

# Dexter Township

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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## AGENDA October 3, 2023 6:00 pm

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Approval of Minutes- September 5, 2023
- 5. Public Comment (Non-agenda Items)
- 6. Public Hearing Procedure Review
- 7. Action Items

#### Item #1

#### Introduction of the case

Petition Number:	<u>(23-ZBA-005)</u>
Applicant(s):	Hilberer Construction, Inc. (contractor) on behalf of Deborah Hardesty (Owner)
<b>Project Description:</b>	Construct a 24' x 26' garage with a height of 11.17', proposed rear yard setback of 13'
Petition Description: a) Request for variance from Sec 6.02 - Rear Yard Setback 30 feet	
Property Location:	4815 Dexter-Pinckney Rd, D -04-25-460-014

- a. Conflict of Interest/Ex-parte Contact Review
- b. Staff Presentation and Zoning Board of Appeals Member Questions
- c. Petitioner Presentation and Zoning Board of Appeals Member Questions
- d. **Public Hearing** (no public participation on agenda item after public hearing is closed)
  - i. Reading of letters into the record
  - ii. Comments from public in attendance (*see Public Comment/Input Policy on the last page*)
- e. Zoning Board of Appeals deliberations and Standards of Review
- f. Action on Petition- Motions by the Zoning Board of Appeals

#### Item #2

Introduction of the case		
Petition Number:	<u>(23-ZBA-006)</u>	
Applicant(s):	Linda Sue Huelke	
Project Description:	Construct a 20' x 21.5' two-car garage addition with a reduced front yard setback	
Petition Description:	a) Request for variance from Section 7.07 requiring 20' front yard setback	
Property Location:	14362 Edgewater (D-04-06-355-013)	

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#### 8. **Public Comment** (Non-agenda Items)

- 9. Concerns of Zoning Board of Appeals Members, Director of Planning and Zoning, and Recording Secretary
- 10. Adjournment

#### PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT POLICY

- 1. Speakers shall address the Zoning Board of Appeals from the front table/lectern and begin by stating their name and address.
- **2.** Speakers are encouraged to be as factual and brief as possible, and to restrict comments to the application and property under consideration.
- 3. Speakers shall address all comments and questions to the Chairperson.
- 4. Speakers are limited to three minutes each. The Chairperson has the discretion to extend the time.
- 5. Members of the audience sharing similar positions may caucus and select a single spokesperson, who may speak for up to five minutes. The Chairperson has the discretion to extend the time.
- 6. Speakers may address the Zoning Board of Appeals more than once, but subsequent comments must bring new information, correct the record, or raise new questions.
- 7. Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals may question any speaker to gather information.
- 8. Off-topic comments and interruptions from members of the audience shall be ruled out of order.



BROOK SMITH CHAIRPERSON BETH FILIP VICE CHAIRPERSON PETER MAIER SECRETARY

Kathy bradbury Marty Straub

Don Darnell, *Alt.* Vacant, *ALT.* 

JANIS MILLER Recording Secretary

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Members present: Chairperson Brook Smith, Vice-Chairperson Beth Filip, Secretary Peter Maier, Marty Straub, and Kathy Bradbury. Absent: None.

Also present: MC Moritz, OHM Advisors representing Planning and Zoning; and Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

- 1. Call to Order: Applicant was not aware the meeting was at 6PM nor did they know they should be present to answer questions from the ZBA members. Applicants arrived at 6:35 PM. Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all.
- **3.** Approval of Agenda: With no corrections or additions, the Chair deemed the agenda approved as presented.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Straub to approve the May 2, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Maier. All ayes. Motion carried.

- 5. Public Comment Non-Agenda Items: No public present.
- 6. Public Hearing Procedure: Skipped as there was no public to address.
- 7. Action Items:

## Item #1 (23-ZBA-004) John and Katherine Buehler, 13270 Redmonds Hill Ct Variance:

- a) Request for variance from Section 16.11(F)(3) requiring maximum height of 8.5'.
- a. Conflict of Interest/Ex-parte Contact Review: Beth Filip spoke with Katherine when visiting the property but just said Hello and

Beth Filip spoke with Katherine when visiting the property but just said Hello and introduced herself.

#### b. Staff Presentation and Questions from ZBA members:

MC Moritz introduced the project as a shed (192 sq ft) on Rural Residential property of a little over an acre. The need for a variance was that the height of the shed

exceeded the Zoning Ordinance limitation of eight and a half feet (8.5 ft). Questions from ZBA: 1) If we approve this variance request, would this shed have to be inspected by Chelsea Area Construction Agency (CACA)? MC responded that would be a question for the CACA Building Inspector. 2) Do we really have a good idea of what the actual proposed height of the shed is as described in the Zoning Ordinance, which does not measure the shed to the highest point of the roof but rather measurers it to the height of the sidewall plus half of the height of the roof, which puts this shed at less than 10 feet? 3) Typically, the township provides this large yellow sign (noticing) that was absent on the applicant's property. Does the sign reside in the township and do we loan it out to each applicant? MC said she didn't know but would ask the Zoning Officer Adrianna and they would find an answer.

#### c. Petitioner Presentation and Questions from ZBA members:

John Buehler said the eight-and-a-half-foot roof height meant that he hit his head on the rafters inside the building. They are looking to build a reasonably size shed. Questions from ZBA: 1) What's the HOA limitation on the shed? A: 200 sq. ft.

#### d. Public Comment:

i. letters and/or emails: None.

ii. comments from public in attendance: None.

#### e. Zoning Board of Appeals deliberations and Standards of Review:

**Deliberations:** Ridiculous combination of circumstances that brought them here. The Zoning Ordinance is too complex for what we are doing this evening. The accessory building still has to be approved by the HOA. In depth discussion of how to measure the roof height. Some of the decision criteria matrix does not fit as there is a conflict in the ordinance as it was not intended to in this situation where someone has over an acre and are restricted. This needs to get fixed, remand to the Planning Commission. Discussion on overhangs and building coverage. Discussion on conflicting laws which the Zoning Ordinance states the strictest one applies. Definition of "intent" is Section 16.01.

