

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
AUGUST 14, 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: Vice-Chair George J. Orphan, Secretary David A. VanDyke, Lee VanPopering, and Beverly Wall. Also present was Township Planning Director Richard Sprague Jr. Absent was Chair Ronald J. Hall.

1. Approval of the June 12, 2007 minutes.

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

2. #2007-09 Gary Thelen- 4265 Balfour Drive.

Gary Thelen spoke regarding his request to allow for an addition to be built within the front yard setback. The existing attached garage would be demolished and a new garage built in its place. The new garage/addition is proposed to be 3 feet closer to the front yard property line. The property has two front yards; one along Kennilworth Drive and the other along Balfour Drive. The proposed setback along Kennilworth Drive is 16 feet. The proposed setback along Balfour Drive is 19.5 feet. The request is being made in the R1, Single Family Residential zoning district.

There were no public comments.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by David VanDyke, moved to approve the variance with the condition that the existing driveway to the North (along Kennilworth Drive) shall be removed. Motion passed unanimously.

3. #2007-10 Tim Kwekel- 3768 Bradford Drive.

Tim Kwekel spoke regarding the Use Request to allow a real estate office in an accessory building. The request is being made in the SR, Suburban Residential Zoning District.

Public Comments:

Melody Goltz, 3767 Bradford, is concerned about a business in this area and spoke in opposition to the variance.

George Orphan read correspondence the Township received regarding the variance.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Beverly Wall, moved to deny the variance. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. VanDyke