impacts on properties in the vicinity (such as the supply of light and air, significant increases in traffic, increased odors, an increase in the danger of fire, or other activities which may endanger the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare).
- E. Minimum variance necessary: The variance shall be the minimum necessary to grant relief created by the practical difficulty.
- F. Compliance with other laws: The variance is the minimum necessary to comply with state or federal laws, including but not necessarily limited to:
  - The Michigan Right to Farm Act (P.A. 93 of 1981) and the farming activities the Act protects;
  - ii. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (as amended), and the needs of handicapped individuals the Act protects, including accessory facilities, building additions, building alterations, and site improvements which may not otherwise meet a strict application of the standards of this Ordinance.

Under no circumstances shall the Board of Appeals grant a variance to allow a use not permissible under the terms of this Ordinance in the district involved, or any use expressly or by implication prohibited by the terms of this Ordinance in said district.

# CHARIER IOWNSHIP OF WHILE LAKE

# **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION**

Item A.

Community Development Department, 7525 Highland Road, White Lake, Michigan, 48383 (248) 698-3300 x5

APPLICANT'S NAME: SUZANNE Sanders PHONE: 348-229-7396
ADDRESS: 7774 Pontiac, Lake, Road, White Lake 48386 APPLICANT'S EMAILADDRESS: Sanders Kenneth Datt net  APPLICANT'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY: DOWNER BUILDER OTHER:
ADDRESS OF AFFECTED PROPERTY: 774 Pontrac Lake Rd PARCEL # 12-09-476-008
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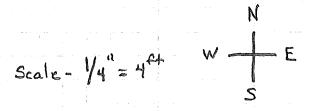
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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

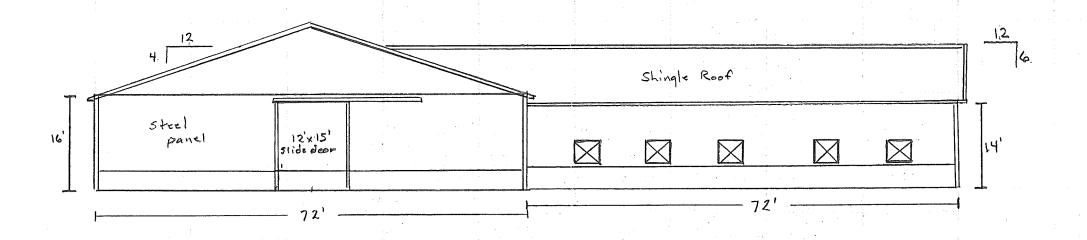


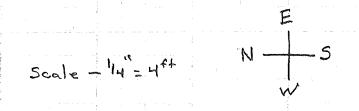


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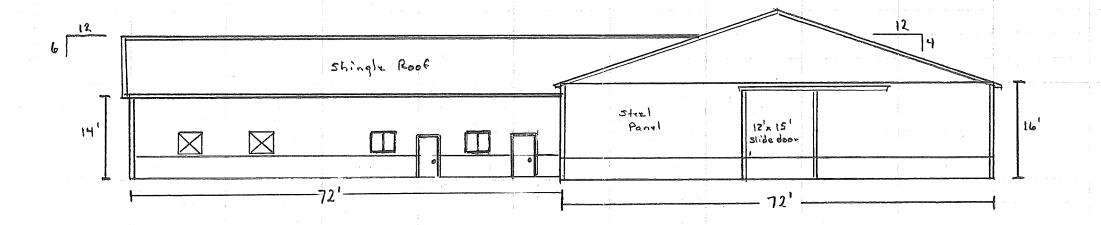
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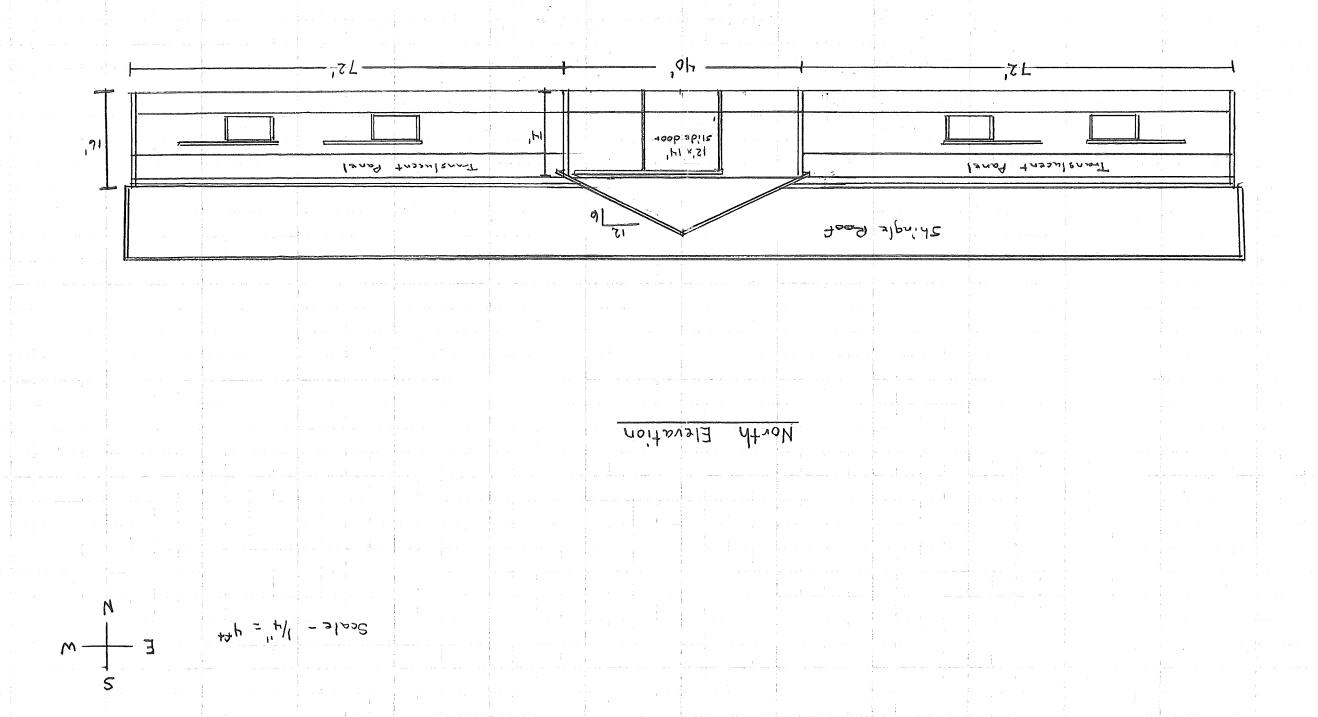
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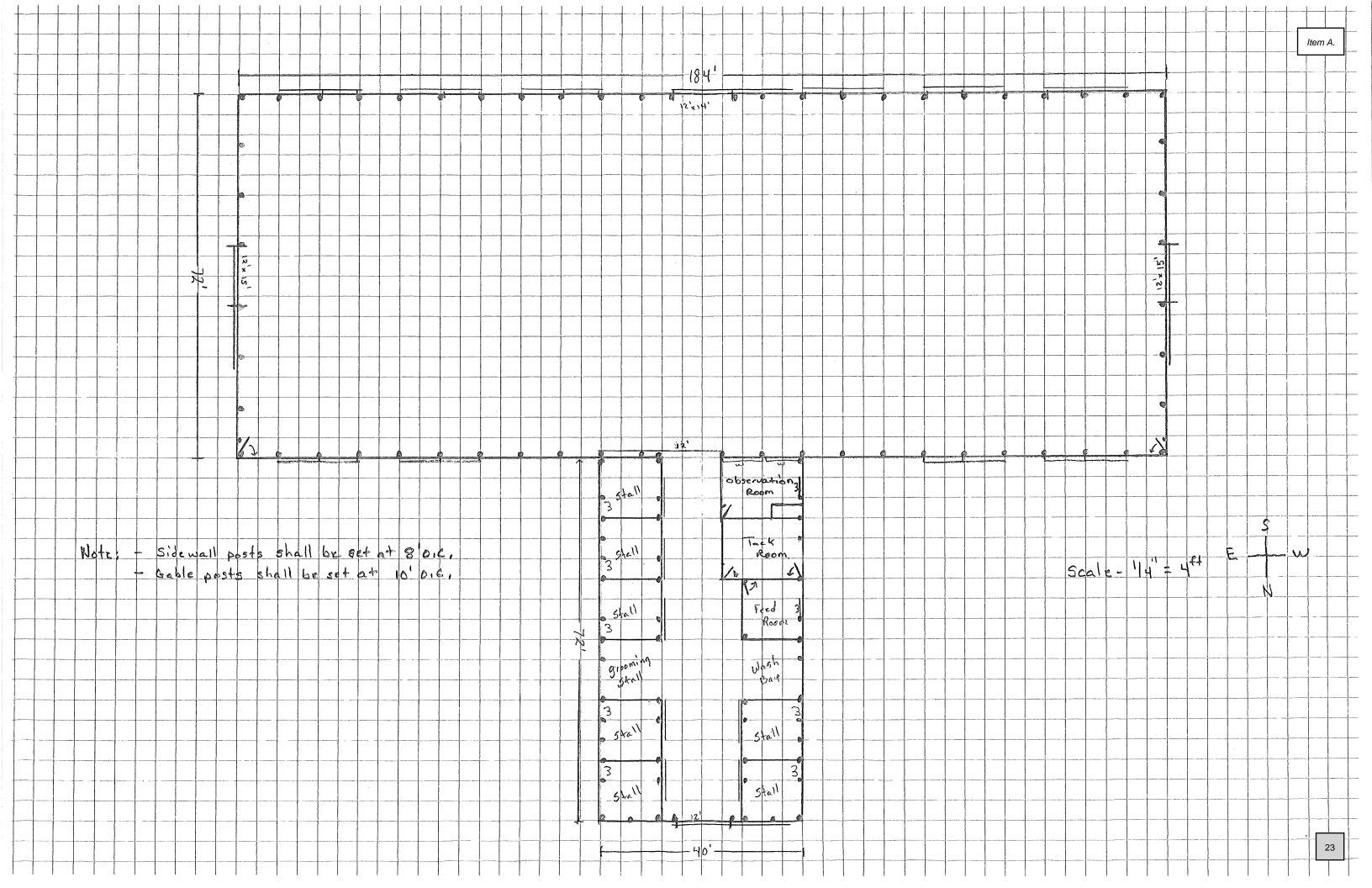


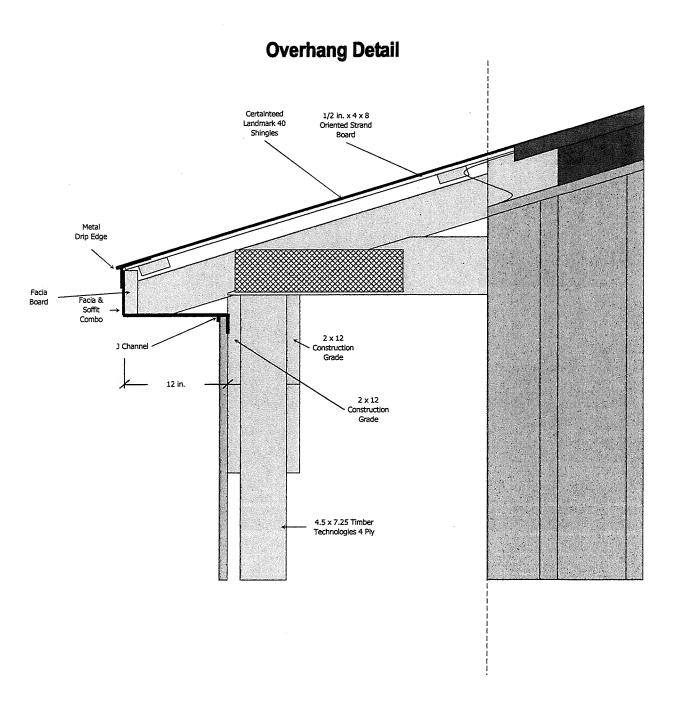


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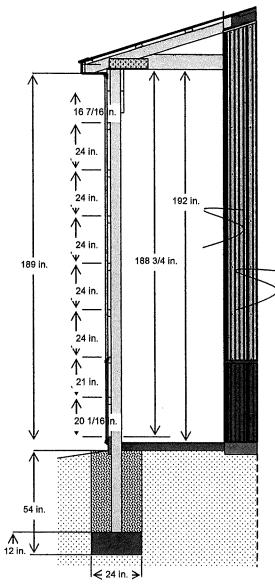
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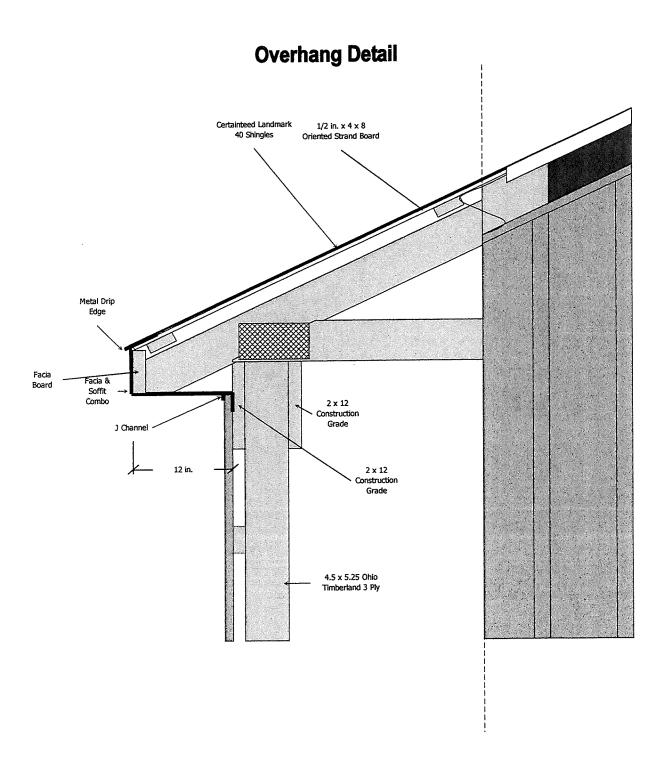
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Ken Sanders Estimate Number: 424 5/16/2024



