

# RAVENNA TOWNSHIP

## BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

**Jeff Gaynor, Chairman; Remy Arness;  
Gary Long; JoAnn McEwen; Claire Moore**

A public hearing of the Ravenna Township Board of Zoning Appeals was advertised and held at 7:00PM, on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 6145 S. Spring Street., Ravenna, Ohio 44266

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by acting chair Remy Arness. Administrative Assistant Melissa Murphy took the roll call, Remy Arness, yes; JoAnn McEwen, yes; Claire Moore, yes; Gary Long and Jeff Gaynor were absent. A quorum was recognized for the record.

First to be heard was:

### **BZA #2022-013; Area Variance**

Michael Baker's area variance request was for setbacks at 3168 Hommon Road, Ravenna, Ohio 44266. He requested to construct a 12' x 16' Timber Frame Pavilion 4ft from existing dwelling, where regulations (610.03 (A)(3)) state it can be no closer than 15ft to any principal building.

Michael pled his case. He has a concrete pad in the rear of his home. He stated that he cannot take the heat as much as he could in years past, and that he would like to walk out his back door and enjoy his property without having the full sun beating down on him. He is simply asking permission to put the cover/pavilion over the concrete pad to enjoy the outside, eat meals out there, etc.

Zoning Inspector Brett Psenicka noted, for the record, he re-inked the drawings Michael Baker submitted with his application. He needed to make the lines darker/clearer for the board to read. Brett had Michael look at drawings to make sure they were correct and that they matched the drawings he submitted. Michael compared the two drawings, stated they are the exact same.

Remy discussed the color of the roof and esthetics, making sure they will match the house. There were no further questions from the board. There were no neighbors for or against application in the audience.

BZA member Claire Moore made a motion to accept BZA #2022-13 as presented to the board. JoAnn McEwen seconded. R/C: Claire Moore, yes; Remy Arness, yes; JoAnn Mcewen, yes; motion passed.

Mr. Baker had an historical question; he grew up there and he built the house he currently resides in, in 1989. He is asking about the street sign SE corner at the corner of Hommon and Lakewood, which is an old concrete street sign, monument type. He painted this street marker in 8<sup>th</sup> grade for a school project and he would like to have it for nostalgic reasons.

The board advised they can not answer that or give him the authority to remove and keep this sign. They advised him to maybe contact either Portage County Engineers office or Ravenna Township Road department, depending on who maintains that street and street signs.

Claire Moore made a motion to approve minutes with corrections from the special meeting on October 5, 2022. Remy Arness seconded. R/C: Remy Arness, yes; JoAnn McEwen, yes; Claire Moore, yes; Motion Passed

JoAnn McEwen made a motion to approve minutes with corrections from the special meeting on October 7, 2022. Claire Moore seconded. R/C: Remy Arness, yes; JoAnn McEwen, yes; Claire Moore, yes; Motion Passed

Claire Moore made a motion to journalize the decision of BZA #2022-013. Remy Arness seconded. R/C: JoAnn McEwen, yes; Claire Moore, yes; Remy Arness, yes. Motion passed.

JoAnn McEwen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Claire Moore seconded. R/C: Remy Arness, yes; JoAnn McEwen, yes; Claire Moore, yes; Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.