

**Port Sheldon Township Board of Appeals Hearing
Meeting Minutes for November 5, 5:30 P.M.**

Call Meeting to order 5:30 pm

Attendance: Bobby Forrest, Rachel Frantom, Donald Curry, Steve Grilley, Luke LaLone (ALT) Ryan Capson (ZA) Also, in attendance: Applicant Rodney Mehl and 1 resident.

1. Request for a variance from Section 10.04 of the Port Sheldon Township Zoning Ordinance – Owner: Rodney Mehl- Parcel: 70-11-03-200-067, Address: 9332 Bluestone Ct., West Olive Mi 49460

Open Public Hearing at 5:31 pm

The applicant built their home in 2024. They would like to build a 12x24 building. The owner presented that ideally; they would like to not cut down more trees and are requesting a 20-foot setback to put up the building. The building would match the exterior of the home.

Public Comments: 1 resident wanted to understand the applicant's plan. 1 letter of objection was received from an adjoining neighbor.

Closed the Public Hearing at 5:49 pm

Board Discussion: Ryan Capson explained that the applicant may also need to have a front yard setback, depending on the building location.

Steve Grilley made a motion to deny the variance for setbacks due to the applicant failed to show a hardship. Second by Luke LaLone. The motion as shown by the following votes: Yeas 5, No 0.

1. Special conditions were given as not wanting to remove mature trees. The board decided that this does not show a hardship and moved to deny the variance request. No further facts or conditions were reviewed as all 4 conditions need to be met for approval.

Item 2: Review meeting minutes from 9-3-25 Public Hearing.

Motion from Bobby Forrest to accept the minutes as written and second by Steve Grilley. The motion passes as shown by the following votes: Yeas 5 No 0.

Item 3: Discuss the time for the December 3, 2025, zba meeting. There is conflict with the Planning Commission, as they are also meeting on the same date, with a start time of 5pm, and share the same board room.

Motion from Bobby Forrest to hold the December 3, 2025, meeting at 4pm if the applicant is available, and to be confirmed by Ryan Capson. Second by Steve Grilley. The motion passes as shown by the following votes: Yeas 5 No 0

Motion to adjourn was made by Bobby Forrest and supported by Steve Grilley. The motion was approved by Steve Grilley. Motion passes as shown by the following votes: Yeas 5 No 0
Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm