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Ken Sanders Estimate Number: 425 5/16/2024 Rik Kowall, Supervisor Anthony L. Noble, Clerk Mike Roman, Treasurer



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### WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

7525 Highland Road • White Lake, Michigan 48383-2900 • (248) 698-3300 • www.whitelaketwp.com

May 21, 2024

Kenneth and Susan Sanders 7774 Pontiac Lake Rd White Lake, MI 48383

RE: Proposed Pole Building

Based on the submitted plans, the proposed building height does not satisfy the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance for Accessory Structures.

Article 5.1 (C) of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance: Maximum building wall height of 14 ft and maximum roof height of 18 ft.

The East Elevation indicates the wall height of the proposed structure to be 16 ft, and midline of the roof to be approximately 22 ft.

Approval of the expansion would be subject to a variance to the schedule of regulations, Article 7 of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance. To be eligible for the June 27<sup>th</sup> Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting, complete application must be submitted to the White Lake Township Planning Department no later than May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 PM. *Be advised, the ZBA may require a certified boundary and location survey.* The Planning Department can be reached at (248)698-3300, ext. 5

Sincerely,

Nick Spencer, Building Official

White Lake Township

# REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TO: Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM: Andrew Littman, Staff Planner

**DATE:** July 17, 2024

Agenda item: 8B

Appeal Date: May 31, 2024

**Applicant:** Michael and Quinn Falzon Trust

Address: 7551 Haley Road

White Lake, MI 48383

**Zoning:** AG Agricultural

**Location:** 7551 Haley Road

White Lake, MI 48383

# **Property Description**

The approximately 10.11-acre parcel identified as 7551 Haley Road is zoned AG (Agricultural). The existing house on the property (approximately 1,780 square feet in size) utilizes a private well for potable water and a private septic system for sanitation.

### **Applicant's Proposal**

The applicant, the Michael and Quinn Falzon Trust, seeks to utilize a safety cover on its swimming pool in lieu of enclosing the pool with a fence.

## Planner's Report

Article 5.10 of the Zoning Ordinance states that residential swimming pools must be fenced on all sides with a minimum four-foot high, non-ladderable fence, with any gate to be self-closing and latching. This Ordinance provision was designed primarily for the safety of children who could readily wonder onto the property and fall into a swimming pool. Indeed, this is a prime example where the legal doctrine of "attractive nuisance" applies. The self-closing and latching language is particularly important since the enclosure is automatic, and not dependent upon whether or not an individual remembers to close the gate.

On the other hand, a safety cover is dependent upon an individual closing it every time he or she is not present at the pool, which is simply not realistic. A safety cover is clearly not a safe alternative to the requirements of the Ordinance.

# **Zoning Board of Appeals Options:**

**Approval:** I move to approve the variance requested by the Michael and Quinn Falzon Trust from Article 5.10 of the Zoning Ordinance for Parcel Number 12-16-401-007, identified as 7551 Haley Road, to utilize a safety cover on its swimming pool in lieu of enclosing the pool with a minimum four-foot high, non-ladderable fence, with any gate to be self-closing and latching.

**Denial:** I move to deny the variance requested by the Michael and Quinn Falzon Trust for Parcel Number 12-16-401-007, identified as 7551 Haley Road, due to the following reason(s):

**Postpone:** I move to postpone the appeal of the Michael and Quinn Falzon Trust to a date certain or other triggering mechanism for Parcel Number 12-16-401-007, identified as 7551 Haley Road, to consider comments stated during this public hearing.

# **Attachments:**

- 1. Variance application dated May 31, 2024.
- 2. Applicant's written statement.
- 3. Letter of denial from the Building Official dated May 16, 2024.
- 4. Sketch Survey

#### 7.37 STANDARDS

General variances: The Zoning Board of Appeals may authorize a variance from the strict application of the area or dimensional standard of this Ordinance when the applicant demonstrates <u>all</u> of the following conditions "A - E" or condition F applies.

- A. Practical difficulty: A practical difficulty exists on the subject site (such as exceptional narrowness, shallowness, shape or area; presence of floodplain; exceptional topographic conditions) and strict compliance with the zoning ordinance standards would unreasonably prevent the owner from using of the subject site for a permitted use or would render conformity unnecessarily burdensome. Demonstration of a practical difficulty shall have a bearing on the subject site or use of the subject site, and not to the applicant personally. Economic hardship or optimum profit potential are not considerations for practical difficulty.
- B. Unique situation: The demonstrated practical difficult results from exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applying to the subject site at the time the Ordinance was adopted or amended which are different than typical properties in the same zoning district or the vicinity.

- C. Not self created: The applicants problem is not self created.
- D. Substantial justice: The variance would provide substantial justice by granting the property rights similar to those enjoyed by the majority of other properties in the vicinity, and other properties in the same zoning district. The decision shall not bestow upon the property special development rights not enjoyed by other properties in the same district, or which might result in substantial adverse impacts on properties in the vicinity (such as the supply of light and air, significant increases in traffic, increased odors, an increase in the danger of fire, or other activities which may endanger the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare).
- E. Minimum variance necessary: The variance shall be the minimum necessary to grant relief created by the practical difficulty.
- F. Compliance with other laws: The variance is the minimum necessary to comply with state or federal laws, including but not necessarily limited to:
  - The Michigan Right to Farm Act (P.A. 93 of 1981) and the farming activities the Act protects;
  - ii. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (as amended), and the needs of handicapped individuals the Act protects, including accessory facilities, building additions, building alterations, and site improvements which may not otherwise meet a strict application of the standards of this Ordinance.

Under no circumstances shall the Board of Appeals grant a variance to allow a use not permissible under the terms of this Ordinance in the district involved, or any use expressly or by implication prohibited by the terms of this Ordinance in said district.

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

Community Development Department, 7525 Highland Road, White Lake, Michigan, 48383 (248) 698-3300 x5

APPLICANT'S NAME: Michael & Quinn Talzon PHONE: 970-819-59 Le Mike cell # 970-846-8  ADDRESS: 7551 Haley Rd. White Lake, MI. 48383  APPLICANT'S EMAILADDRESS: Jafmichiganagmail.com
APPLICANT'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY: DOWNER BUILDER OTHER:  Fully owned (no mortgage)
Pin#12-16-401-007 7551 Haley Rd. 49383 y ADDRESS OF AFFECTED PROPERTY: White Lake, MI. 49383 y
CURRENT ZONING: AG-Agricultural PARCEL SIZE: 10.11 Acres
STATE REQUESTED VARIANCE AND ORDINANCE SECTION: Article 5.10 of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance (Swimming poor Value of IMPROVEMENT: \$ N/A SEV OF EXISITING STRUCTURE: \$ N/A UNKNOWN
STATE REASONS TO SUPPORT REQUEST: (ATTACH WRITTEN STATEMENT TO APPLICATION)
APPLICATION FEE: \$385 (CALCULATED BY THE COMMUNITY DÉVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: Gumphana to 201 DATE: 5/31/2024

## Supporting Document for Application

From: Michael & Quinn Falzon Trust 7551 Haley Rd. White Lake, MI. 48383 (970) 819-5966

To:

White Lake Twp. Community Development Dpt. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) 7527 Highland Rd. White Lake, MI. 48383

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals (Z.B.A.),

We, Michael & Quinn Falzon, would kindly request to be exempt from the Article 5.10 of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance: swimming pools shall be fenced on all sides with a minimum four-foot high, non-ladderable fence, with any gat3e to be self-closing and latching at our residence 7551 Haley Rd. in White Lake, Michigan.

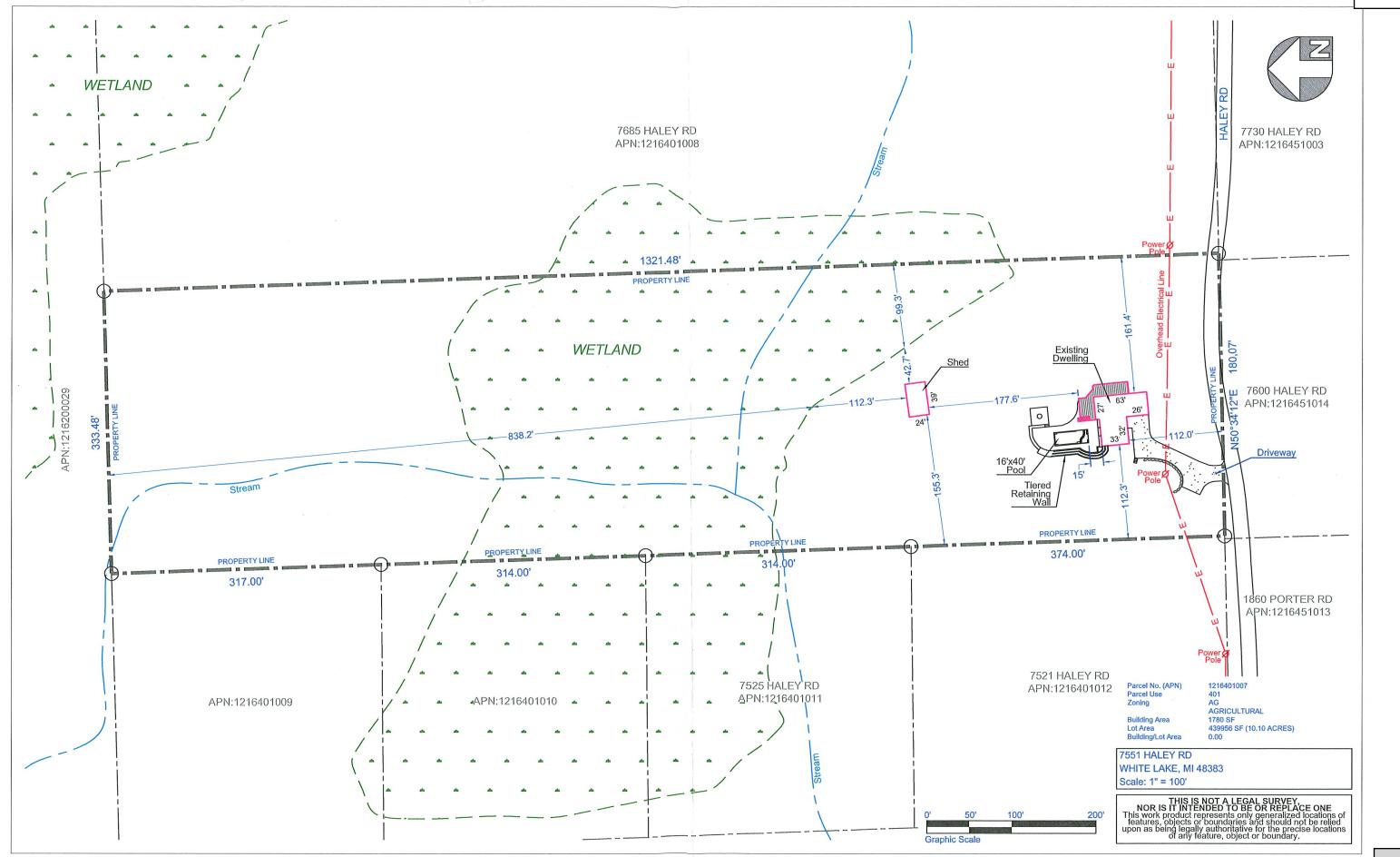
- 1. We believe that we have a unique circumstance as an AG (Agricultural) Zoning with 10.11 acres.
- 2. Nearest neighbors are at least 1,000 feet away with wetlands in-between.
- 3. Our property is heavily wooded in every angle.
- 4. We do not live in a Subdivision nor have an HOA.
- 5. Most importantly, we have a CoverStar Automatic Pool Cover. CoverStar automatic cover systems have been tested and meet the safety standards outlined in ASTM F1346-91, which calls for the use of safety devices for pools that meet national regulations. A few ASTM Pool Cover safety specifications are Weight Support (can hold a minimum weight of 485lbs, Perimeter Deflection Test, Surface Drainage Test, Control-Switch Requirements (any device used to control the automatic pool cover has to be permanently mounted in full view of the entire pool). CoverStar automatic pool covers are also UL Listed and Certified to meet industry-wide standards.