Standards of Review:	
(1) Practical Difficulty §29.06(C)(1)	16.11(F)(3)
Does the requested variance meet the following standard	Accessory Height
The strict application of the terms of this Ordinance would constitute a practical difficulty.	<u>YES</u> Bradbury
Notes: Smith: I can't think of anything that is more of a practical difficulty than slamming someone with a one- acre lot with an eight-and-a-half-foot limitation on the size of their accessory height.	Filip Straub Smith
	<u>NO</u> Maier

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### **Standards of Review:**

(2) Physical Conditions §29.06(C)(2)	16.11(F)(3)
Does the requested variance meet the following standard	Accessory Height
The practical difficulty is due to some physical condition peculiar to the property involved.	YES Straub
Notes:	Smith
Straub: Yes, to summarize the reason I stated before, physical condition that is peculiar to this property	Bradbury
that is slightly over one acre and therefore falls into this area of the Zoning Ordinance.	Filip
Smith: The Chair joins Marty in his analysis and votes Yes.	<u>NO</u>
Comment after changing her vote from no to yes:	<del>Bradbury</del>
Filip: Yes, provided that a Deed Restriction or Bylaw would qualify as a physical condition peculiar to the	<del>Filip</del>
property involved.	Maier

(3) Self-Created §29.06C)(3) Does the requested variance meet the following standard	16.11(F)(3) Accessory Height
The practical difficulty is not self-created.	YES
Notes:	Bradbury Filip Straub Maier Smith
	<u>NO</u> None

4) Reasonable Amount Necessary §29.06(C)(4) Does the requested variance meet the following standard	16.11(F)(3) Accessory Height
The variance is a reasonable amount necessary to mitigate the practical difficulty.	YES
Notes:	Bradbury
	Filip
	Straub
	Smith
	<u>NO</u> Maier
	Maier

<ul><li>(5) Public Health, Safety, and Welfare §29.06(C)(5)</li><li>Does the requested variance meet the following standard</li></ul>	16.11(F)(3) Accessory Height
Approval of the variance will not be injurious to the public health, safety, and welfare.	<u>YES</u> Bradbury
Notes:	Filip Straub Maier Smith
	NO None

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(6) Adverse Effect §29.06(C)(6) Does the requested variance meet the following standard	16.11(F)(3) Accessory Height
Approval of the variance will not affect the use of the adjacent properties or the area in a substantially adverse manner.	YES Bradbury
Notes:	Filip Straub Maier Smith
	<u>NO</u> None

<ul> <li>(7) Intent of the Ordinance §29.06(C)(7)</li> <li>Does the requested variance meet the following standard</li> </ul>	16.11(F)(3) Accessory Height
Approval of the variance is consistent with the intent and purpose of this Ordinance.	YES
Notes:	Bradbury
	Filip
	Straub
	Maier
	Smith
	NO
	None

Discussion: Motion to reconsider votes on #2 Physical Conditions made by Maier. Intent of Zoning Ordinance as stated in Section 16.01. The interpretation of #2 in regards to lot size. The practical difficulty is that they are subjected to HOA Bylaws will not let them build an accessory building over 200 sq. ft. (they have 1.08 acres) and therefore the applicant is unable to do what the Zoning Ordinance requires to go above the 200 sq. ft. and satisfy the conditions. Summary by Filip: Their HOA Bylaws are unique to this situation and prevent them from going beyond 200 sq. ft. Filip and Bradbury changed their vote on #2 to Yes after the discussion.

#### f. Motion by Zoning Board of Appeals:

Motion by Filip to approve the variance for petition (23-ZBA-004), for the property located at 13270 Redmonds Hill Ct., tax id. (D-04-19-110-025), the applicants John and Katherine Buehler, for the requested [shed height] height of eleven feet (11.0 feet) as opposed to the required height of eight feet six inches in ordinance section 16.11 (F)(3). Motion seconded by Straub.

## Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Bradbury, Filip, Straub, Smith: Nays - Maier: Absent – None. <u>Motion carried 4-1</u>.

Chairperson Smith congratulated the applicant and said their request for a variance was approved and they had a year to get things done by getting a permit issued by the Township Planning and Zoning Department.

8. Public Comment: No public present.

#### 9. Concerns of ZBA Members, DPZ, and Recording Secretary:

**Filip:** We need to communicate to the applicants that they do need to be here so the ZBA *Documents regarding the agenda items can be obtained at the Township Hall during normal business hours, the Townships website: <u>www.dextertownship.org</u> and can be viewed on <u>ew.livestream.com/dextertownship.org</u>.* 

can discuss their situation with them and get a better understanding of the need for a variance. Discussion in the past has been to "kick it forward" to the next month if the applicant is a no show. Our general culture is to not have the decision criteria already filled out as we want to come to a decision on our own without being swayed by any particular party. Also raise the issue of, and put it at the top of the list, "reasonable minimum amount", and what it could potentially mean as it will impact every single decision we make between now and when it gets changed. Something more clearly defined, voted upon by the Board of Trustees, would be a good service to the citizens that live in this township. **Bradbury:** This was painful and needs {Zoning Ordinance] to be addressed. **Straub:** Tonight's matrix stated "reasonable amount", unlike all our previous matrix's. **Smith:** Under item 4 it should say "the reasonable minimum amount necessary" as we decided to interpret the ordinance to say that until the Board of Trustees take action on it. **Maier:** We need to have our lawyers look at that as we need to know we align with the state requirements as we don't want to deviate.

**Straub:** I think had we left here with something other than approval for them to put up their little shed, most of us would have felt bad.

#### 10. Adjournment

Chairperson Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Maier, Secretary

Janis Miller, Recording Secretary

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## **Property Information:**

Existing Zoning:	Rural Residential (RR)			
	The Rural Residential District is to provide opportunities for relatively low-density residential uses in a manner that maintains, enhances, and preserves open spaces, including farmlands, woodlands, and wetlands that contribute to the rural character of the Township. Opportunities to continue the limited agricultural operations should be encouraged. Woodlands, wetlands, and water courses should be preserved. It is also the intent of the district to provide opportunities for passive and active recreational uses that are compatible with the natural character of the land and surrounding uses.			
Existing Land Use:	Single-family House			
Future Land Use Map:	Rural Residential			
Area:	14,418 square feet, 0.331 acres			

## Zoning Information:

	North	East	South	West
Surrounding Zoning	Rural Residential	Rural Residential	Rural Residential	Rural Residential
	(RR)	(RR)	(RR)	(RR)
Surrounding Land Uses	Single-family	Single-family	Single-family	Single-family
	Residential	Residential	Residential	Residential
Future Land-Use Map	Rural Residential	Rural Residential	Rural Residential	Rural Residential
	(RR)	(RR)	(RR)	(RR)



#### Project Narrative:

The applicant proposes to construct a 24' x 26' garage (624 SFT) with a height of 11.17' in the rear yard. The proposed garage would have a rear yard setback of 13'.

The Rural Residential Site Development Standards (Section 6.02) requires a rear yard set back of 30'.

#### Applicable Land Use Standards:

The following table lists the requested variance for the proposed project and the Zoning Ordinance standard.

Ordinance Section	Required	Requested	Notes
6.02	30'	13'	N/A

#### **Recognition of Nonconformities:**

The minimum required lot area is two (2) acres. The actual lot area is 0.331 acres.

The minimum required lot width is 150'. The actual lot width is 95'.

The required front yard setback is 80'. The actual front yard setback is 69'.

#### **Other Department Comments:**

On October 6, 2012, the ZBA granted a variance to the neighboring property to the east (4809 Dexter Pinckney Road, 0.389 acres) for a proposed 24' x 28' garage with a 19'-7" setback.

#### **Potential Conditions:**

Potential conditions are developed prior to a public hearing and are intended to aid the Zoning Board of Appeal's review. The Zoning Board of Appeals may adopt the above condition(s), adopt additional or other condition(s), or adopt no conditions if a variance is approved.

