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Approved: _____

**MARION TOWNSHIP
2877 W. Coon Lake Rd., Howell MI 48843
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
JANUARY 7, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Fillingner, Dan Rossbach, Linda Manson-Dempsey, Larry Grunn, and Ed Galubensky (alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Lowe

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Hamann, Zoning Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Larry Fillingner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

The board members introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Larry Grunn motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Linda Manson-Dempsey seconded. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 3, 2018 Regular Meeting: Dan Rossbach motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Linda Manson-Dempsey seconded. **Motion carried.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Tim Ryan, 459 E. Davis Rd., said he wanted to respond to statements that were made at the December ZBA meeting. His response is attached to these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting/Election of Officers

Dan Rossbach motioned to appoint Dan Lowe as secretary. Larry Grunn seconded. Roll call vote: Galubensky, Grunn, Fillingner, Manson-Dempsey, Rossbach—all yes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Dan Rossbach motioned to appoint Linda Manson-Dempsey as vice chair. Ed Galubensky seconded. Roll call vote: Galubensky, Grunn, Fillinger, Manson-Dempsey, Rossbach—all yes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Linda Manson-Dempsey motioned to appoint Larry Fillinger as chairman. Larry Grunn seconded. Roll call vote: Galubensky, Grunn, Fillinger, Manson-Dempsey, Rossbach—all yes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Review/Revise Bylaws

Larry Fillinger suggested that the board members review the document and bring back any revisions to the next ZBA meeting. As an example, he felt that Section 3.4 was inaccurate and should be modified.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dave Hamann updated the board members on the Witkowski case that was postponed at the last ZBA meeting. He also said a meeting is scheduled with the planner, attorney, and a couple of board members to discuss the action taken by the ZBA at the last meeting on the interpretation of landscape operation.

Wendy & Greg Busick, 4746 Hawthorne, asked Mr. Hamann if they could talk with him briefly after the meeting about some questions they have.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Manson-Dempsey motioned to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Larry Grunn seconded. **Motion carried.**

IN YOUR MINUTES FROM ZBA MEETING DEC 3 18
YOU HAVE STATEMENTS FROM SALLY WITT IN PARTICULAR
THAT REFERENCE ME. I WANT THE RECORD OF
THAT MEETING TO BE SET STRAIGHT.

I NEVER HARASSED EDDIE OR COMPLAINED EXCEPT
FOR A SINGLE INCIDENT WHERE HE HAD A VERY
UGLY FIRE WHICH I NOTIFIED THE F/D ABOUT. IN
THE INTEREST OF REASONABLENESS I DECLINED TO HAVE
IT EXTINGUISHED, INSTEAD I ASKED IF THEY MIGHT
STOP BY AND ADVISE OF BETTER PRACTICE FOR
A BUSINESS (AS OPPOSED TO BURNING TRASH)
SUBSEQUENTLY EDDIE AND I HAD A SEEMING ACCORD
I DID NOT CIRCULATE A PETITION ABOUT EDDIE
OR ANYONE ELSE.

REGARDING THE LAWYER MR ARTEV'S IMPLICATION
THAT SOMEHOW MY COMPLAINT IS WITHOUT MERIT, I
WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT WE MOVED TO MARION TWP
FOR THE RURAL CHARACTER AND IT SEEMS THAT
HEAVY COMMERCIAL INTERESTS HAVE MOVED HERE TOO.

IN CONCLUSION:

WHILE EDDIES MAY HAVE BEEN A LEGAL NON-CONFORMING
USE IT APPEARS THAT THE NEWEST (TREATMENT) IS SUBSTANTIAL
LARGER THAN EDDIES AND ITS ENTIRE CHARACTER IS
DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT. IT IS DE 5/6/7 DAYS A WEEK.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF ME, I WOULD BE
PLEASED TO OFFER ANSWERS. THE MATERIALS I SUBMITTED
TO THE ZBA MEETING ON 11/15/18 WERE BY EDWIN P. THOMAS III