Thank you for your consideration and time in this matter.

Sincerely,

Olein Johanna Falzon Michael & Quinn Falzon Trust

5/31/2024



Rik Kowall, Supervisor Anthony L. Noble, Clerk Mike Roman, Treasurer



Trustees Scott Ruggies Liz Fessler Smith Andrea C. Voorheis Michael Powell

# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

7525 Highland Road - White Lake, Michigan 48383-2900 - (248) 698-3300 - www.whitelaketwp.com

May 16, 2024

Michael and Quinn Falzon 7551 Haley Rd White Lake, MI 48383

Re: Swimming Pool Barrier Requirements

Based on the submitted application, the proposed swimming pool does not satisfy the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance for swimming pool barriers.

Article 5.10 of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance: swimming pools shall be fenced on all sides with a minimum four-foot high, non-ladderable fence, with any gate to be self-closing and latching.

While the swimming pool is proposed to include a code-compliant safety cover as permitted by Section 305 of 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, it lacks the barrier requirements required by the ordinance.

Approval of the building plans is subject to a variance to the schedule of regulations, Article 7 of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance. To be eligible for the June 27<sup>th</sup> Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting, complete application must be submitted to the White Lake Township Planning Department no later than May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 PM. The Planning Department can be reached at (248)698-3300, ext. 5

Sincerely,

Nick Spencer, Building Official White Lake Township

# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

# REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TO: Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM: Andrew Littman, Staff Planner

**DATE:** July 10, 2024

Agenda item: 8C

Appeal Date: June 20, 2024

**Applicant:** Donald King

Address: 3624 Jackson Boulevard

White Lake, MI 48383

**Zoning:** R1-C Single Family Residential

**Location:** 3624 Jackson Boulevard

White Lake, MI 48383

### **Property Description**

The 0.172-acre (7,492 square feet) parcel identified as 3624 Jackson Boulevard is located on White Lake and zoned R1-C (Single Family Residential). The existing two-story single-family home on the property (approximately 1,674 square feet in size) utilizes a private well for potable water and a septic system for sanitation.

### **Applicant's Proposal**

The applicant, Donald King, is proposing to add 2 feet to the height of the roof of his residence, which is a legally nonconforming structure due to having a southern side yard setback of only 2.1 feet.

### **Planner's Report**

The existing single-family home and lot are both legally nonconforming. Article 3.1.5 of the Township's Zoning Ordinance requires a 10-foot minimum side yard setback in the R1-C zoning district, however the existing residence is only 2.1 feet from the southern property line. The parcel is nonconforming due to a 8,508 square foot deficiency in lot area. In the R1-C zoning district, the minimum lot area requirement is 16,000 square feet.

Article 7.23.A of the Zoning Ordinance states that a nonconforming structure may not be enlarged or altered in a way that increases its nonconformity. Moreover, Article 7.28 does not allow the cubic content of nonconforming structures to be increased. Obviously, the proposed roof expansion would violate both Ordinance provisions.

Staff also notes that there is a serious fire safety concern with enlarging a structure that is only 2.1 feet from a property line. Indeed, this fire safety hazard is the basis for the prohibition in Article 5.3 of the Ordinance against any structure projecting closer than 5 feet to a lot line.

The requested variances are listed in the following table

Variance #	Ordinance Section	Subject	Standard	Requested Variance
1	Article 3.1.5	Minimum Side Yard Setback	10-foot minimum side yard setback from property line.	7.9 feet
2	Article 7.23.A	Nonconforming structure	No enlargement or alteration	Enlarge and alter nonconforming structure
3	Article 7.28.A	Nonconforming structure	No increase in cubic content	Increase cubic content of nonconforming structure
4	Article 3.1.5	Minimum Lot Area	16,000 square feet	8,508 square feet

### **Zoning Board of Appeals Options:**

Approval: I move to approve the variances requested by Donald King from Article 3.1.5, Article 7.23.A, and Article 7.28 of the Zoning Ordinance for Parcel Number 12-07-151-028, identified as 3624 Jackson Boulevard, in order to enlarge and alter a nonconforming structure that encroaches 7.9 feet into the required side yard setback. A 8,508 square foot variance from the minimum lot area is also granted from Article 3.1.5. This approval is conditional on the applicant obtaining all necessary permits from the White Lake Township Building Division.

**Denial:** I move to deny the variances requested by Donald King for Parcel Number 12-07-151-028, identified as 3624 Jackson Boulevard, due to the following reason(s):

**Postpone:** I move to postpone the appeal of Donald King to a date certain or other triggering mechanism for Parcel Number 12-07-151-028, identified as 3624 Jackson Boulevard, to consider comments stated during this public hearing.

#### Attachments:

- 1. Variance application dated June 20, 2024
- 2. Applicant's written statement dated June 18, 2024
- 3. Certified boundary survey dated June 14, 2024
- 4. Letter of denial from the Building Official dated May 20, 2024
- 5. Photos of existing roof structure
- 6. Building Plans received on May 10

### 7.37 STANDARDS

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- E. Minimum variance necessary: The variance shall be the minimum necessary to grant relief created by the practical difficulty.
- F. Compliance with other laws: The variance is the minimum necessary to comply with state or federal laws, including but not necessarily limited to:
  - i. The Michigan Right to Farm Act (P.A. 93 of 1981) and the farming activities

### Item C.

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

# Community Development Department, 7525 Highland Road, White Lake, Michigan, 48383 (248) 698-3300 x5

APPLICANT'S NAME: Donald J King and Denise King PHONE: 313-820-4526			
ADDRESS: 3624 Jackson Blvd APPLICANT'S EMAILADDRESS: donking_mi@hotmail.com			
APPLICANT'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY: OWNER BUILDER OTHER:			
ADDRESS OF AFFECTED PROPERTY: 3624 Jackson BlvdPARCEL # 12			
CURRENT ZONING: PARCEL SIZE:			
STATE REQUESTED VARIANCE AND ORDINANCE SECTION: 7,23(A) 3, 1,5			
VALUE OF IMPROVEMENT: \$50,000 SEV OF EXISITING STRUCTURE: \$			

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TREASURER CHARTER TWP. OF WHITELAKE RECEIVED
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Variance Board Letter for the property listed below:

Donald and Denise King

3624 Jackson Blvd

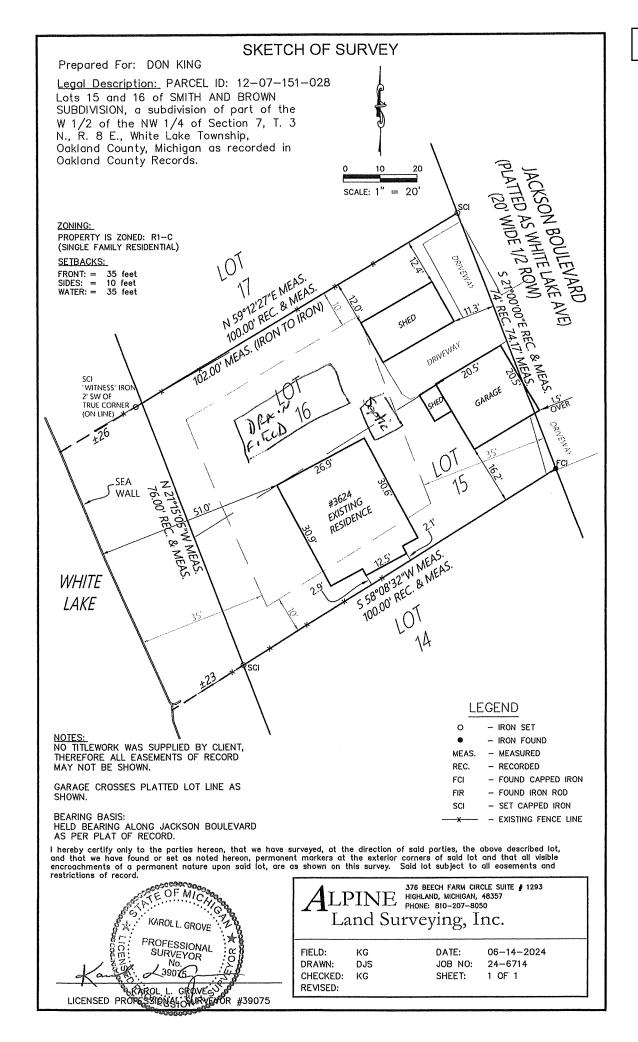
White Lake, MI 48383

To whom it may concern, we are removing the existing roof because it is unsafe and not constructed to current building codes. See attached pictures of current rafters that have been cobbled together making it an unsafe roof. We are adding approximately 2' to the height of the current ceiling so we can install proper headers over the windows and doorwall that are currently there and have no headers. We have a truss package ready to order once we receive approval to proceed with the variance board approval.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Donald J King

Denise King



Rik Kowall, Supervisor Anthony L. Noble, Clerk Mike Roman, Treasurer



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### WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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May 20, 2024

Donald King 3624 Jackson Blvd White Lake, MI 48383

Re: Proposed Roof Expansion

Based on the non-conforming side yard setback, the roof expansion does not satisfy the requirements set forth by the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance.

**Article 7.23(A) of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance:** No such nonconforming structure may be enlarged or altered in a way which increases its nonconformity.

**Article 3.1.5 of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance:** Requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 ft

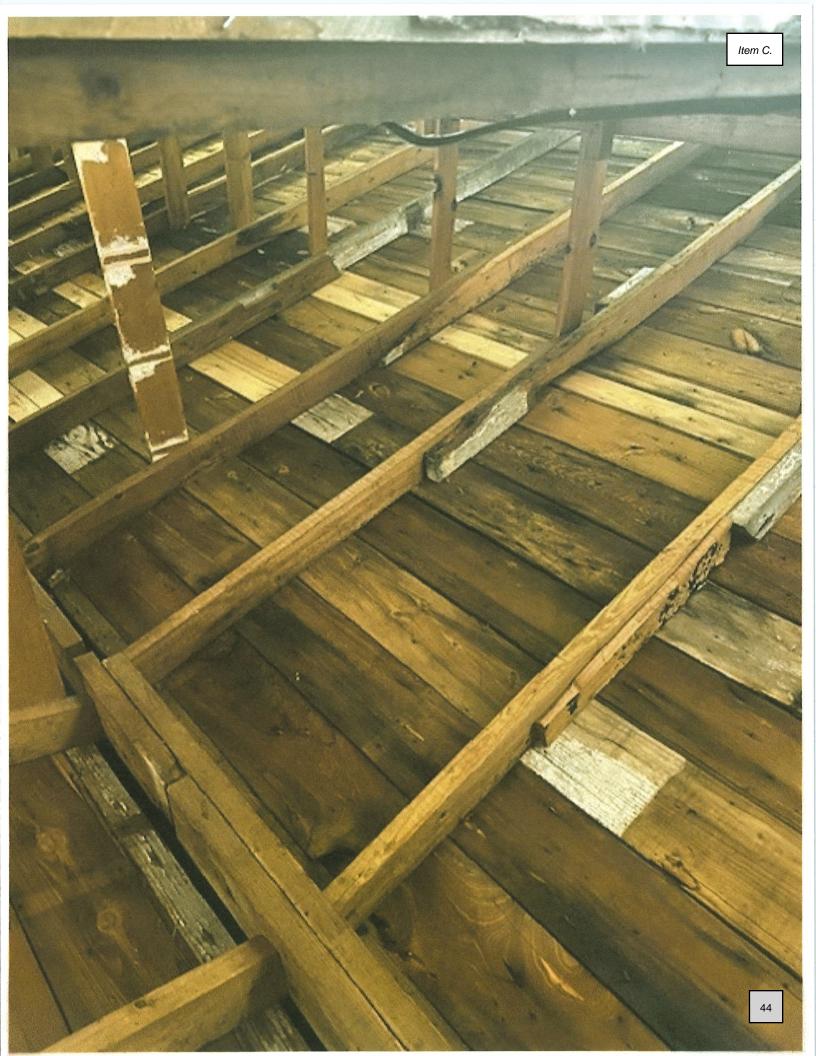
The existing structure and lot are legal non-conforming. The approximate 7,495 sq ft lot contains a residential structure having an approximate 4 ft side yard setback on the south side. The proposed roof expansion would increase the cubic content within the required 10 ft setback. Additionally, Article 5.3 of the ordinance states that in no instance shall any portion of the proposed structure project closer than 5 ft to either side yard lot line.