#### **Attached Materials:**

- Variance Application
- Survey/Plot Plan/Elevations/Images
- Decision Criteria Review

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### VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM

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#### **Decision Criteria Answers**

- A. Due to the changes in the zoning setbacks since the house was built have drastically changed and even the existing house now is outside of the existing zoning setbacks for RR district.
- B. The practical difficulty is due to the existing .331 Acre lot being in a current RR district that has a minimum lot size of 2 acre. The existing lot is 1/6 the size of the minimum 2-acre lot that is identified in the current zoning.
- C. The current difficulty was not created by the homeowner.
- D. The rear yard setback variance is a reasonable solution requested to build a 2-car garage in the only place available on the property. The proposed location meets both side yard setbacks and allows 5' of distance between the existing deck and the proposed new garage.
- E. If approved this variance will not be injurious to the public, however it would have a profound positive impact on the resident at this property who is wheelchair bound for life. By adding an enclosed garage this will allow the resident to store her wheelchair accessible van in the garage thus protecting it from the elements and snow covering in the winter. This will also allow the resident to enter and exit the van on a flat and level surface and give protection during inclement weather.
- F. The approval of this variance will not affect the use or value of the adjacent properties. The addition of a 2-car garage in the rear of the property will actually mirror the garage locations of almost all of the adjacent properties. (see attachment A)
- G. We believe that the requested variance meets the intent and purpose of the ordinance.

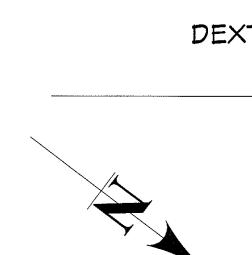
## VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM

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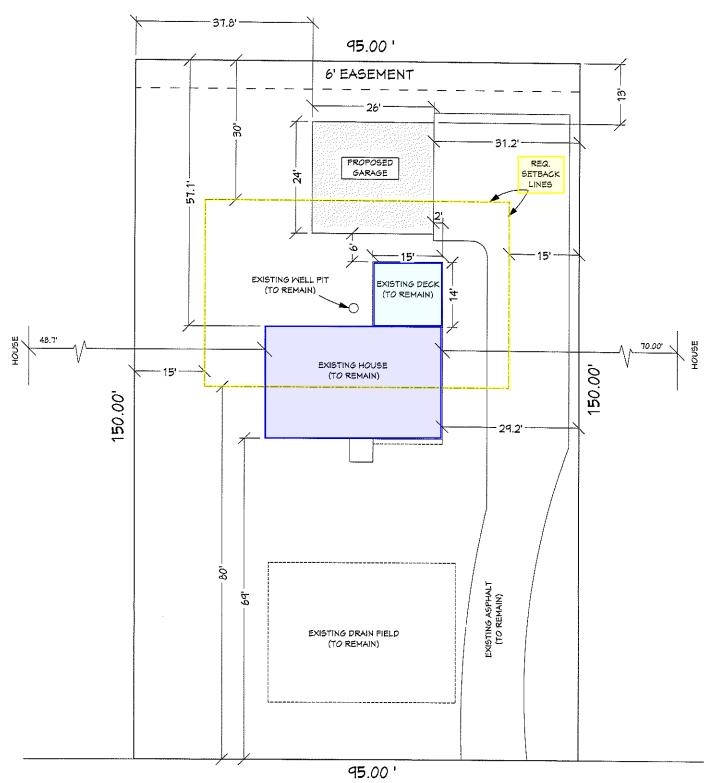
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Premise situated in the Township of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, \*OLD SID - D 04-080-006-00 DE 56-6 LOT 6 COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES. Commonly known as 4815 DEXTER PINCKNEY RD, DEXTER, MI 48130





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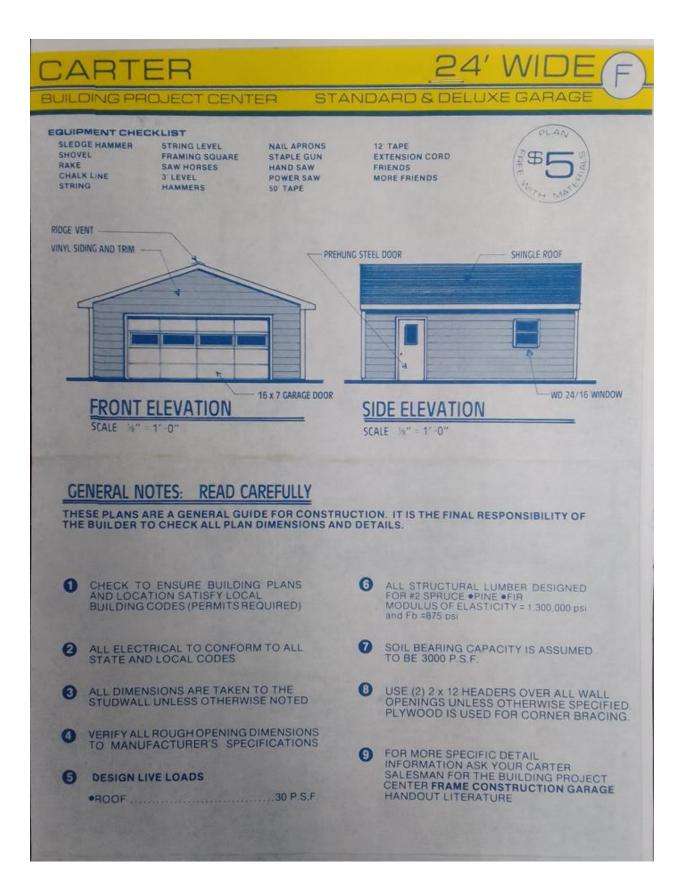




#### NEW DETACHED GARAGE

Deborah Hardesty 4815 Dexter-Pinckney Rd. Dexter, MI 48130

PROJECT: HARDEST		
SITE PL	AN	
DATE: 09/05/2023	SCALE:	



#### **Decision Criteria Review:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have the power to authorize specific variances from the standards of the Zoning Ordinance provided that the spirit of that Ordinance is observed, the public safety secured, and substantial justice done. All the required findings listed below shall be met and the record of proceedings of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall contain evidence supporting each conclusion.

#### A) Allow 13.0' rear yard setback instead of 30' rear yard setback.

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<ul> <li>(5) Public Health, Safety, and Welfare</li> <li>29.06(C)(5)</li> <li>Does the requested variance meet the following standard:</li> </ul>	A 6.02 Required rear yard setback – 30'
Approval of the variance will not be injurious to the public health, safety, and welfare.	
<ul><li>(6) Adjacent Properties 29.06(C)(6)</li><li>Does the requested variance meet the following standard:</li></ul>	A 6.02 Required rear yard setback – 30'
Approval of the variance will not affect the use of the adjacent properties or the area in a substantially adverse manner.	
<ul><li>(7) Intent of the Ordinance 29.06(C)(7)</li><li>Does the requested variance meet the following</li></ul>	<u>A</u> 6.02 Required rear vard setback – 30'

standard:	Required rear yard setback – 30'
Approval of the variance is consistent with the intent and purpose of this Ordinance.	



