

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
JANUARY 9, 2007**

A meeting of the Grand Rapids Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following present: Chair Ronald J. Hall, Vice-Chair George Orphan, Secretary David VanDyke, Beverly Wall, and Lee VanPopering. Also present was Township Planning Director Richard Sprague Jr.

1. Approval of the November 14, 2006 minutes.

Beverly Wall, seconded by George Orphan, moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

2. #2007-01- Bill and Anita Crawford, 4570 Leonard Street.

Mr. Bill Crawford spoke regarding the request for a variance to allow a barn to be moved to the property that would exceed the allowed maximum height, the proposed location is in front of the existing residential structure, and the total square footage would exceed the maximum allowed. Mr. Crawford stated that the location was picked because of the topography of the property and the barn would be used for storage and a kids play area.

James White, neighbor, asked a question regarding the color of the barn. He stated that he had no feeling either way on the project.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Beverly Wall, moved to approve the variance as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. #2007-02- Fifth Third Bank, 4460 Cascade Road.

Craig Hondorp, Progressive AE, spoke regarding the request to allow an addition to the existing building and canopy. Mr. Hondorp is proposing an 85.84-foot setback to the Cascade Road front yard property line (north), a 46.73-foot setback to the Parchment Drive front yard property line (west) and a 39.97-foot setback from the edge of the canopy to the rear yard property line (south). The request is being made in the C-2, Suburban Office Zoning District.

There were no public comments.

There was one correspondence, received from the Township that spoke in opposition of the variance.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Beverly Wall, moved to table this item. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55

Respectfully Submitted,