Approval of the expansion would be subject to a variance to the schedule of regulations, Article 7 of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance. To be eligible for the June 27<sup>th</sup> Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting, complete application must be submitted to the White Lake Township Planning Department no later than May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 PM. *Be advised, a certified boundary and location survey showing existing structures, proposed structures, setbacks, well and septic locations, and total lot coverage will be required by the ZBA*. The Planning Department can be reached at (248)698-3300, ext. 5

Sincerely,

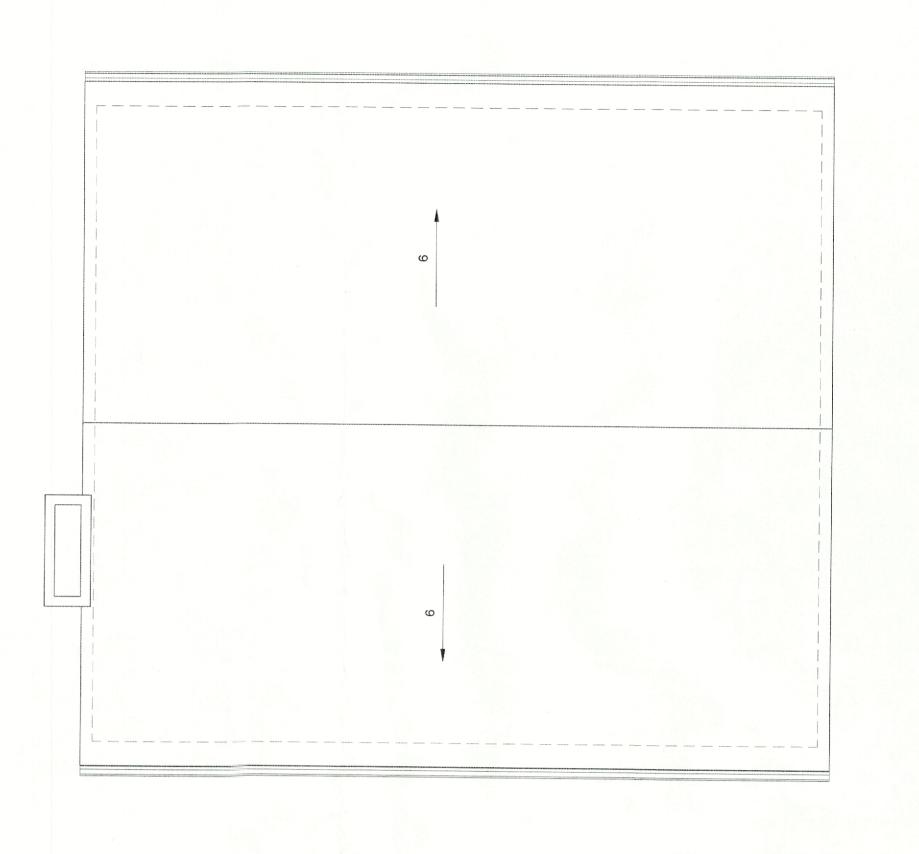
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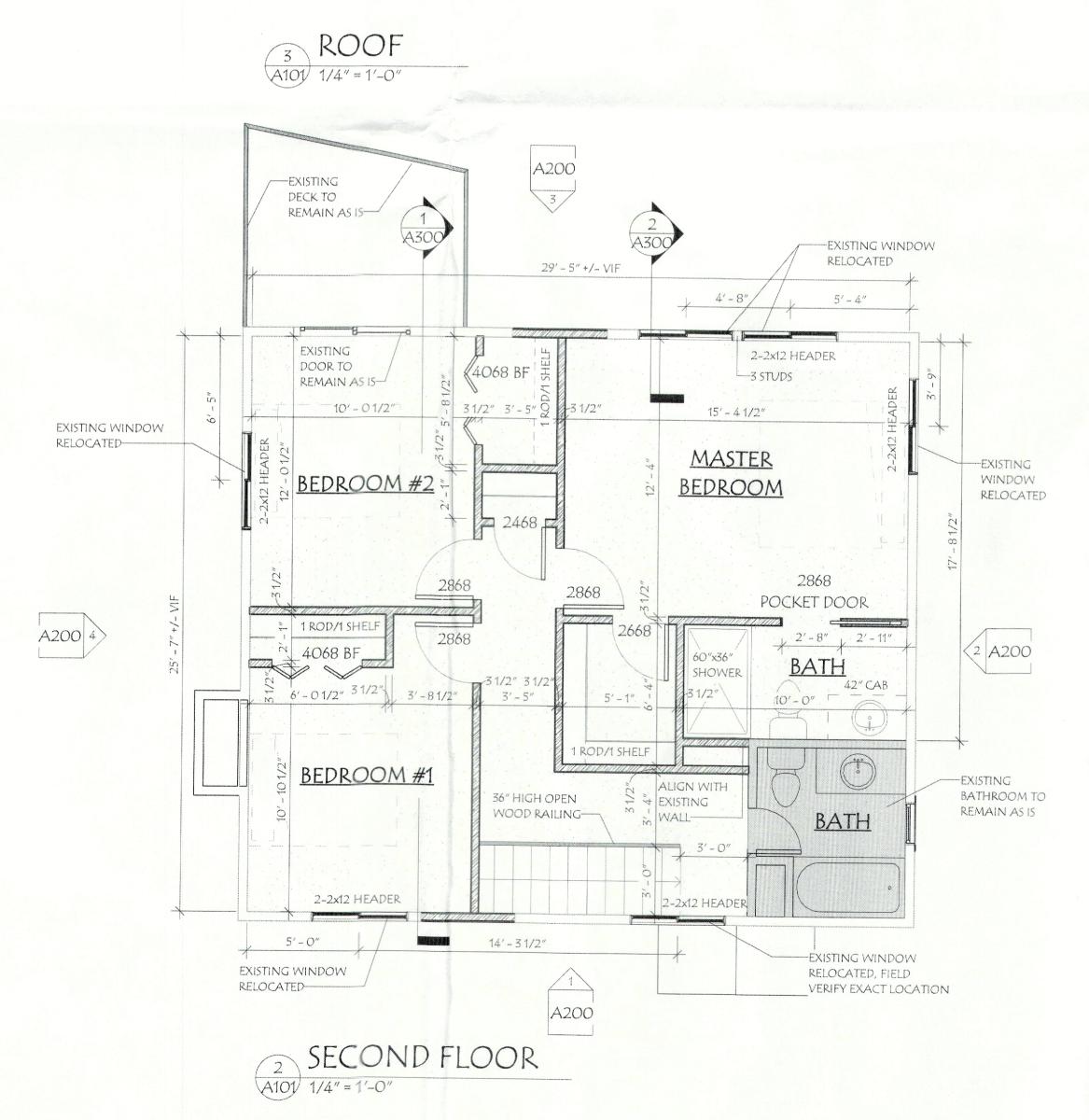
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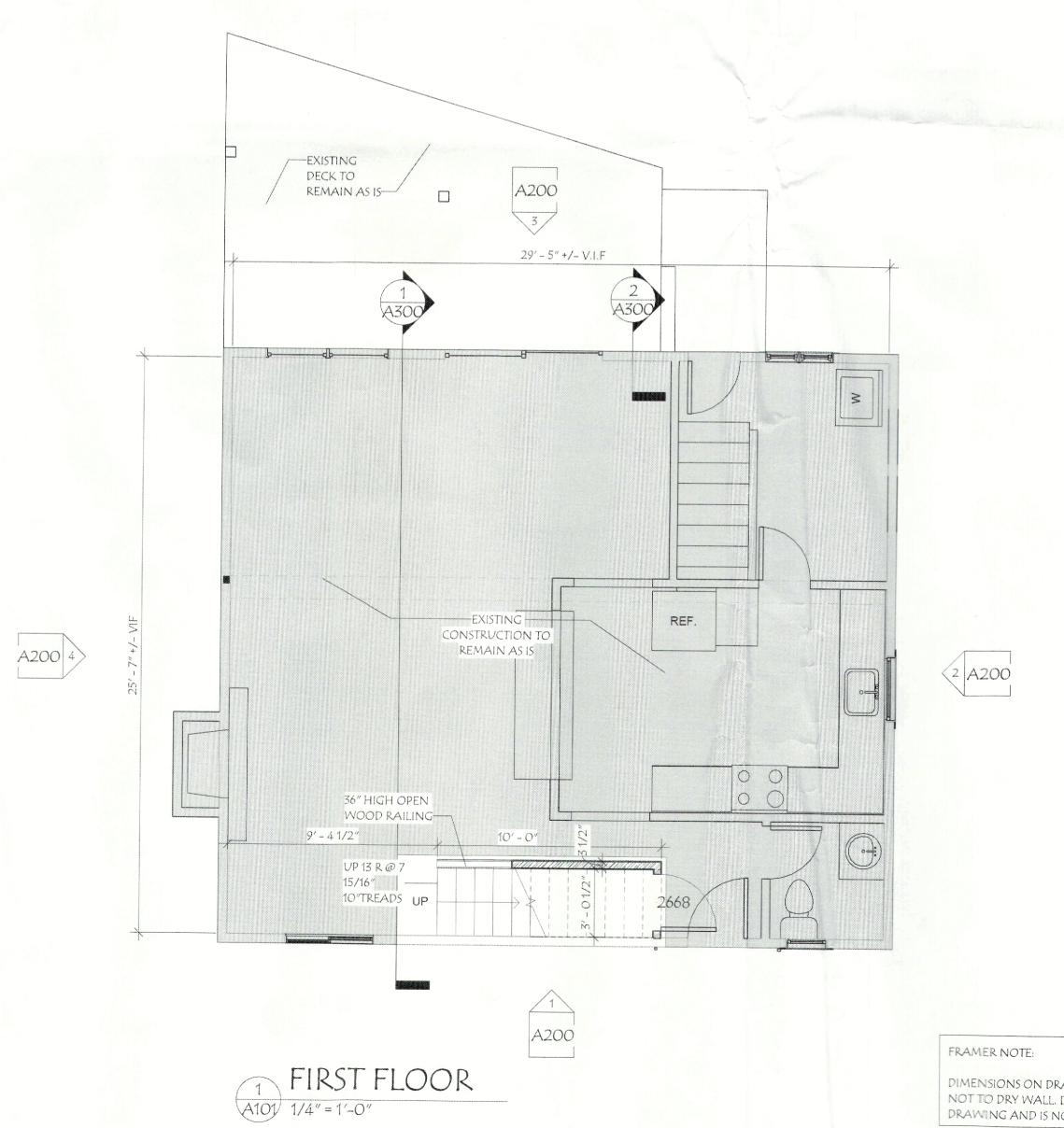