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#### **Property Information:**

Existing Zoning:	Lakes Residential (LR)
	The Lake Residential District provides opportunities for relatively high-density residential uses in a manner that is consistent with the unique physical, economic, and social characteristics of lakefront properties. The regulations applicable to properties in this district are intended to provide opportunities for the recreational uses that are consistent with the character of these lake areas, while protecting the Township's waters and other natural resources by fostering a healthy environment that enhances the use and enjoyment of these areas. Infill development that is consistent with the character of established neighborhoods should be supported.
Existing Land Use:	Single-family House
Future Land Use Map:	Lakes Residential
Area:	4,792 square feet, 0.11 acres

## **Zoning Information:**

	North	East	South	West
Surrounding Zoning	Half Moon Lake	Lakes Residential (LR)	Lakes Residential (LR)	Lakes Residential (LR)
Surrounding Land Uses	Half Moon Lake	Single-family Residential	Single-family Residential	Single-family Residential
Future Land-Use Map	Half Moon Lake	Lakes Residential (LR)	Lakes Residential (LR)	Lakes Residential (LR)



#### Project Narrative:

The subject property consists of an existing single-family home and deck constructed in 1955. The applicant is proposing the addition of an attached two-car garage. There are discrepancies in the size of the existing primary structure and the proposed addition. The applicant states that the home is 875 sf and the Township assessor lists the home as 726 sf. The applicant states that the proposed garage is 432 sf ; however based on the dimensions it is 430 sf. The dimensions of the proposed two-car garage addition are 20' x 21.5'. The applicant states that the house and garage would total 1,315.37 altogether. If the garage is actually 430 sf then that would make the home 885.37 sf. According to the January 21, 2023 site survey prepared by Piatt Land Surveying the square footage of the home is actually 782.18 sf. The Township will use the square footage for the home that is based off the Piatt survey, and a total of 430 sf for the proposed garage.

Section 7.07(3) requires a minimum 20' road setback from Edgewater Drive. The applicant is requesting a variance from this setback requirement to allow the garage to be built 14.6' away from the road.

#### Applicable Land Use Standards:

The following table lists the requested variance for the proposed project and the Zoning Ordinance standard.

Ordinance Section	Required	Requested	Notes
7.07(3)	20'	14.6'	N/A

#### **Recognition of Nonconformities:**

- Existing non-conforming lot. Minimum lot size in Lakes Residential zoning district is 0.5 acres if served by off-site septic or sewer. Subject lot is 0.11 acres.
- Existing non-conforming waterbody setback. Waterbody setback shall never be less than 35'; existing single-family house is 27.1' from the waterbody, and existing deck is approximately 19' from the waterbody.

#### **Other Department Comments:**

Proposed project received Multi-Lake Water and Sewer Authority approval on September 6, 2023. There are no sewer conflicts as presented.

#### **Potential Conditions:**

Potential conditions are developed prior to a public hearing and are intended to aid the Zoning Board of Appeals review. The Zoning Board of Appeals may adopt the above condition(s), adopt additional or other condition(s), or adopt no conditions if a variance is approved.

#### Attached Materials:

- Variance Application
- Plot Plan/Elevations/Images
- Survey/ Legal Description
- Decision Criteria Review
- Letters of Support
- Pictures

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LINDA SUE HUELKE					
c. Mailing Address	c. Mailing Address (if different from applicant	's mailing ac	ldress)		
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VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM

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а.	Ordinance Section	b. Requested	c. Required	d. Description of Variance Request	
a)	SEC-TOOR FRONT YARD SETBACK	14.6'	20'	5.4 REDULED FRONT YARD SETBACK	
b)	1.11.12.001.0101				
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(7)	necessary. You will have an op	portunity to provide	additional informa	ink your variance(s) meets all of the following standards. Attach additional sheets if tion and address these decision criteria at the public hearing. nce would constitute a practical difficulty. §29.06(C)(1)	
-	THE ADDITIC	AL MOD	GARAGE	VING THE HOME WILL BE INLINE	
b				condition peculiar to the property involved. §29.06(C)(2) P, SMALLER THAN REQURED	
	<sup>c.</sup> The practical difficulty is not self-created. §29.06(C)(3) <u>PURCHASED PROPERTY WITH EXISTING CONDITION</u> <u>HALFMOON LAKE HILLS SUBDIVISION</u> ORIGINAL PLAT CONFIGURATION				
9	<sup>d.</sup> The variance is a reasonable amount necessary to mitigate the practical difficulty. §29.06(C)(4) DIMENSION FOR A CARAGE ARE AT A MINIMUM TO ACCOMMODATE VEHICLES.				
	<sup>e.</sup> Approval of the variance will not be injurious to the public health, safety, and welfare. §29.06(C)(5) <u>APPROVAL OFVARIANCE WOULD NOT BE INTURIOUS TO</u> <u>PUBLIC I HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE</u> .				
a	f. Approval of the variance will not affect the use or value of the adjacent properties or the area in a substantially adverse manner. §29.06(C)(6) THE VARIANCE WILL ENHANCE ADJACENT PROPERTIES VALUE.				
g	Approval of the variance is consistent with the intent and purpose of this Ordinance. §29.06(C)(7) THE APPROVAL 13 LOUSISTANT WITH SMALL LOTS IN THE LAKE RESIDENTIAL AREA.				
h.	I prefer not to share these decision criteria answers with the Zoning Board of Appeals members.				

