

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
APRIL 13, 2004**

A meeting of the Grand Rapids Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals was called order at 7:30 p.m. with the following present: Chairman Ronald J. Hall, Lee VanPopering, George J. Orphan, David A. VanDyke, and Beverly Wall. Also present was Township Planner Sue Thomas.

1. Approval of the January 13, 2004 minutes.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Beverly Wall, moved to approve the minutes with one Spelling correction. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Status report on 2910 Coppergrove Drive NE.

Ronald Hall gave an update to the Zoning Board regarding 2910 Coppergrove Drive.

3. Discussion of the Zoning Ordinance.

Ronald Hall summarized the Zoning Ordinance changes to Section 24.9 and Section 24.13(B).

4. Brian McNamara of Marco's Italian Bristo, on behalf of the owner of 888 Forest Hill Avenue SE.

Mark McNamara spoke regarding the request for a modification to the dimensional requirements for an Outdoor Patio Dining Special Land Use.

Susan Thomas summarized the request for the Board.

Public Comments:

Lesa Kicz, owner of JW's Coffee House located next door, spoke in support of the outdoor dining.

Brian McNamara spoke regarding the style of restaurant, currently, and the intended use of the outdoor dining.

A letter was received from Forest Hills Inn regarding this issue.

Public Comments were closed.

Beverly Wall, seconded by David VanDyke, moved to approve the request as requested. The Zoning Board discussed the four points of criteria. The Board felt that this request did not meet the second and third point of criteria. Motion is denied unanimously.

5. Richard and Lynn Guider, property owners of 2656 Winesap Drive NE.

Dick Guider, 2656 Winesap Drive, spoke regarding his request for a variance to allow for an addition to their garage to be 27 feet from the front property line rather than the required 35 feet. He stated that he has letters from surrounding neighbors in support of the addition.

There were no public comments.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Beverly Wall, moved to approve as presented. The Board discussed the four points of criteria. Motion denied because the Board did not meet the first point of criteria.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. VanDyke

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