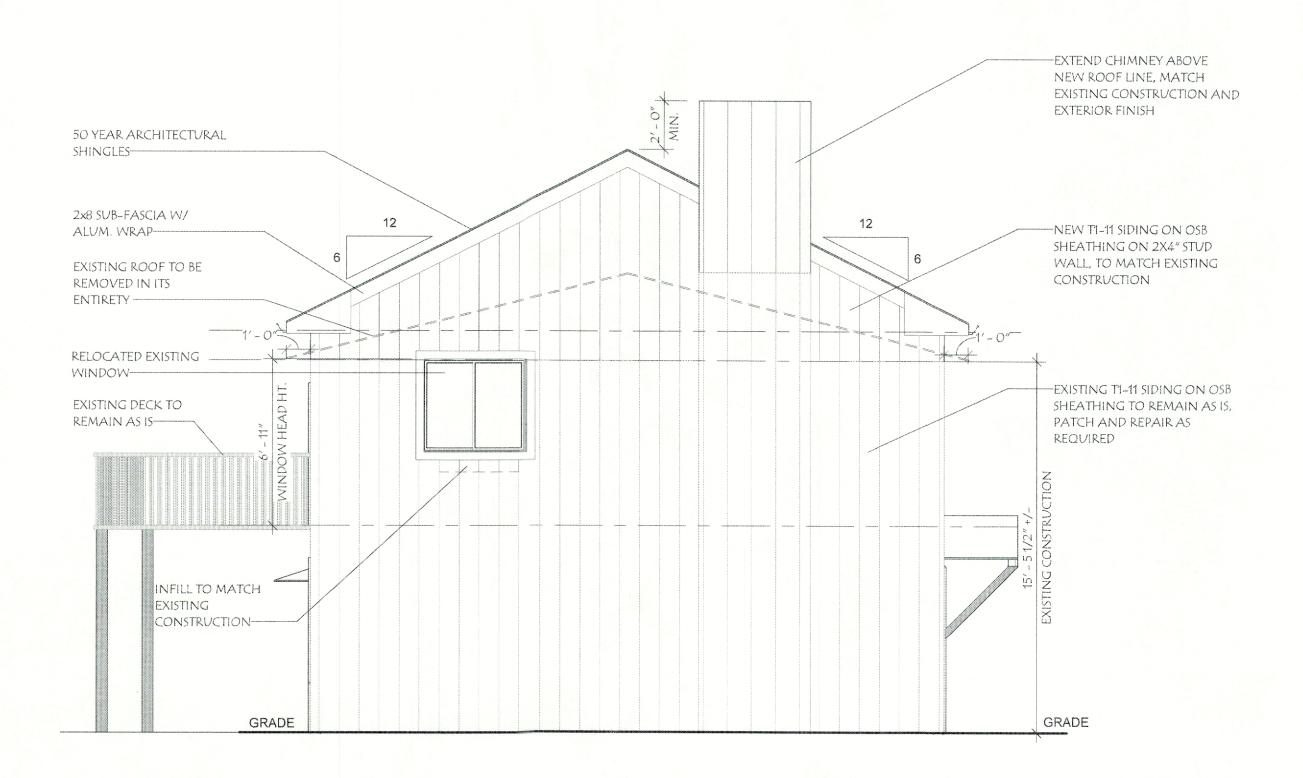
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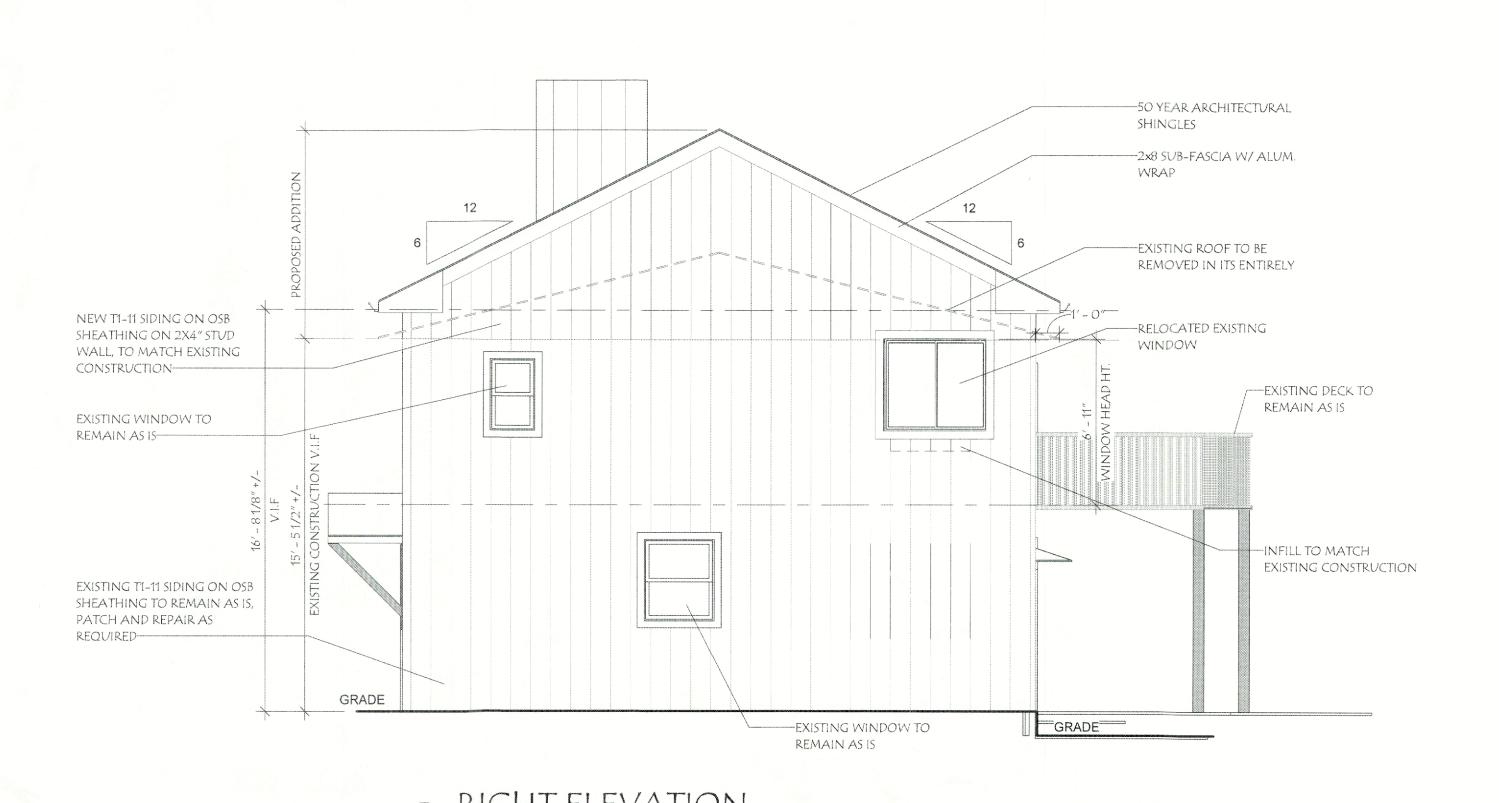


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-NOTE: DOUBLE CLOSET ROD INCLUDES 1 SHELF ABOVE UPPER ROD

-PANTRY:

-1ST SHELF 20" OFF FLOOR W/ 4 SHELVES ABOVE (4 SHELVES @ 16" O.C.)

-LINEN:

-1ST SHELF ON HARD SURFACE 20" A.F.F. W/ 3 ABOVE (3 SHELVES @ 16" O.C.) -1ST SHELF ON CARPET AT FLOOR W/ TOE KICK & ABOVE (4 SHELVES @ 16" O.C.)

50 YEAR SHINGLES OR

1/2" OSB SHEATHING -

ROOF TRUSSES -

METAL DRIP EDGE -

ALUMINUM GUTTER —

NEW 2 - 2X4 TOP PLATE -

7/16" OSB SHEATHING

EXISTING ROOF AND

RAFTERS TO BE REMOVED

NEW 2X4 STUD WALL NEXT TO

O/C, PROVIDE NEW BATT INSULATION AS REQUIRED-

EXISTING 2X4 STUD WALL W/

Existing T1-11 siding on OSB SHEATHING TO REMAIN AS IS,

PATCH AND REPAIR AS

REQUIRED-

EXISTING FOUNDATION WALL TO REMAIN AS IS -

BATT INSULATION-

-14" R-38 CELLULOSE

PROVIDE NEW 5/8" DRYWALL

-PROVIDE NEW 1/2" DRYWALL

-EXISTING 5/8" DRYWALL

EXISTING FLOOR CONSTRUCTION

TO REMAIN

2 WALL SECTION A300 1/2" = 1'-0"

PROVIDE NEW 3/4" OSB DECKING ON EXISTING FLOOR JOIST

INSULATION

-CHAIR RAIL (TOP OF CHAIR RAIL) - 36" A.F.F.

-CROWN MOLDING SPACING (2-PIECE CROWN) - 1" HEIGHT

-2x6 TOWEL BAR - 48" TO CENTER

-2x6 TOWEL BAR ABOVE TUB DECK - 36" TO CENTER

-2x6 TOWEL BAR ABOVE STOOL - 30" TO CENTER

-2x6 TOWEL BAR ABOVE VANITY - 20" TO CENTER

-2x6 TOWEL RING ABOVE VANITY - 20" TO CENTER

-LIGHT FIXTURE IN BATHROOM ABOVE MIRROR - 80" A.F.F.