VARIANCE A	Applica	TION	FORM
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(8) Applicant(s) Affidavit: (10 be signed	d and dated by the ap	plicant)	
<ul> <li>the statements and attachments are true</li> <li>I acknowledge that approval of a varia.</li> <li>I acknowledge that I have received and</li> <li>I acknowledge that filing of this application.</li> </ul>	e and correct to the nce only grants the reviewed the Des ation grants access notice sign and n sed structure at la must be marked	he best of my knowledge and nat which was presented to exter Township "Variance G as to the Township to condu nark the location of propos east 15 days before the pub- with the street address clea	the Zoning Board of Appeals. uide" booklet. ct onsite investigation of the property in order ed structure and lot corners and lot lines of my lic hearing date. rly visible from the roadway.
Applicant's Signature		<u>8 - 30 - 23</u> ale ale	
(9) Property Owner(s) Affidavit: (10)	be signed and dated	by the property owner(s) if the ap	plicant is not the property owner- it should be signed by
all property owners.)  I, have authorized this application.			perty described in this application and that I pose of obtaining the variance(s) described in
Property Owner's Signature	Da	ale	
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(10) Administrative Section:	Request De. (List reasons.)	nied	Request Amended         New file #         Date Submitted:
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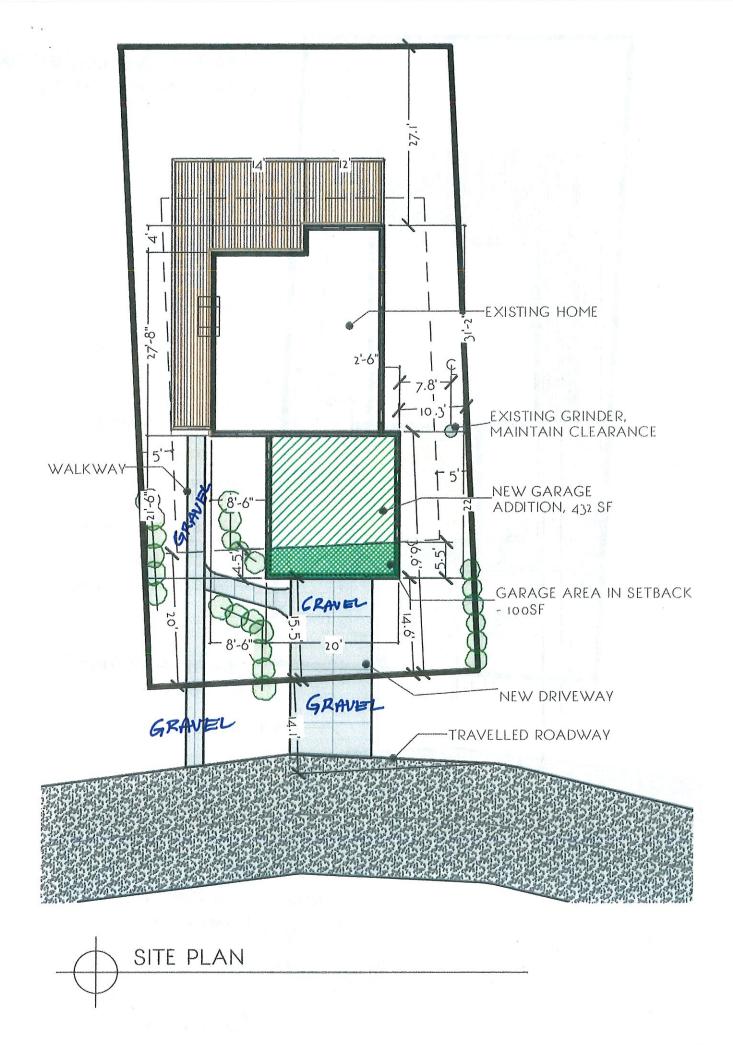
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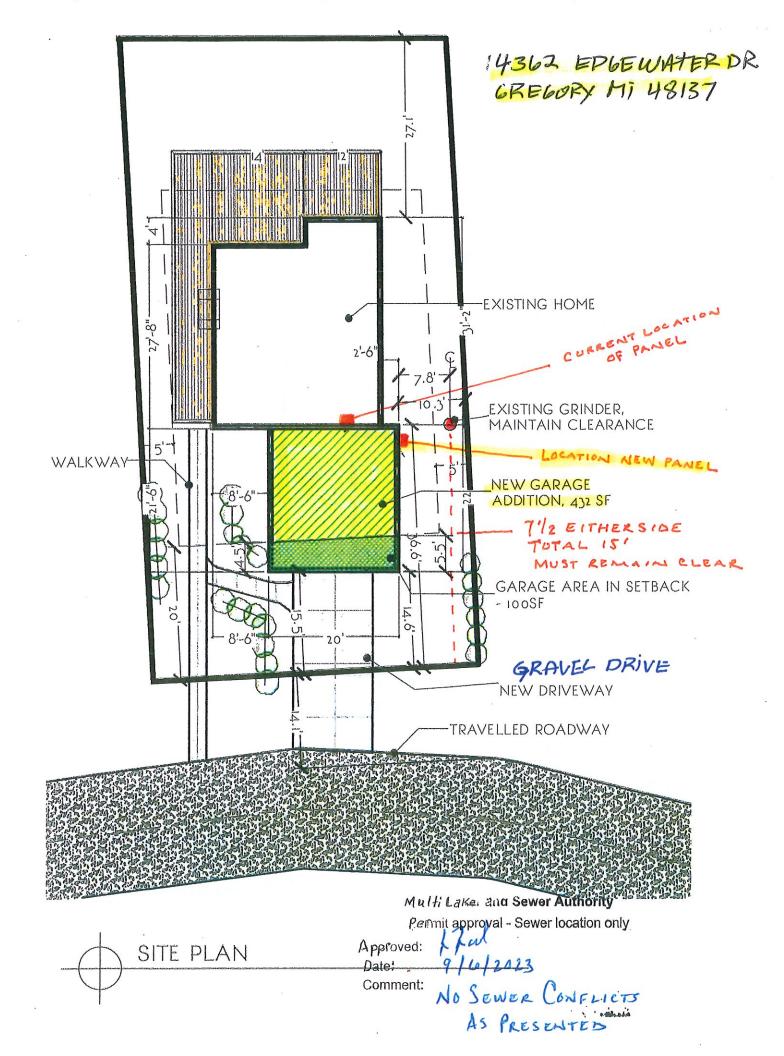
## LOT COVERAGE AND OTHER IMPERVIOUS SURFACES CALCULATION FORM

