

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Approved: _____

**MARION TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 2, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Fillinger, Linda Manson-Dempsey, Jim Witkowski, Larry Grunn, and Jean Root (alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Richardson, Zoning Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Larry Fillinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting is also available to attend online.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Zoning Board of Appeals members introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Linda Manson-Dempsey motioned to approve the agenda. Larry Fillinger seconded. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting: Linda Manson-Dempsey motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Larry Fillinger seconded. **Motion carried** (Jean Root abstained).

PUBLIC COMMENT

No response.

NEW BUSINESS

ZBA Case #02-26—Chase Ouillette, 3511 Jewell Rd., Howell MI, Parcel #4710-16-200-009: The applicant is seeking a variance to Section 8.01 F 1—Minimum Lot Area and Section 6.07 3—Accessory Building Location on Parcel

Chase and Jessica Ouillette were present to ask for the above variances. They currently live at 3511 Jewell Rd. and they have a pole barn at the back of the property. They have signed a purchase agreement to buy the adjoining property, 3539 Jewell Rd., and would like to split off the barn on their current parcel and combine it with the parcel they are buying. Currently, both of the parcels are less than the two-acre minimum required in Rural Residential zoning.

For ZBA Case #02-26, Linda Manson-Dempsey motioned to postpone action until the applicant provides a survey and legal descriptions of the property, both by separating the rear part of the applicant's current property,

and also the future proposed parcel; authorization from the owner's lender to split the current parcel; and information on the bridge. Larry Fillinger seconded. Roll call vote: Grunn, Fillinger, Manson-Dempsey, Witkowski, Root—all yes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Scott Richardson passed out a summary of nine Michigan House bills affecting land division, zoning, and housing.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Larry Grunn motioned to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Larry Fillinger seconded. **Motion carried.**