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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Minutes

September 11, 2023,
3:00 p.m.

Chairperson Wendy Williams called the meeting to order at 3:00PM. All members of the ZBA were present. Also attending meeting were Township Attorney, Peter Wendling, Supervisor, Michael Runyan, Zoning Administrator, Jeff McDonald, Financial Processor/Deputy Clerk, Laura Schrader and 25 members of the public.

Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance along with a moment to remember 9-11.

Raffin made a **motion** to approve the minutes from February 13, 2023, Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 yea votes.

New Business-

Williams explained the reason for today's hearing was for a Variance on Parcel #001-033-000-570-00 also known as Lewiston Lodge.

Wendling explained what would happen during meeting today and that a decision will be made during the next meeting on October 9, 2023.

Williams went over the general hearing procedures then the public hearing was opened at 3:06 p.m.

Craig Snyder representative and general contractor explained that the deck will be used for overflow and extra seating, not a stage. He spoke in regards to the size and dimensions. Rob Platt another representative for the party stated this will help with spill over seating and keep people out of the parking lot. Keeping handicap people safer. Dombrowski questioned the justification of the none busy season. Platt states that the snowmobilers will be around in off season.

Williams opened the floor for public comment in favor.

Williams stated we received a letter in favor from Peter Stevens, Twin Lakes Shore Resort which was received and filed. Stevens was present stating this would improve business and additions would be damaging.

Tim and Shannon LaPointe, past owner of Lewiston Lodge, were in favor to increase ability for the Lodge. The floating deck doesn't touch the vegetation, the Lodge caters to a lot of people and we need to work with the businesses.

Williams opened the floor for public comment in opposition.

Letters from Michael and Renae Davis, Gregory Bator, Twin Lakes Property Owners Association and Peter Albertson were received and filed.

Peter Albertson was present and appreciates what the Lodge is doing. Questions on the what they intend to do with the deck. Not necessary here to stop what's going on but to understand what is going on.

Greg Bator made a correction to his letter stating the percentage should be 522% larger than what the zoning ordinance allows. He spoke about the greenbelt 35-foot rule, fence post that were put in and economic issues. He wanted to know the property owners' names. He went over the standards that need to be met.

Peter Albertson wanted to know if plans were submitted and if they meet the criteria. He was advised that the Zoning Administrator has plans in office and they would be available to the public.

Public meeting was closed at 3:40 p.m.

Wendling stated the Board would deliberate for 10 days so that the public can submit anymore findings to the Zoning Administrator. Wendling to do the findings and facts.

Williams requested the name of ownership. Rob Platt stated Twin lakes Lewiston LLC-Owners and Westward Architecture-Architects, Midwest Framing Construction Company- Contractors.

Heyser wanted to know if the deck could be made smaller. It was stated it was made this size for the placement of tables, chairs and pass throughs. This will be drinks only as a waiting area.

Williams read the five criteria that have to be met.

Public Comment-

Chris Paffi had questions of the vegetation strip.

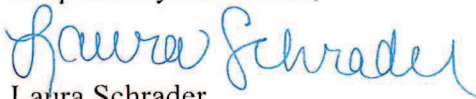
Rob Platt informed the Board the liquor license can serve fence to restaurant and the yurt will be used as a bar.

Tim LaPointe states food and liquor can be served anywhere out front. This will serve a large area and keep it clean.

Williams has closed the public comment.

Dombrowski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alexander. Williams declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Schrader
Financial Processor