

ACME TOWNSHIP
Zoning Board of Appeals
July 12, 2007

Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
Acme, Michigan

Meeting called to Order at 7:33 p.m.

Members present: J. Kuncaitis (Chair), L. Brohl, D. Krause, D. Smith

Members excused: L. Belcher

Staff present: J. Hull, Zoning Administrator
N. Edwardson/Recording Secretary

1. **Review and approval of the agenda, inquiry as to conflicts of interest:** None

2. **Correspondence:**

3. **Reports:** None

4. **Hearings:**

a) Request by Jean Aukerman for variance of Section 7.3.4, Fences, which limits fences in any residential front yard to 3', on property located at 4155 Huntington Drive. Kuncaitis read the published public hearing notice into the record. Krause commented what a wonderful presentation from Aukerman. She thanked Hull for his good counsel.

Aukerman is seeking to fence in a portion of her front-yard with a 4' fence. This is to prevent her dogs from leaping the fence. The back yard of her property is heavily covered with plants and very steep, making it unsuitable as an area to keep pets. The proposed location of the fence is fifty feet or more from the front lot line, and the front yard has ample plant life, including trees. Aukerman said they would run the fence from just left of the brick archway straight across to the front edge of the shed. There would be a double gate located in the middle of this fence. A fence would also run from back side of shed over to side boundary of yard. The fence would continue on side boundary from front of yard to back of yard. The fence also would run out from front side of the house and go 15' to edge of driveway. There also would be a gate in the middle of that fence. The fence would be made of black vinyl covered chain link. You would not be able to see the fence in the summer months as the heavy vegetation would hide it.

Kuncaitis asked if there had been any public response to the notice and Hull said Ron Swift-Godzisz, a neighbor of Aukerman, stopped by and talked with him. Aukerman also said that Swift-Godzisz, stopped by her house. She was able to show him what was going to take place.

MOTION BY SMITH THAT BASIC CONDITIONS AND SPECIAL CONDITION B HAVE BEEN MET. BROHL SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Approval of minutes from the June 14, 2007, regular meeting

MOTION BY BROHL. SUPPORTED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE JULY 12, 2007, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Krause commented about the recent meetings with only one hearing on them. He asked if we could do more than just one. Hull said with the timeframe of the different projects he had not been able to do that but would if he was able.

Hull said that the "Horses by the Bay", located on Bates Road, would be having opening ceremonies on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, and encouraged attendance if possible. This is the first season at the new location.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.