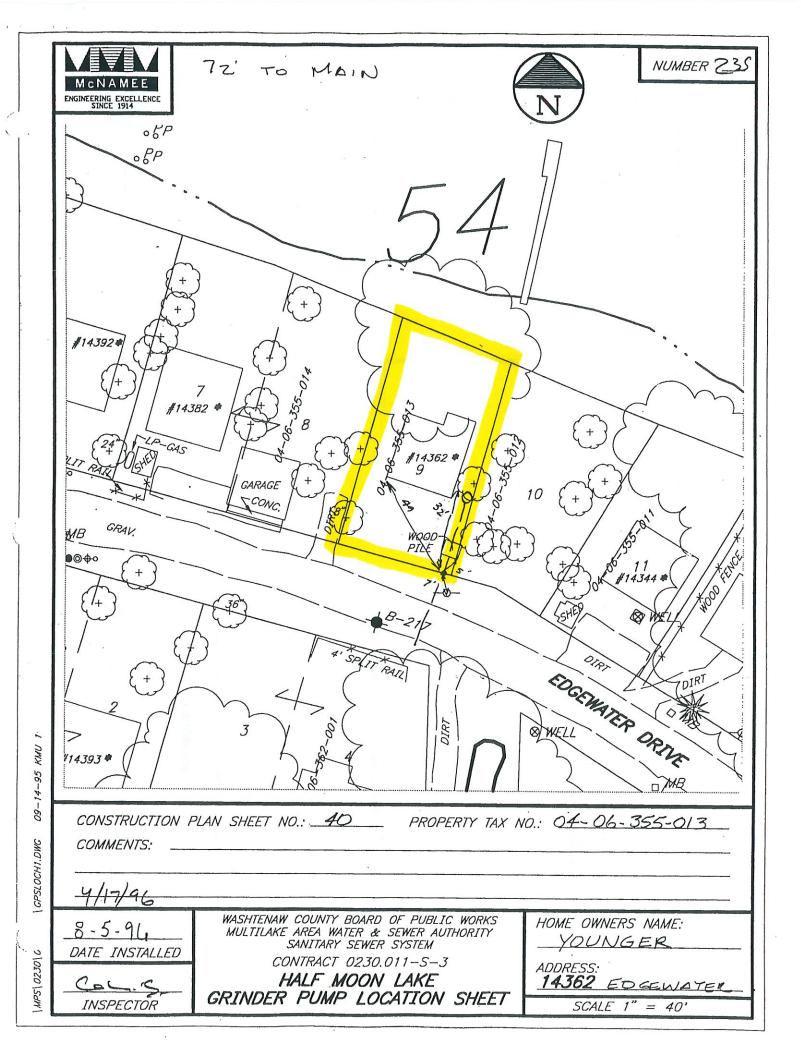
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Info.	Primary Prop. I.D. $04 - 06 - 355 - 013$			ZBA Application#23-ZBA-006				
den en sin se	Applicant         Linda         Huelke         Other (explain)           NET Lot Area (Contiguous parcels, same ownership interest) (refer to definition of "Lot" in Zoning Ordinance)         Other (explain)							
	NET Lot Area (Contiguous parcels, sam	ie ownership interest) (refer to definition of I.D. #	"Lot" in Zonii	ng Ord		au	e Feet	
ea	(Primary Parcel) Lot #1		-					ft.²
Lot Area	Lot #2		_		4,792			
đ	Lot #3		_					ft. <sup>2</sup> ft. <sup>2</sup>
	Lot #4		_					ft. <sup>2</sup>
	(A)	Lot Area Total					ft.² (	ac.)
	See defition of "Lot coverage" in Ordina	ance, but shall include from the found	ation wall	, or t	he "dripline	e" of	the roof.	
	(Dech excluded Kom cales) #1: Principal Structure, w/ Attachments	Describe Structure (e.g., house, garage, pole barn, shed, etc.) Ex. House	Q Existing O Add	Demolish	Curren		Propos	
	#1. Findpar Structure, w Attachments	······	1X X	×	782.1	8	782.	18
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Lot Coverage	#2: Detached Accessory Structure	Shed		10	64	<u>, 11-</u>	1212-1	∂ II
era	#3: Detached Accessory Structure	<u> </u>	KK	K	67	-+	·	
Ň	#4: Detached Accessory Structure		KX	K	<u> </u>			
C C	#5: Detached Accessory Structure		NB	K		-+		
Ľ			DO	M				
	(C)	Total Accessory Structure Lot Covera	ige (ft. <sup>2</sup> )		64	ft.²	Ō	ft.²
		Total Accessory Structure Lot Covera	ige (%)		13	%	Ô	%
		Divide total accessory structure coverag	e by lot ar	ea to	tal (i.e., (C)	÷ (A)	. <u></u>	
	(B) + (C)	Total Lot Coverage of All Structures (	ft.²)		346.18	ft.2	1,212.1	1 %ft.2
		Total Lot Coverage of All Structures (			17.66	%	25	%
		Divide total lot coverage by lot area total	l (i.e., [(B)	+ (C)	)] ÷ (A)	lands de la desirado de	totași în cita come	
	See definition of "Impervious Surface" i	n Ordinance						
		Describe Other Impervious Surface	p	is.				
		(e.g., driveway, sidewalk, uncovered	Existing Add	Demolish	0		<b>D</b>	1
S	H1. Other lass are device for where	patio, etc.)	Add	å	Current		Propos	sea
0	#1: Other Impervious Surface #2: Other Impervious Surface	<u>n/a</u>	KK	K	0		0	
j,	#2: Other Impervious Surface	<u>(all gravel surfaces)</u>	KK	K				
	#4: Other Impervious Surface		KX	K				
<b>4</b> /	#5: Other Impervious Surface	#*************************************	KK	K				
vio	#6: Other Impervious Surface		NK	K		-+		
Jer	(D)	Total Area of Other Impervious Surfac	ces (ft.2)		0	ft. <sup>2</sup>	0	ft.²
Other Imperviou	(B) + (C) + (D)	Total Area of All Impervious Surfaces	/ft 2)			· ++ 2	1,212.10	ft.²
erl		Total Area of All Impervious Surfaces			17.66	%	25	<u>к.</u> %
ţ	Divide total area of all impervious surfaces (%) $[r, OG \%] = CC$							
0	Storm Water Mgmt	t. Plan Required Per Sec. 23.09.					ich applies	
	REQUIRED if Total Area of All Impervious Surfaces is		eet Sec.					
	23.09(A)(2)		~~~~~					
	NOT REQUIRED if Total Area of All Impervious Surfaces is tess Disrtict maximum AND the site meets Sec. 23.09(A)(2)							