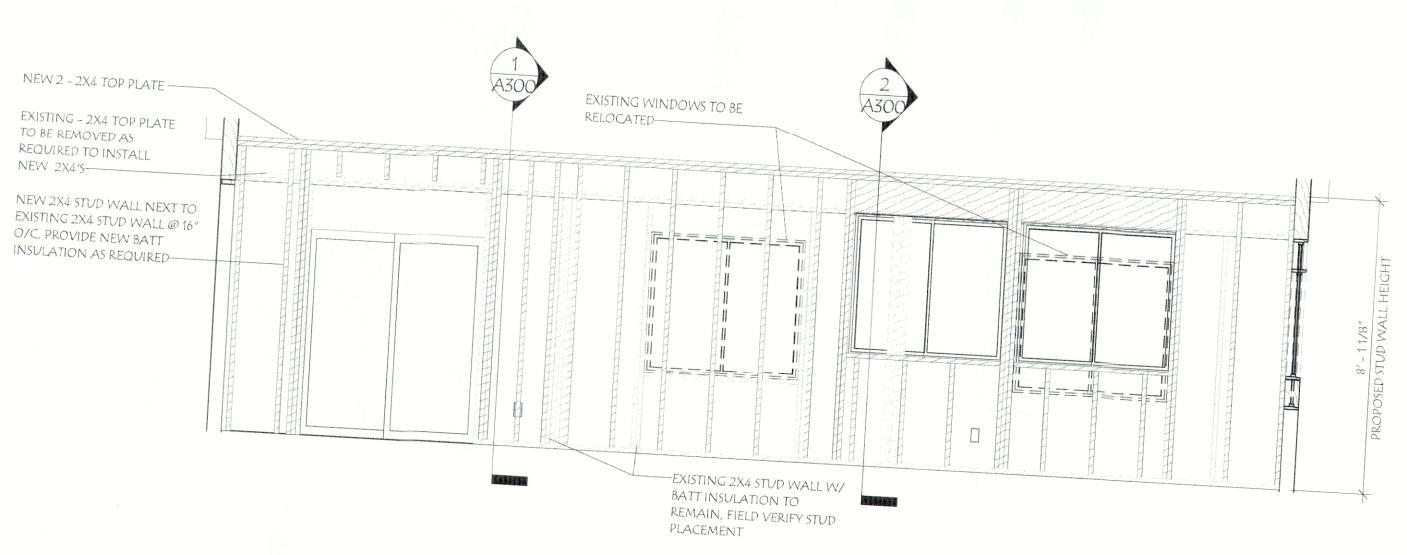
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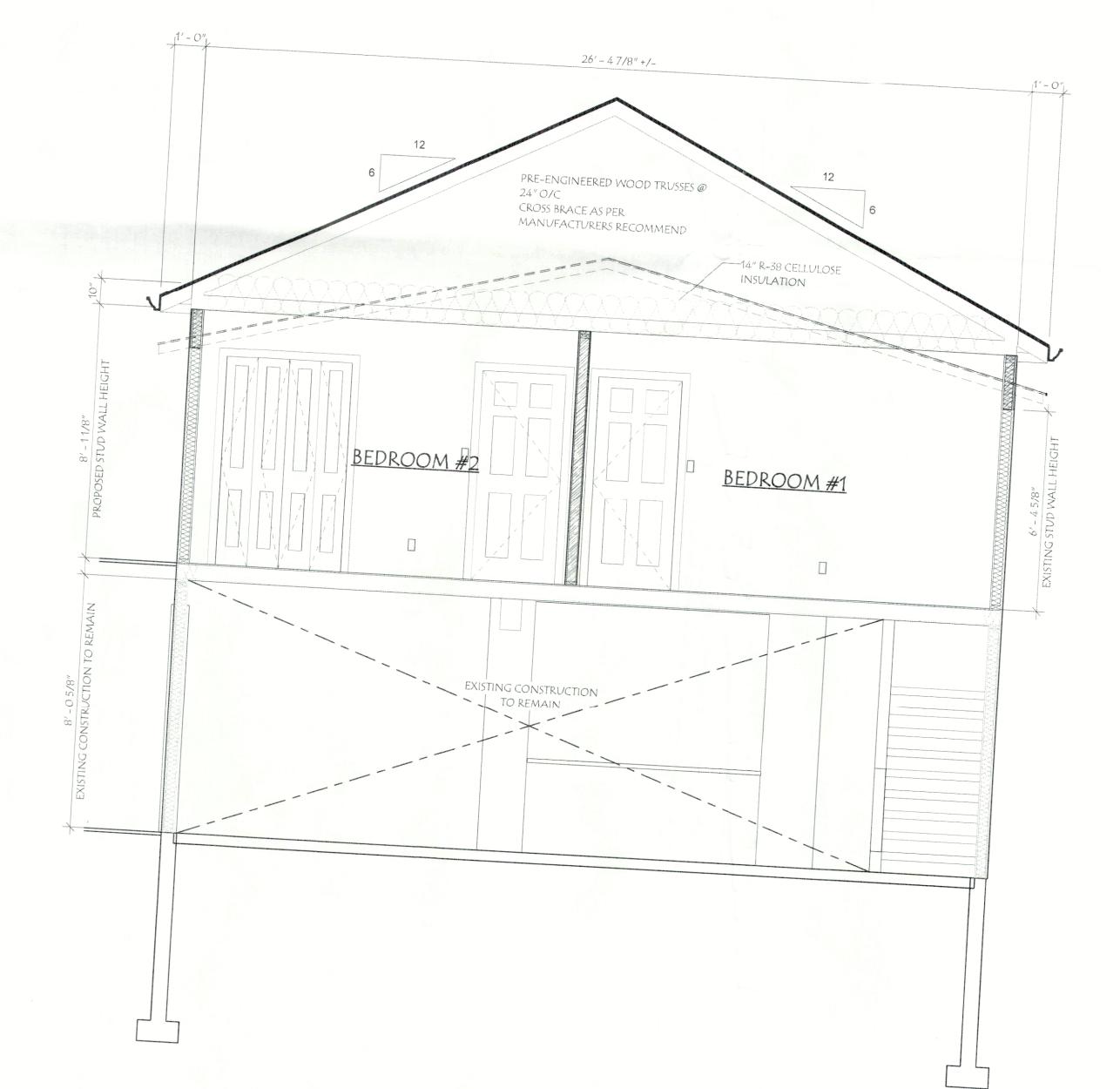
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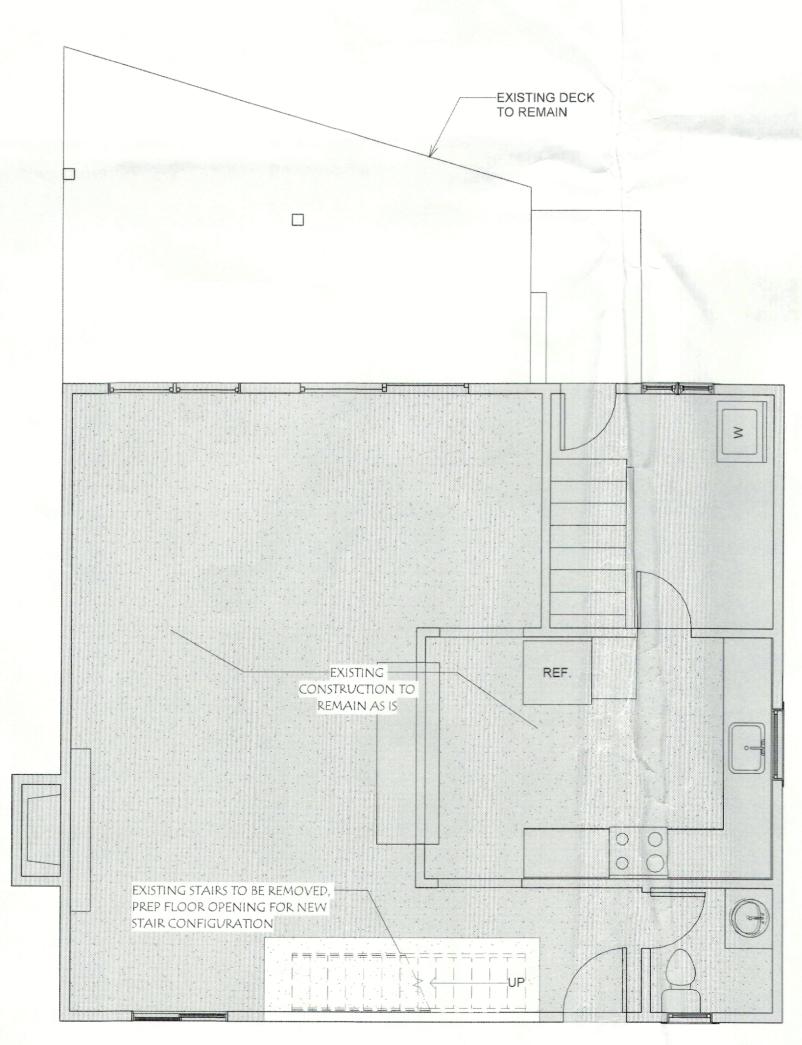
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Item C.

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EXISTING DECK TO

EXISTING WINDOW TO BE RELOCATED- REMAIN AS IS

DEMO PORTION OF EXISTING WALL, REFER

EXISTING WINDOW

TO BE RELOCATED——

TO NEW WORK

2 FLOOR D100 1/4" = 1'-0"

29' - 5" +/- V.I.F

DEMO PORTION OF EXISTING WALL, REFER TO NEW WORK

EXISTING STAIRS TO BE REMOVED,

PREP FLOOR OPENING FOR NEW

STAIR CONFIGURATION

DEMOLITION - SECOND

UP

—EXISTING WINDOWS TO BE RELOCATED

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—EXISTING WINDOW TO BE RELOCATED

—EXISTING BATHROOM TO REMAIN AS IS

DEMOLITION - FIRST

1 FLOOR D100 1/4" = 1'-0"

RESIDENCE

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# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

# REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TO: Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM: Andrew Littman, Staff Planner

**DATE:** July 15, 2024

Agenda item: 8D

Appeal Date: June 25, 2024

**Applicant:** Michael Moceri, Inc.

Address: 25201 Alexa Drive

Commerce Township, MI 48390

**Zoning:** R1-D Single Family Residential

**Location:** 2927 Ridge Road

White Lake, MI 48383

### **Property Description**

The approximately 0.22-acre (9,424 square feet) parcel identified as 2927 Ridge Road is located on White Lake and zoned R1-D (Single Family Residential). The existing single-family home on the property (which is approximately 1,025 square feet in size) utilizes a private well for potable water and a private septic system for sanitation.

### **Applicant's Proposal**

The applicant, Michael Moceri Inc., seeks to demolish an existing single-family home and build a new single-family home measuring 30 feet in height, with setbacks of 20 feet for the front yard and 6 feet for the southern side yard, on a 9,424 square foot lot, with a lot width of 52 feet, and a lot coverage of 30.4 percent.

### Planner's Report

The applicant is seeking variances for height, the front yard setback, southern side yard setback, lot size, lot width, and lot coverage. These variance requests can be broken down as follows:

- Request #1 (Height): The maximum building height in the R1-D zoning district is "25 feet or 2 stories, whichever is less." Since the applicant proposes to build a single-family home measuring 30 feet in height, a 5-foot variance is required.
- Request #2 (Front Yard Setback): The minimum front yard setback in this zoning district is 30 feet. The applicant's proposed plan has a 20-foot front yard setback, and therefore a 10-foot variance is required.
- Request #3 (Southern Side Yard Setback): The minimum side yard setback in this zoning district is "10 feet one side; 20 feet total of two sides." The applicant is proposing a north side yard setback of 10 feet and south side yard setback of 6 feet. Therefore, a 4-foot variance is required.
- Request #4 (Lot Size): The minimum lot size in the R1-D zoning district is 12,000 square feet. Since the subject lot is 9,424 square feet, a 2,576-foot variance is required.
- Request #5 (Lot Width): The minimum lot width in this zoning district is 80 feet. The applicant is proposing a lot width of 52 feet, thus a 28-foot variance is required.
- Request #6 (Lot Coverage): The new maximum lot coverage percentage in the R-1 District is 25 percent. The applicant is proposing a lot coverage of 30.4 percent. Therefore, a 5.4 percent variance is required.

The requested variances are listed in the following table.

Variance #	Ordinance Section	Subject	Standard	Requested Variance	Result
1	Article 3.1.6.E	Maximum Building Height	25 feet	5 feet	30 feet
2	Article 3.1.6.E	Front yard Setback	30 feet	10 feet	20 feet
3	Article 3.1.6.E	Side Yard Setback (Southern)	10 feet one side; 20 feet total of two sides	4 feet	6 feet
4	Article 3.1.6.E	Minimum Lot Size	12,000 sq. ft.	2,576 Sq. ft.	9,424 Sq. ft.
5	Article 3.1.6.E	Minimum Lot Width	80 feet	28 feet	52 feet
6	Article 3.1.6.E	Maximum Lot Coverage	25%	5.4%	30.4%

### **Zoning Board of Appeals Options:**

Approval: I move to approve the variances requested by Michael Moceri, Inc. from Article 3.1.6.E of the Zoning Ordinance for Parcel Number 12-18-101-018, identified as 2927 Ridge Road, in order to build a new single-family home that would encroach 10 feet into the required front yard setback, 4 feet into the southern side yard setback, and exceed the allowable building height by 5 feet. A 28-foot variance from the required lot width, 2,576-square-foot variance from the required lot size, and 5.4 percent variance from the maximum lot coverage are also granted from Article 3.1.6.E. This approval will have the following conditions:

- The Applicant shall obtain all necessary permits from the White Lake Township Building Division.
- In no event shall the projection of any roof overhang be closer than five feet to the side lot lines.
- No mechanical units, including HVAC system or generator, shall be placed closer than five feet to any side yard lot line.
- A foundation certificate shall be required prior to the backfill inspection by the Building Department.
- An as-built survey shall be required to verify the approved setbacks and lot coverage.

**Denial:** I move to deny the variances requested by Michael Moceri, Inc. for Parcel Number 12-18-101-018, identified as 2927 Ridge Road, due to the following reason(s):

<u>**Table:**</u> I move to table the variance requests of Michael Moceri, Inc. for Parcel Number 12-18-101-018, identified as 2927 Ridge Road, to consider comments stated during this public hearing.

### **Attachments:**

- 1. Variance application dated June 25, 2024
- 2. Letter from Hans Bippus and Denise Bippus to ZBA dated June 24, 2024
- 3. Plot Plan dated June 24, 2024
- 4. Proposed Plan/Elevation dated June 25, 2024
- 5. Letter of denial from the Building Department dated June 20, 2024

### 7.37 STANDARDS

General variances: The Zoning Board of Appeals may authorize a variance from the strict application of the area or dimensional standard of this Ordinance when the applicant demonstrates <u>all</u> of the following conditions "A - E" or condition F applies.

- A. Practical difficulty: A practical difficulty exists on the subject site (such as exceptional narrowness, shallowness, shape or area; presence of floodplain; exceptional topographic conditions) and strict compliance with the zoning ordinance standards would unreasonably prevent the owner from using of the subject site for a permitted use or would render conformity unnecessarily burdensome. Demonstration of a practical difficulty shall have a bearing on the subject site or use of the subject site, and not to the applicant personally. Economic hardship or optimum profit potential are not considerations for practical difficulty.
- B. Unique situation: The demonstrated practical difficult results from exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applying to the subject site at the time the Ordinance was adopted or amended which are different than typical properties in the same zoning district or the vicinity.

- C. Not self created: The applicants problem is not self created.
- D. Substantial justice: The variance would provide substantial justice by granting the property rights similar to those enjoyed by the majority of other properties in the vicinity, and other properties in the same zoning district. The decision shall not bestow upon the property special development rights not enjoyed by other properties in the same district, or which might result in substantial adverse impacts on properties in the vicinity (such as the supply of light and air, significant increases in traffic, increased odors, an increase in the danger of fire, or other activities which may endanger the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare).
- E. Minimum variance necessary: The variance shall be the minimum necessary to grant relief created by the practical difficulty.
- F. Compliance with other laws: The variance is the minimum necessary to comply with state or federal laws, including but not necessarily limited to:
  - The Michigan Right to Farm Act (P.A. 93 of 1981) and the farming activities the Act protects;
  - ii. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (as amended), and the needs of handicapped individuals the Act protects, including accessory facilities, building additions, building alterations, and site improvements which may not otherwise meet a strict application of the standards of this Ordinance.

