

**ALPINE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 28, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Bill Stachowiak called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Chair Bill Stachowiak, Mike O'Malley, Doug Pointer, Bill Schweitzer. Ted Spangenberg was absent and excused. Also present: New alternate members Greg Madura (arrived late) and Bill Homrich, Clerk Jean Wahlfield, Planner Sue Becker and Recording Secretary Rose Kogge.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Bill Homrich and Greg Madura as alternates

Chair Stachowiak welcomed new alternate members Bill Homrich and Greg Madura to the Zoning Board of Appeals and stated Ted Spangenberg is now a regular member of the ZBA. Members all introduced themselves to each other and shared a little background information with each other.

SWEARING IN OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS

Clerk Jean Wahlfield swore in the new alternates with an oath for the Zoning Board of Appeals members. She thanked members for their time and service on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the Monday, December 14, 2015 minutes. Schweitzer motioned, supported by O'Malley to approve the minutes.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

2015 Year End Report

Planner Becker reviewed the ZBA and Planning Commission requests and approvals for 2015. She also gave updates on other items the Planning Department worked on in 2015 including the Master Plan, capital improvement plan, recreation plan, sidewalk construction, transportation, utilities and mapping/digital information updates.

Election of Officers

Motion made by O'Malley, supported by Pointer to nominate Bill Stachowiak as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Schweitzer, supported by Stachowiak to nominate Mike O'Malley as Vice-Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried

BOARD UPDATES / STAFF UPDATES

The new alternate members and Mike O'Malley attended a ZBA training in Ottawa County which was very informative.

O'Malley asked if the 2785 6 Mile Road property fencing would be screened and not see through as requested by the Zoning Board. Becker said she will call Mr. Glovick.

Planner Becker asked the Zoning Board of Appeals members if they would be interested in changing the start time of their meetings to 7 PM, as the Planning Commission and Township Board had done.

Motion made by O'Malley to change the ZBA Meeting start time to 7 PM, supported by Stachowiak.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Planner Becker gave a presentation of the 2015 Master Plan Update, the recently completed 2016-2020 Recreation Plan and road construction projects slated for the 2016 season.

Chair Stachowiak commented on how nice the audio-visual and construction improvements are in the Township Meeting room. Becker explained the operation of the new LOOP system to the ZBA members.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM by O'Malley, supported by Schweitzer.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Susan Becker, Planning Director

Bill Stachowiak, Chair

Rose Kogge, Recording Secretary