

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2006**

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: Chairman Ronald J. Hall, Vice-Chair George Orphan, Secretary David VanDyke, Lee VanPopering, and Beverly Wall. Also present was Township Planning Director Richard Sprague Jr.

1. Approval of the August 9, 2005 minutes.

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

2. William and Paula Lewkowski- 2695 Pinesboro Drive.

Bill Lewkowski, owner of 2695 Pinesboro Drive, spoke requesting a variance to construct a larger accessory building than allowed by the Zoning Ordinance. He stated that the building would be used as a music room and a control room for recording music. Mr. Lewkowski stated that he talked to the neighbors on both sides of his property and they are in support of the building and presented signed letters stating such.

Public Comments:

Mike Boelens, 2663 Pinesboro Drive NE, stated that he has no problem with the building but is concerned about it being used by more people than just the family.

Rick Sprague, Township Planning Director, stated that he would like it to be known that the building, if approved, could never be used as living quarters and should have that as a condition.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Beverly Wall, moved to approve with the following conditions: the construction shall be of stick frame construction; the pitch of the roof and siding shall match the house; and the accessory building shall not, ever, be used as living quarters. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Gerald Brown- 9 Morningside Drive.

Gerald Brown, owner of 9 Morningside Drive, spoke regarding the request of a variance to allow construction of an addition to be as close as 29 feet to the property line along Morningside Drive where a minimum 35-foot front yard setback is required.

He stated that he spoke to all his neighbors and they are all in support of the addition.

Ted Siereveld stated that he didn't think this building would look good.

David VanDyke, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to grant the requested 6-foot variance, along Morningside Drive, to allow for the construction of a garage so that the ridgeline of the garage shall not be more than two-feet higher than the existing house. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully Submitted,