Under no circumstances shall the Board of Appeals grant a variance to allow a use not permissible under the terms of this Ordinance

### Item D.

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

# Community Development Department, 7525 Highland Road, White Lake, Michigan, 48383 (248) 698-3300 x5

APPLICANT'S NAME: Michael Moceri Inc PHONE: 248-240-3032				
ADDRESS: 25201 Alexa Dr Commerce Twp, Mi 48390				
APPLICANT'S EMAILADDRESS: moceri.mike@gmail.com				
APPLICANT'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY: OWNER BUILDER OTHER:				
ADDRESS OF AFFECTED PROPERTY: 2927RidgeRd PARCEL # 12 -18-101-018				
CURRENT ZONING: R1D PARCEL SIZE: 50 x 192 10,411 sq ft				
STATE REQUESTED VARIANCE AND ORDINANCE SECTION: section 3.1.6 sideyard from 10' to 5'				
3.1.6 Hieght from 25' to 30, 3.1.6 front Yard setback from 30' to 20 1 Leten ye 30.4%				
VALUE OF IMPROVEMENT: \$800,000 SEV OF EXISITING STRUCTURE: \$276,030				
STATE REASONS TO SUPPORT REQUEST: (ATTACH WRITTEN STATEMENT TO APPLICATION)				
APPLICATION FEE:(CALCULATED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: DATE: DATE:				





Request for Zoning Board of Appeals

Re: 2927 Ridge Rd

Owner: Hans Eric Bippus & Denise Bippus 15908 Oak Park Ct Westfield, IN 49074 C/O Ursula Bippus - Owner

Owner has inherited this property from his Mother

Owner has grown up in this house as child

Owner shall be moving back to Michigan and enjoying this new home as their permanent residence

Owner wishes to demolish existing home & construct a new home on this property

In designing a new home serval factors were considered.

- 1. Minimum lot size, owner seeks a variance *per section 3.1.6* from 80' frontage, 12,000 sq. ft. to the existing lot size of 50' frontage 10,400 sq. ft.
- Minimum side yard set back of 10' per section 3.1.6 to a setback of 5' to the structure with roof
  overhang encroaching 1'4 into the 5' setback net set back from Roof overhang to property line
  3'-8"
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Cantilevers to extend into the 10' setback areas, max 2'-4"to 7'-8" from property line
  - The reasons for 5' set back were to insure a 10' separation between buildings. Code does allow the overhangs to encroach as long they are of fire resistance materials
  - c. Encroach into 10' side yard setback with 4' stairs from deck to grade- net setback 6' at stairs
- Minimum front yard setback for 30' per section 3.1.6 to exiting front yard setback of 20' garage
  front lot setback, where 17' currently exists. Based on the slope of the property with the existing
  retaining walls, owner desires to maintain the existing distance from the rear of house to the
  top-most retaining wall.
- 4. Maximum height to mid roof of 25' per section 3.1.6 to 30' height of new structure
- 5. Maximum Lot Coverage from per section 3.1.6 from 20% to 30%

In designing a home of today's standards and amenities these standards could not be met and the owner hereby requests relief from the Zoning Board of appeals in the above matters.

A preliminary plan is attached with a concept home elevation which will be incorporated into the design.

A Topographical survey is also attached showing the existing structure.

A preliminary plot plan will be submitted before the meeting deadline with the proposed house staked per ZBA requirements

Owners here by Appoint Michael Moceri Inc, Construction Manager to act in our behalf in securing the zoning variances listed above and on the application.

9 - HA B-24-74

Date

nise Bippus Date

### **Authorization Letter**

Ursula Bippus 2927 Ridge Road White Lake, Michigan 48383

June 24, 2024

White Lake Township Zoning board 7525 Highland Rd White Lake, Michigan 48383

Dear White Lake Township,

I, Ursula Bippus, hereby authorize Hans Eric Bippus to do the following: Conduct zoning board variance approval process for address 2927 Ridge Rd, White Lake, MI 48383.

The parties have entered into a purchase agreement pending zoning board approval

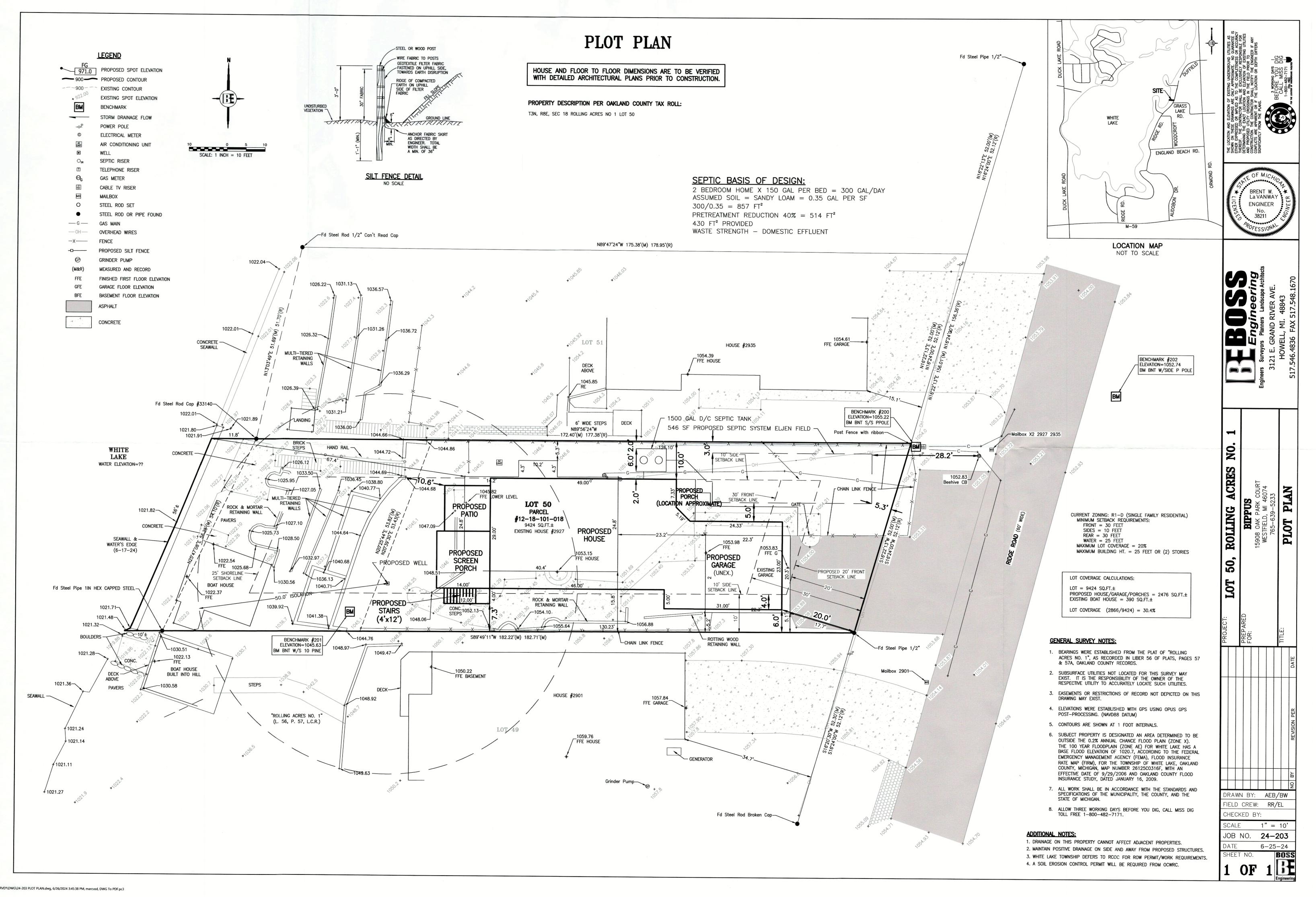
Thank you in advance for your assistance, and I appreciate your cooperation on this matter. Should you need any further information from me regarding the same, I can be reached at 810.263.1084. This authorization is effective from June 24, 2024 through October 01, 2024.

Best,

By:

: Yesula Bippus Ursula Bippus

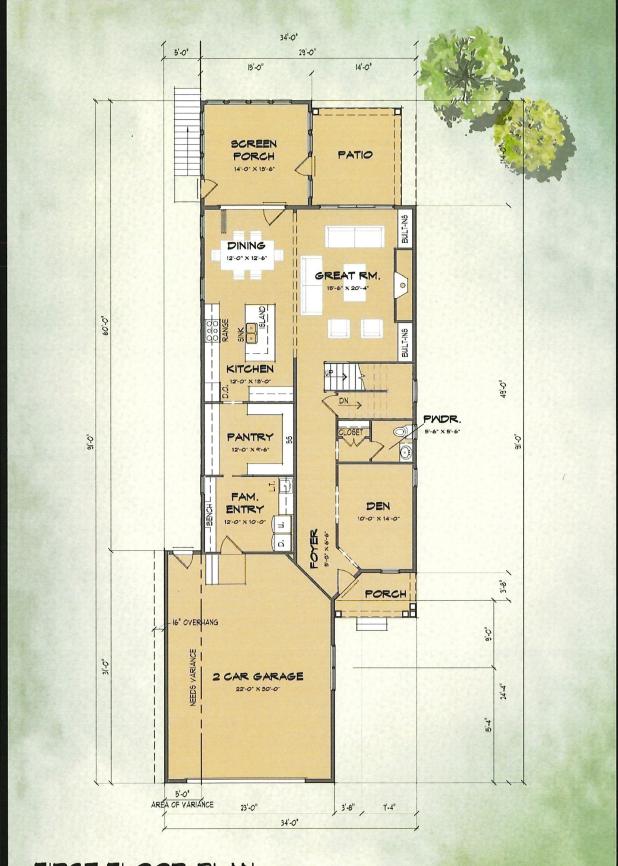
Date: 6/24/24



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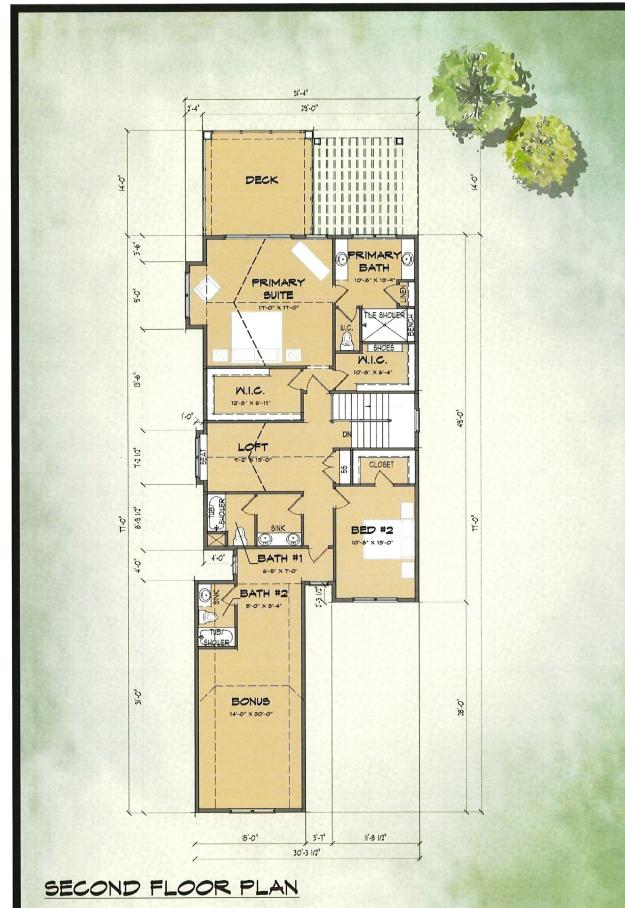
PROPOSED PLAN/ELEVATION 6-25-2024





### FIRST FLOOR PLAN

10'-1 1/8" CLG. HT. 2 X 6 EXTERIOR WALLS 1616 SQ. FT. LOT COVERAGE ALLOWED:1874 SF. (20%) PROPOSED:2512 SF. (27%)



8'-1 1/8" CLG. HT. 2 X 6 EXTERIOR WALLS 1391 SQ. FT.



PROPOSED LAKEFRONT ELEVATION

ROOF LINES MAY VARY ONCE IN CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS

Rik Kowall, Supervisor Anthony L. Noble, Clerk Mike Roman, Treasurer



Trustees Scott Ruggles Liz Fessler Smith Andrea C. Voorheis Michael Powell

### WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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June 20, 2024

Hans Eric Bippus 15908 Oak Park Ct Westfield, IN 46074

Re: Proposed Residential Structure at 2927 Ridge

Based on the submitted plans, the proposed residential structure does not satisfy the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance for R1-D zoning district.

**Article 3.1.6 of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance:** Requires a minimum side yard setback 10 feet each side and total of 20 ft, minimum lot size of 12,000 sq ft, and minimum lot width of 80 ft.

The existing lot and structure are legal non-conforming. The approximate 10,106 sq ft lot contains a residential structure which is planned to be demolished. The submitted permit application for the proposed new structure, indicates a side yard setback of 5 ft on one side, for a total side yard setback of approximately 15 ft. Be aware, **Article 5.3 of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance** indicates that any newly constructed projection must not extend into the 5 ft side yard setback. It is not clear from the submitted plans if the proposed structure encroaches the required 30 ft front yard setback, or if it will encroach the required 10 ft separation from the non-conforming accessory structure in the front yard.

