

MINUTES
Cascade Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. Chairman Berra called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Members Present: Casey, McDonald, Milliken and Pennington
Members Absent:
Others Present: Community Development Director, Steve Peterson and those listed on the sign in sheet.

ARTICLE 2. Chairman Berra led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ARTICLE 3. Approve the Agenda.

Motion was made by Member McDonald to approve the Agenda. Supported by Member Pennington. Motion carried 5 to 0.

ARTICLE 4. Approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2017 Meetings.

Motion was made by Member Casey to approve the Minutes of April 18, 2017. Supported by Member McDonald. Motion carried 5 to 0.

ARTICLE 5. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak to non-agenda items.

No visitors who were present wished to speak about non-agenda items.

ARTICLE 6. Case #17:3377 YMCA

Public Hearing

Property Address: 5500 Burton St. S.E.

Requested Action: The Applicant is requesting a variance to allow an 800 sq. ft. tent.

Member McDonald stated that he is on the YMCA Board, which is a voluntary position. He feels his position on the YMCA Board will not affect his judgment on this project. The Board agreed there was no conflict of interest.

Director Peterson stated that the Applicant is requesting approval to allow for the installation of an 800 sq. ft. tent for a period of 3 months this summer. The P.U.D. Ordinance for the YMCA is limited to tents of no more than 400 sq. ft. Last year they installed two 400 sq. ft. tents, but indicated that it was not practical with all the tent tie downs.

Tents are permitted for only 3 days in the Zoning Ordinance, which was intended to address more of the special sales tents that are used in the retail area. The allowance of the tent in the YMCA project was not a matter of much discussion and I believe if asked, we would have permitted an 800 sq. ft. tent in the P.U.D. Ordinance.

Director Peterson recommends approval of the variance to allow the 800 sq. ft. tent for a period of 3 months for the summer program at the YMCA.

Chairman Berra asked if the Applicant would like to come forward.

Mr. White came forward to answer any questions the Board might have.

A brief discussion followed.

Motion was made by Member Casey to open the public hearing. Supported by Member McDonald. Motion carried 5 to 0.

No members of the public came forward.

Motion was made by Member McDonald to close the public hearing. Supported by Member Casey. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Member McDonald to approve the variance to all an 800 sq. ft. tent for a period of 3 months this summer. Supported by Member Milliken. Motion carried 5 to 0.

ARTICLE 7. Any other business.

No other business was presented

ARTICLE 8. Adjournment

Motion was made by Member Pennington to adjourn. Supported by Member Casey. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom McDonald, Secretary