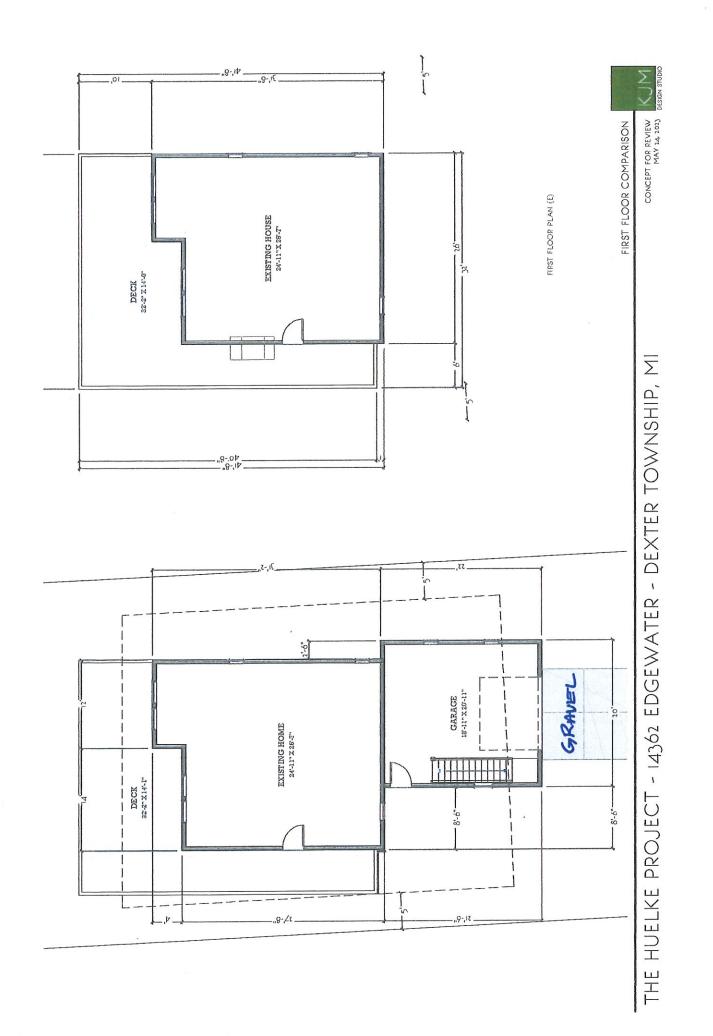
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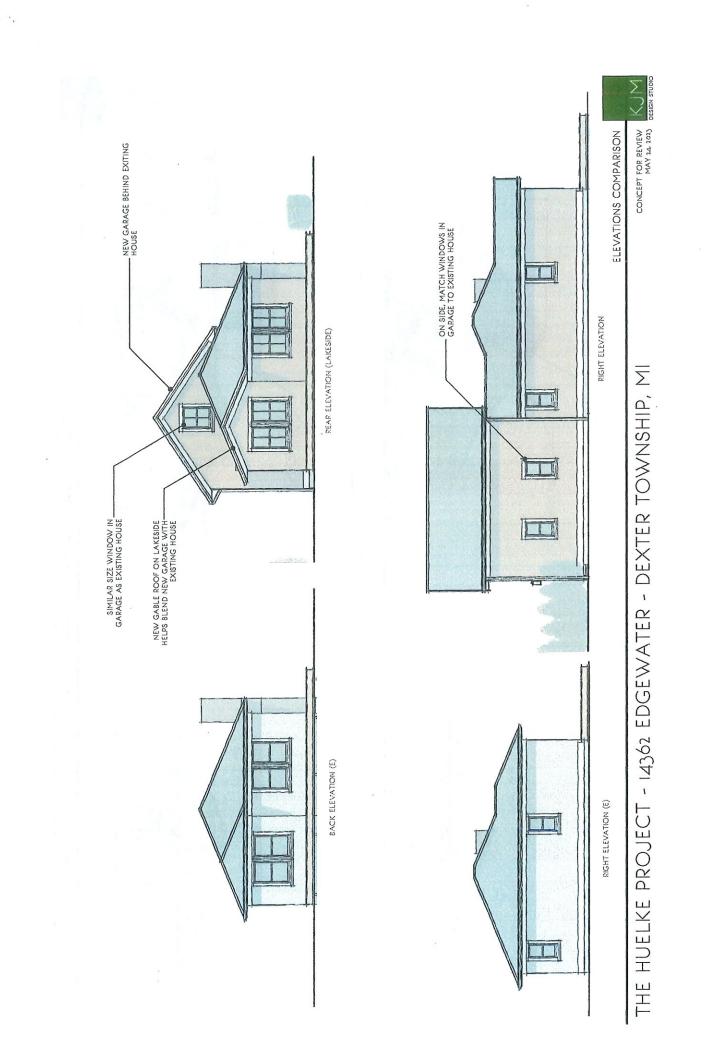
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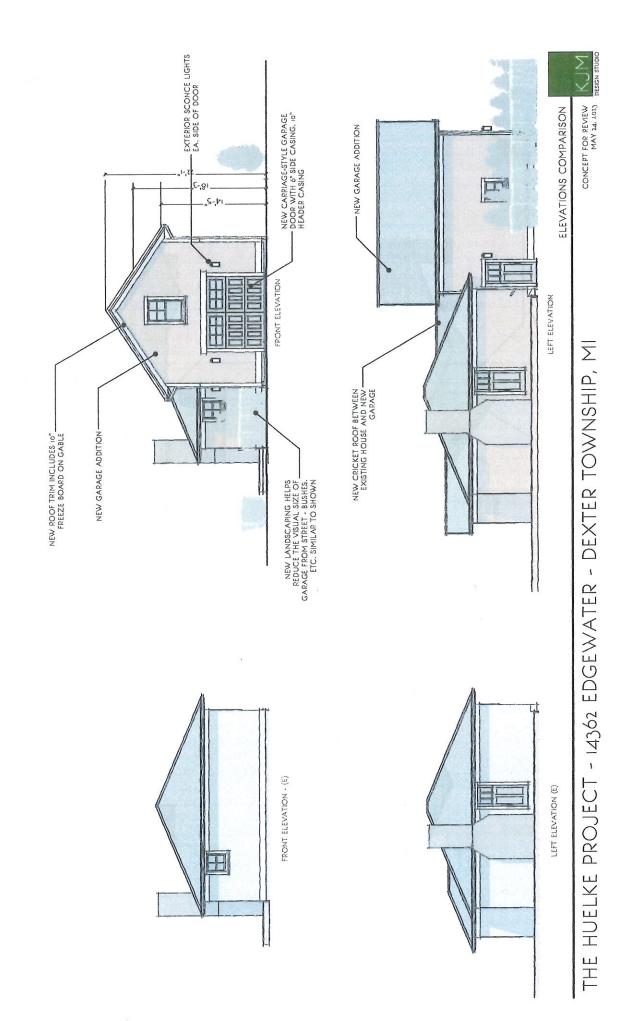