Please note that the septic and well for this property must be approved by the Oakland County Health Division before any permits are issued. Also, other than cosmetic, no structural or physical changes can be made to the non-conforming lake house.

Approval of the building plans is subject to a variance to the schedule of regulations, Article 7 of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance. To be eligible for the July 25<sup>th</sup> Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting, complete application must be submitted to the White Lake Township Planning Department no later than June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. *Be advised, a certified boundary and location survey showing existing structures, proposed structures, setbacks, well and septic locations, and total lot coverage will be required by the ZBA. The survey must be submitted to the Planning Department a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the meeting.* The Planning Department can be reached at (248)698-3300, ext. 5

Sincerely,

Nick Spencer, Building Official White Lake Township

# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

# REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TO: Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM: Andrew Littman, Staff Planner

**DATE:** July 15, 2024

Agenda item: 8E

Appeal Date: June 26, 2024

**Applicant:** Wade Paris

**Address:** 9377 Gale Road

White Lake, MI 48386

**Zoning:** R1-D Single Family Residential

**Location:** 9090 Buckingham Street

White Lake, MI 48386

### **Property Description**

The approximately 0.23-acre (10,106 square feet) parcel identified as 9090 Buckingham Street is located on Pontiac Lake and zoned R1-D (Single Family Residential). The existing single-family home on the property (which is approximately 1,025 square feet in size) utilizes a private well for potable water and the public sanitary sewer system for sanitation.

### **Applicant's Proposal**

The applicant, Wade Paris, seeks to construct a new single-family home.

### Planner's Report

The existing lot and single-family home are legally nonconforming, as the lot is 8,837 square feet and the front yard setback is roughly 15 feet. Per Article 3.1.6.E of the Zoning Ordinance, in the R1-D district, the minimum lot size is 12,000 square feet and minimum front yard setback is 30 feet. The proposed new single-family home is planned to have a 24-foot front yard setback, requiring an 6-foot variance.

Staff would like to note the unique development challenges posed by this area's geography, and also that the front yard setback from the traveled portion of the road is roughly 32.5 feet.

The requested variances are listed in the following table.

Variance #	Ordinance Section	Subject	Standard	Requested Variance	Result
1	Article 3.1.6.E	Minimum Lot Size	12,000 square feet	3,163 square feet	8,837 square feet
2	Article 3.1.6.E	Front yard Setback	30 feet	6 feet	24 feet

### **Zoning Board of Appeals Options:**

**Approval:** I move to approve the variances requested by Wade Paris from Article 3.1.6.E of the Zoning Ordinance for Parcel Number 12-14-280-015, identified as 9090 Buckingham Street, in order to build a new single-family home that would encroach 6 feet into the required front yard setback. Additionally, a 3,163 square-foot variance from the required lot size is also granted from Article 3.1.6.E. This approval will have the following conditions:

• The Applicant shall obtain all necessary permits from the White Lake Township Building Division.

- No mechanical units, including HVAC system or generator, shall be placed closer than five feet to any side yard lot line.
- A foundation certificate shall be required prior to the backfill inspection by the Building Department.
- An as-built survey shall be required to verify the approved setbacks and lot coverage.

**Denial:** I move to deny the variances requested by Wade Paris for Parcel Number 12-14-280-015, identified as 9090 Buckingham Street, due to the following reason(s):

<u>Table:</u> I move to table the variance requests of Wade Paris for Parcel Number 12-14-280-015, identified as 9090 Buckingham Street, to consider comments stated during this public hearing.

### **Attachments:**

- 1. Variance application dated June 26, 2024.
- 2. Preliminary Site Plan dated July 9, 2024.
- 3. Letter of denial from the Building Department dated July 2, 2024.

### 7.37 STANDARDS

General variances: The Zoning Board of Appeals may authorize a variance from the strict application of the area or dimensional standard of this Ordinance when the applicant demonstrates <u>all</u> of the following conditions "A - E" or condition F applies.

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- B. Unique situation: The demonstrated practical difficult results from exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applying to the subject site at the time the Ordinance was adopted or

- C. Not self created: The applicants problem is not self created.
- D. Substantial justice: The variance would provide substantial justice by granting the property rights similar to those enjoyed by the majority of other properties in the vicinity, and other properties in the same zoning district. The decision shall not bestow upon the property special development rights not enjoyed by other properties in the same district, or which might result in substantial adverse impacts on properties in the vicinity (such as the supply of light and air, significant increases in traffic, increased odors, an increase in the danger of fire, or other activities which may endanger the public safety, comfort, morals or welfare).
- E. Minimum variance necessary: The variance shall be the minimum necessary to grant relief created by the practical difficulty.
- F. Compliance with other laws: The variance is the minimum necessary to comply with state or federal laws, including but not necessarily limited to:
  - The Michigan Right to Farm Act (P.A. 93 of 1981) and the farming activities the Act protects:
  - . The Americans with Disabilities Act of

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION**

Item E.

# Community Development Department, 7525 Highland Road, White Lake, Michigan, 48383 (248) 698-3300 x5

APPLICANT'S NAME: Wade Paris
ADDRESS OF AFFECTED PROPERTY: 9090 Buckingham PARCEL #12-14-280-15
CURRENT ZONING: RI-D PARCEL SIZE: 8146 SQ FT
STATE REQUESTED VARIANCE AND ORDINANCE SECTION: FRONT SET Back variance
In ZZ' = 8' Variance
VALUE OF IMPROVEMENT: \$ 700,000 SEV OF EXISITING STRUCTURE: \$



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



JUN 26 2024

TREASURER CHARTER TWP. OF WHITELAKE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PARCEL ID: 12-14-280-015 LOTS 111 AND 112 OF "ENGLISH VILLAS SUBDIVISION", A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 14, T. 3 N., R. 8 E., WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 51 OF PLATS ON PAGE 22, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS.

SITE BENCH MARK

TOP OF FOUND CAPPED IRON LOCATED AT SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 112 (AS SHOWN) ELEVATION = 965.54' (NAVD 1988)

**ZONING:** 

PROPERTY IS ZONED: R1-D (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)

SETBACKS:

FRONT: = 30 feet

SIDES: = 10 feet MIN./20 feet TOTAL REAR: = 30 feet

MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE = 20%

LOT COVERAGE		
	AREA	
PR HOUSE	1280	
PR GARAGE	672	
TOTAL	1952	
ENTIRE LOT	8,837	
1952/8837	=0.22	
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NOTES:

NO TITLEWORK WAS SUPPLIED BY CLIENTS, THEREFORE ALL EASEMENTS OF RECORD MAY NOT BE SHOWN.

BEARING BASIS:

HELD BEARING ALONG BUCKINGHAM ROAD AS PER PLAT OF RECORD.

THE FEMA 100-YEAR BASE FLOOD ELEVATION FOR PONTIAC LAKE = 964.8' (NAVD 1988)

ALL ELEVATIONS ARE SHOWN IN NAVD 1988 DATUM.

### LEGEND:

- SANITARY SEWER & MANHOLE ----- WATERMAIN, HYDRANT, & VALVE T --- BURIED TELEPHONE & MANHOLE E --- UNDER GROUND ELECTRIC & MANHOLE OVERHEAD ELECTRIC, POLE, & GUY WIRE CATCH BASIN (CURB & ROUND)

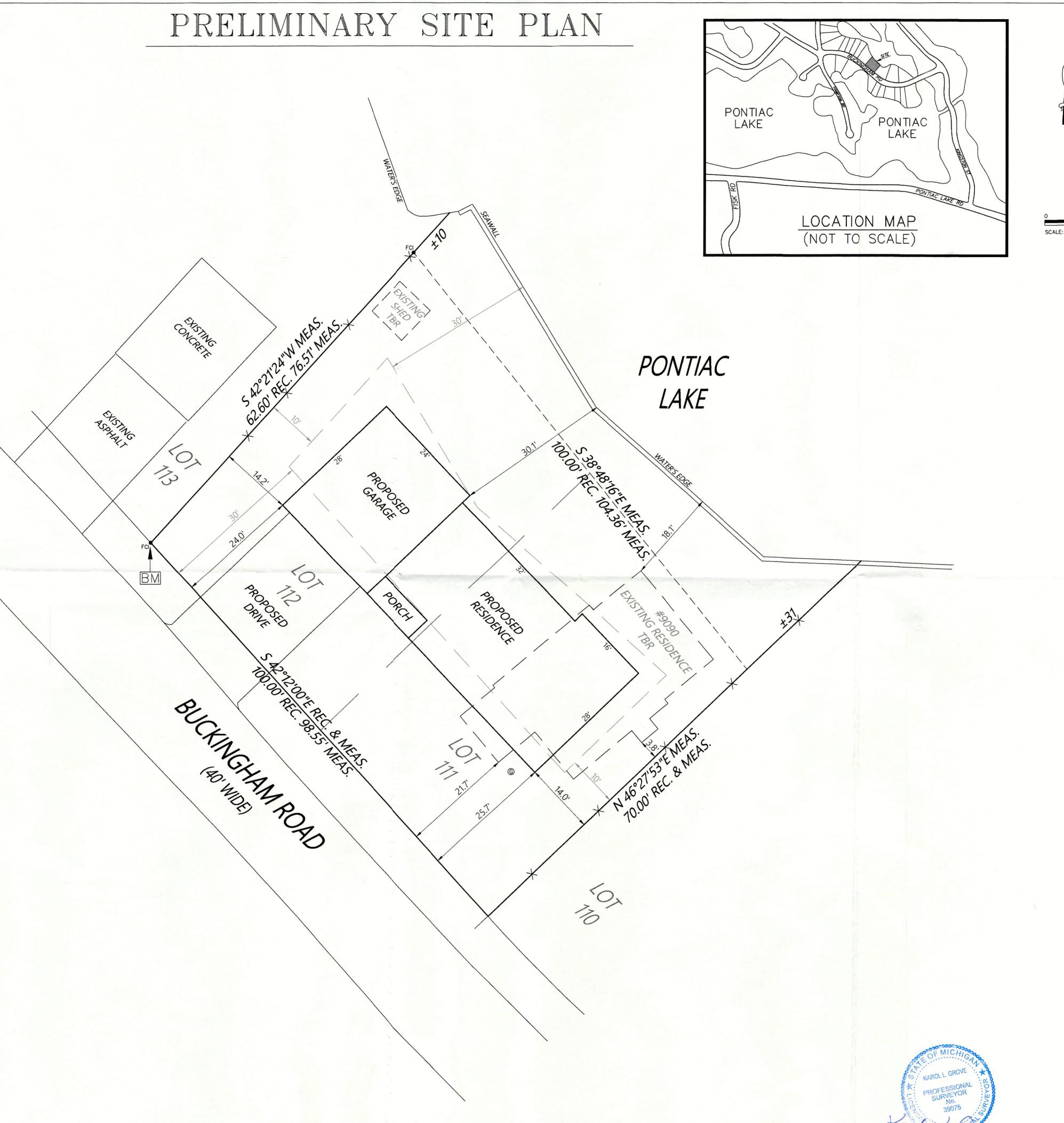
MONUMENT FOUND
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EXISTING ELEVATION

PROPOSED ELEVATION

PROPOSED WELL

BEFORE YOU DIG CALL MISS DIG 1-800-482-7171



Job No.: 24-6704

07-09-2024

7-9-24 REVISED HOUSE LOCATION

Sht. No.: 1 of 1

Scale: 1"=10'

Date: 06-27-2024 Rik Kowall, Supervisor Anthony L. Noble, Clerk Mike Roman, Treasurer



Trustees Scott Ruggles Liz Fessler Smith Andrea C. Voorheis Michael Powell

### WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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July 2, 2024

Wade Paris 9377 Gale Rd White Lake, MI 48386

Re: Proposed Residential Dwelling at 9090 Buckingham

Based on the submitted plans, the proposed residential dwelling does not satisfy the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance for R1-D zoning district.

**Article 3.1.6 of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance:** Requires a minimum front yard setback of 30 ft and lot area of 12,000 sq ft.

The existing lot and residential structure are nonconforming; with a lot area of approximately 8,146 sq ft, and setbacks that do not conform on 3 sides. While the existing structure is planned to be demolished, the proposed structure will have a front yard setback of approximately 25 ft.

Approval of the building plans is subject to a variance to the schedule of regulations, Article 7 of the White Lake Township Clear Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Department can be reached at (248)698-3300

Sincerely,

Nick Spencer, Building Official White Lake Township