

**Port Sheldon Township Board of Appeals Hearing
Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2025, 4 P.M.**

Call Meeting to order 4 pm

Attendance: Bobby Forrest, Rachel Frantom, Donald Curry, Steve Grilley, Luke LaLone (ALT)
Ryan Capson (ZA) Also, in attendance: Applicant: Eric Landman

1. Request for a variance from Section 4.37 of the Port Sheldon Township Zoning Ordinance –
Owner: Eric Landman- Parcel: 70-11-15-300-022, Address: 16633 Ten Hagen Dr. West Olive
Mi 49460

Open Public Hearing at 4:01 pm

The applicant would like to build a fence for privacy. A new home is being constructed to the west property line and has large windows that face his hot tub area. He needs a variance to have the fence be constructed on only 1 side around the hot tub as to not restrict the view of the river.

Public Comments: No public comment.

Closed the Public Hearing at 4:12 pm

Board Discussion: The board discussed enclosed privacy fences around hot tubs and that it would restrict the view of the river.

A motion was made to approve a privacy fence that is 6 feet in height and 56 feet long and placed along the west property line. The fence is to have 1 side instead of 4 as to not prohibit the view of the river. The approval is due to the four standards below which have been met:

1. Enclosing the hot tub on four sides would prohibit the view of Pigeon River.
2. Privacy fence that is enclosed limits the view from the house.
3. A privacy fence was not needed until the new home was constructed on the west side of the applicant's property.
4. The hot tub is already installed and didn't need a fence since there were not any neighbors to the west.

Motion by Rachel Frantom and Second by Luke LaLone. The motion passes as shown by the following votes: Yeas 5 No 0

Item 2: Review meeting minutes from 11-5-25 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: 2026 ZBA meeting dates and times.

Motion from Bobby Forrest to hold the ZBA meetings at 5:30 on the 1st Wednesday of the month as needed. 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. Motion passes as shown by the following votes: Yeas 5 No 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

