

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
APPROVED MINUTES  
February 19, 2025

The meeting was held at Highland Township Auditorium, 205 N. John St, Highland, MI, 48357.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

David Gerathy, Chair  
Michael Borg, Vice Chair  
Anthony Raimondo, Secretary  
Michael Zeolla, P.C. Liaison  
Peter Eichinger  
Robert Hoffman  
Gary Childs  
Chuck Benke, Alternate  
Jacob Probe, Alternate  
  
Kariline P. Littlebear, Zoning Administrator

Visitors: 0

Chairman Gerathy noted that there was no public present and so he chose to forgo his usual introduction.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
NONE

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Borg made a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2025, as corrected. Mr. Childs supported the motion, and it was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

**DISCUSSION:**

The ZBA felt that the minutes for the Joint Meeting of February 6, 2025 were not for them to approve or disapprove. Mrs. Littlebear asked the Board to review the minutes to see if they find anything that should be corrected. If so, then she can take those corrections to the Planning Director for review. Each member stated that they did not see anything that needed correcting.

Mr. Borg asked if the suggestion from the Joint Meeting to change the ordinary high-water mark setback for the LV district should be taken to the Planning Commission. Mrs. Littlebear stated that she can certainly do that if the board wishes and asked each board member to send her suggestions for the type of changes they would like to see so that she can pass those on to the Planning Commission for consideration. She then went over the high-water calculation process dictated by the current ordinance. She noted that this process was created and adopted during the previous update to the Master Plan in 2010 when a major update was also done to the entire zoning ordinance.

Mr. Raimondo stated that he felt that perhaps some consideration should also be made to change the regulation requiring total side yard setbacks to just a single number required on each side. The rest of the board concurred that the total side yard setback requirement seems unreasonable.

Mr. Raimondo asked how many cases are on the docket for the next meeting. Mrs. Littlebear stated that there are no cases to be heard for the March 5, 2025 ZBA meeting and so she will be posting the cancellation both in the Township Hall and on the township website.

**ADJOURN:**

At 7:44 p.m., Mr. Borg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Zeolla supported the motion, and it was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Raimondo

AR/kpl