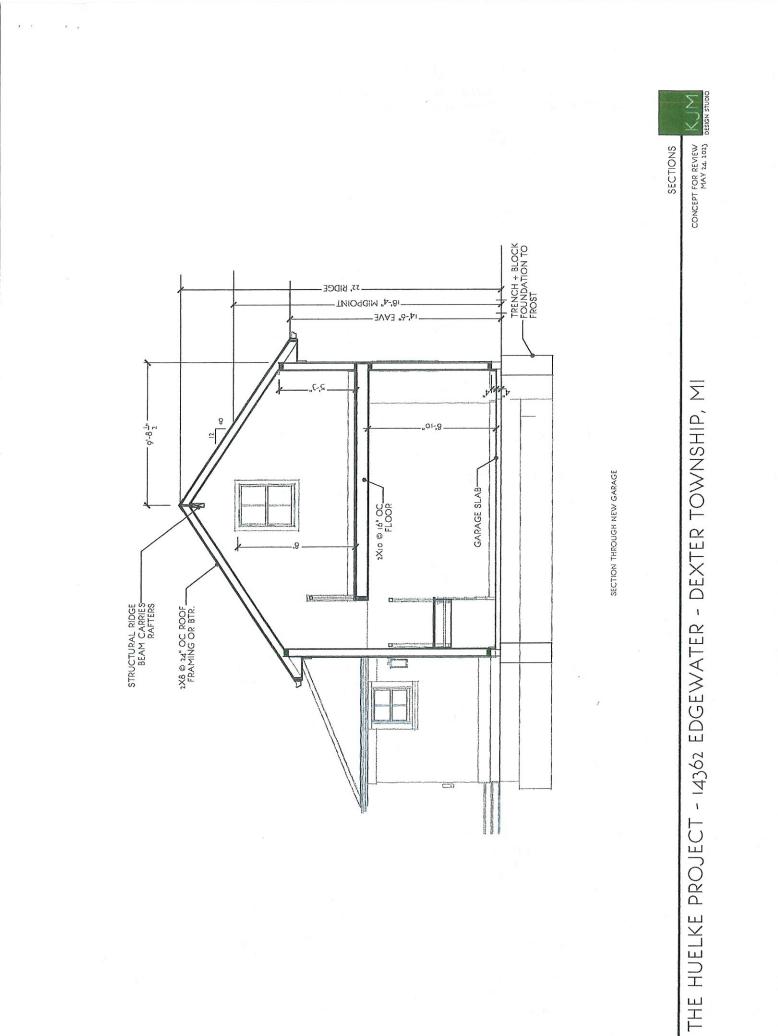


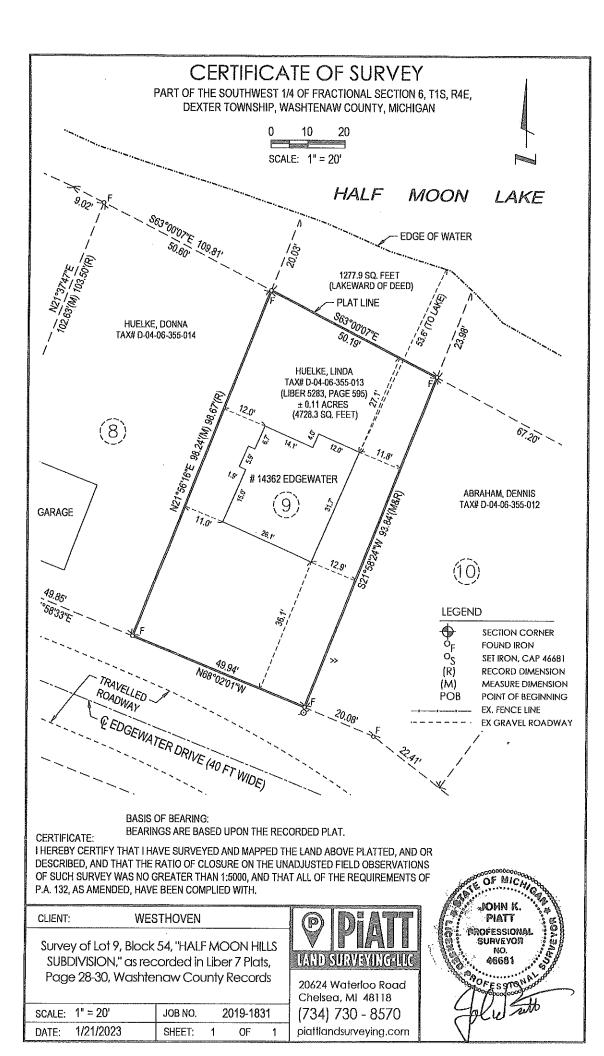


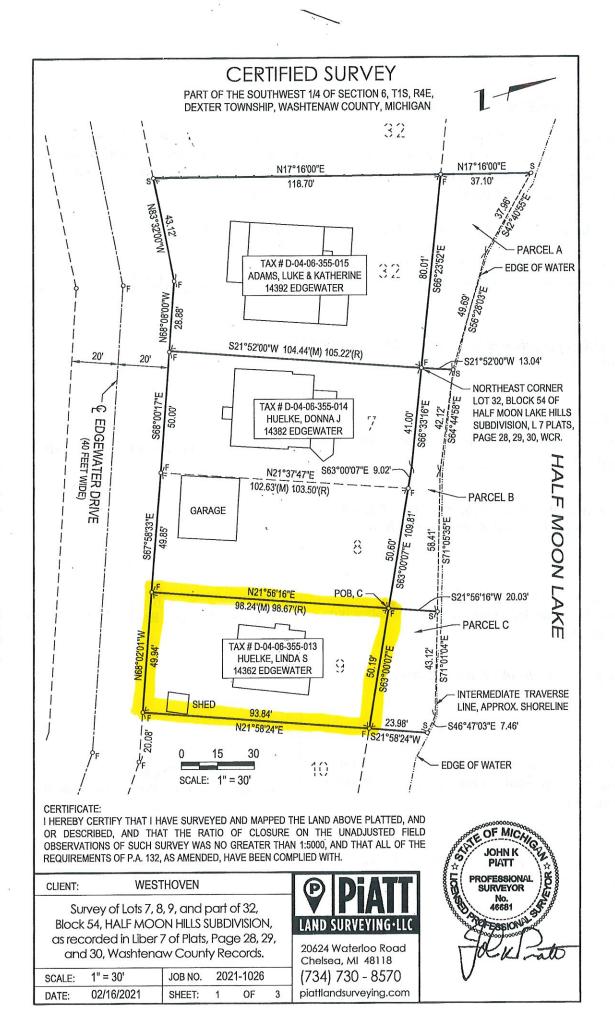


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#### **Decision Criteria Review:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have the power to authorize specific variances from the standards of the Zoning Ordinance provided that the spirit of that Ordinance is observed, the public safety secured, and substantial justice done. All the required findings listed below shall be met and the record of proceedings of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall contain evidence supporting each conclusion.

## A) Allow 14.6' front yard road setback instead of 20' front yard road setback.

A 7.07(3) Footnotes – 20' Local Road Setback Exceptions
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<ul> <li>(5) Public Health, Safety, and Welfare</li> <li>29.06(C)(5)</li> <li>Does the requested variance meet the following standard:</li> </ul>	A 7.07(3) Footnotes – 20' Local Road Setback Exceptions
Approval of the variance will not be injurious to the public health, safety, and welfare.	
(6) Adjacent Properties 29.06(C)(6) Does the requested variance meet the following standard:	A 7.07(3) Footnotes – 20' Local Road Setback Exceptions
Approval of the variance will not affect the use of the adjacent properties or the area in a substantially adverse manner.	
(7) Intent of the Ordinance 29.06(C)(7) Does the requested variance meet the following standard:	A 7.07(3) Footnotes – 20' Local Road Setback Exceptions
Approval of the variance is consistent with the intent and purpose of this Ordinance.	

Dexter Township

Zoning Board of Appeals

Please accept this letter of support for the construction of a new attached garage at our neighbors at 14362 Edgewater Dr. We have reviewed construction plans and agree the addition will improve the look and feel of the neighborhood. Feel free to call us if you have any questions about our

approval.

Ray Stroud

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734-604-9453

14361 Edgewater Dr, Greagory, MI 48137

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I AM DENNIS J. Abraham I LIVE AT 14344 EDGEWATER OR. GREGORY M. 48137. IAM THE NEWT DOOR NEIGHBOR TO LINDA SUE HUELKE. HER ADDRESS IS 14362 EDGEWATER DR. MESS HUELKE HAS ApplieD FOR A VARIANCE TO be Able TO ADD ON TO HER COTTAGE, I WANT THIS LETTER TO SHOW I SUPPORT NER IN HER BID TO GET THIS VARIANCE. PLOASE ALLOW THIS TO GO THROUGH. THISNAR YOU

Dennio J. Abraham

**Dexter Township** 

Zoning Board of Appeals

I have reviewed construction plans and agree the garage addition willbe good for the neighborhood.

Please accept this letter of support for the construction of a new attached garage at my neighbors with address of 14362 Edgewater Dr.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions about my approval.

Mike Sanders

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313-999-3689

14323 Edgewater Dr, Greagory, MI 48137

To whom it may concern, please accept this email as our support for the construction/renovation that is proposed for our next door neighbors home owned by Sue Huelke. We have reviewed the site plans and fully agree that this addition will enhance the look and functionality of our neighborhood. This project will be a welcome upgrade to an already beautiful setting. If you have any questions about this endorsement do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your time..

Donna Huelke Lankerd Tim Lankerd. <u>14382 Edgewater</u> drive. <u>Gregory, Mi 48137.</u>

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