

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
JULY 01, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jones.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present; R Oakey, C Jones, R James, T Jansen, Alternate L Peterson sitting in for L King.
Also present: L King, B Shunatona, Zoning Administrator; Joe & Sabrina Keeley, Applicants; 2 guests

Motion was made by R James, 2nd by C Jones, to approve the June 10, 2019 minutes as written. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by T Jansen, 2nd by R James to approve the Agenda as written. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Scheduled Public Hearing ZBA2019-02

Applicant Joe Keeley presented his reasons for the requested 152' variance. His plan is to build the new residence without disturbing his driveway or removing trees.

Correspondence Received: 5 comments were received and are shown in Exhibit 8.

Public Comment: None

Decision and Order Form: The Application and General Findings of Facts were reviewed before proceeding into the Findings of Fact. After much discussion it was suggested to the Applicant that perhaps the proposed residence could be placed outside of the 75' buffer required by the Natural Rivers Act. This would reduce the variance from the requested 152' to 125'. The Board also noted that the applicants proposed location for the residence would sit over the existing well. It was suggested he check in with the Health Dept regarding his well & septic size. The Public Hearing was closed.

T Jansen made a motion to grant the original variance of 152' and the existing mobile home be removed. 2nd by C Jones. Roll call vote was taken: R Oakey, nay; L Peterson, Aye; R James, Nay; T Jansen, Aye; C Jones, Nay. The motion was denied 3 to 2.

R Oakey made a motion to grant a 125' variance which allows the 75' buffer setback to be maintained. 2nd by L Peterson. Roll call vote taken; All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence Received: None

Zoning Board of Appeals Members - None

Old Business: None

New Business: The next Variance Hearing is scheduled for Aug. 05, 2019.

Report of the Planning Commission: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned by C Jones, Chair.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Oakey, Secretary

Cris Jones, Chairman