

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD of APPEALS MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
September 24, 2013**

Call to Order/Pledge/Roll Call:

C. Poehlman called the special meeting of the Howard Township Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Howard Township Business Office. Pledge to the flag was given. Roll call was answered by C. Bradfield, C. Stafford, J. Gordon and B. Coar. C. Stafford was absent. Zoning Administrator L. McGregor and Recording Secretary T. Ernsberger were also present.

Agenda

A motion was made by C. Bradfield, supported by J. Gordon to approve the Meeting Agenda, carried.

Minutes

A motion was made by B. Coar, supported by J. Gordon to approve the minutes from the April 30, 2013 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

C. Poehlman opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm for a variance application from Hope Community Church at 2390 Lake Street to have a lower amount of off street parking than required for the new building addition. ZA McGregor read the public hearing rules. Chairman Poehlman explained the application. McGregor added application details and announced no correspondence had been received. Richard Grahl, 542 First Court, Niles, a church representative, explained the application and the need for cuts to save money. The parking will still serve the congregation sufficiently and will include more handicap spaces. There is a grassy area for overflow should it be necessary for an event. No comments were made in support or in opposition to the application. Chairman Poehlman closed the hearing at 7:09 pm.

After the commission reviewed and deliberated, a motion was made by B. Coar, supported by J. Gordon to approve the variance application of Hope Community Church at 2390 Lake Street to have a lower amount of off street parking than required for the new building addition, carried.

Report of the Planning Commission

Zoning Administrator Linda McGregor reported the Planning Commission is continuing the workshops for writing the new zoning ordinance. They have also recommended a zoning ordinance amendment on the keeping of chickens, which is at the County for approval.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

None

Zoning Board of Appeals Board Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion by B. Coar, supported C. Bradfield to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., carried.

Final Decision Form attached

Submitted by:

Teri Ernsberger
Planning Commission Recording Secretary