

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
MEETING  
August 9, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman John Jelinek, Vice Chair, Carol Hagler, Secretary Dale Green, Richard Hill, Keith Garman, Nancy Davis, Pat Miller

Attorney Mike Joliat

Building/Planning Admin. Assistant Charm Healy

Building/Planning Coordinator Jeremy Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Erik Taipalus, Skip Davis

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Davison Township Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Davison Township Municipal Building, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MOTION BY R. HILL, SUPPORT BY C. HAGLER** to approve the July 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Case #16-V-2016-4 – Erik Taipalus, 1059 N. Cummings Road**

John opened the case by stating the Zoning Ordinance rules and regulations and asked Erik Taipalus to please give his statement for the variance request.

Erik Taipalus stated that he is requesting a variance to build a shed in the front yard due to the contours of the land and that the rear yard floods. He didn't understand he was restricted on where he could build on his property and all sides slop causing flooding and sinking. The neighbor made him aware of the limits on building areas and the spot that is high, dry and flat is in his front yard. The design of the shed is vinyl siding, overhang with shingles and stylish so it looks good with his house design. He said he would remove the existing shed also.

John read a letter from Erik's neighbor in support of the shed being built in the front yard.

Jeremy gave the Administrative review in support of the variance based on the applicant did not create this problem, they are impeded by the topography of the parcel and the hardship is the natural contours of the property.

There was discussion about the style of the building, the removal of the existing building and the fact that the house was built before Mr. Taipalus owned it.

**MOTION BY K. GARMAN, SUPPORT BY N. DAVIS** to approve Case #16-V-2016-4 based on the Building Departments recommendations of the applicant did not create this

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problem, and the topography of the parcels natural contours causes the hardship. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was discussion about the tabling of this case at last month's meeting and what the legal status of doing so was.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public comment period was opened at 7:11 p.m. There were no public comments and it was closed at 7:11 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY R. HILL, SUPPORT BY C. HAGLER** to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Dale Green, Secretary