

**Minutes, Zoning Board of Appeals  
Regular Meeting, July 17, 2000**

The regular Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of Monday, July 17, 2000 convened at 7:03 p.m. at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. Chairperson McMachen presiding.

**Meeting  
Convened**

Present: Bookout, Dent, Groenland, Hindenach, and McMachen. Porth, excused. Also, present: Bradley Noeldner, Village Manager, and KeVen Richcreek, Village Clerk.

**Members  
Present**

Audience: Harold Schuitmaker, Rose and Donald Rook, Richard Burnham and Louis Langlois.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2000 was postponed until the next meeting because the minutes were unavailable.

**Approve  
Minutes**

Public Hearing for the proposed sign permit at 179 W. Michigan Avenue for the Schuitmaker Building was opened for public comment at 7:05 p.m.

**Public Hearing:  
179 W.  
Michigan  
Avenue - Sign  
Permit  
Variance**

Attorney Harold Schuitmaker addressed the Board, explaining why he needed a variance and what his proposed plans were. The Board questioned the authority to grant a variance if the sign were to sit on the Village Right of Way. Schuitmaker said if necessary he would reduce the height to 5' 6" instead of the maximum 6' allowed. The Board didn't feel that was the issue. The Board discussed possible other areas for the sign. Questions were asked as to whether or not the sign would prohibit those turning to the west to see or not. Manager Noeldner felt that the sidewalk was set back far enough and there was a large grass area between the sidewalk and the proposed sign.

Public Hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

Motion by Groenland, supported by Dent to grant the variance for the sign to be placed no closer than six feet from the south side of the existing sidewalk on the northwest corner of the 179 W. Michigan existing building and if the Michigan Avenue was ever widened that the sign would be removed at the expense of the property owner. Roll call vote, Hindenach, yea, Dent yea, McMachen, nay, Bookout, yea, and Groenland yea. Four yeas and one nay. McMachen voting no because he was uneasy about allowing a sign to be erected on the Village Right of Way. Motion approved.

**Variance for  
179 W.  
Michigan  
Avenue**

Noeldner asked the Board to request of its member a volunteer to represent the Board of Appeals of the Sign Review Committee. Bookout volunteered

**Sign Ordinance  
Review**

but was unable to attend the July 18, 2000 meeting but was interested in serving.

Members asked about Fadel Street extension and what was happening with the utility extensions over I-94. Noeldner explained that both projects were anticipated to be completed by this fall.

Motion by Groenland, supported by Dent to adjourn the meeting. All members voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

KeVen L. Richcreek, Clerk

**Member  
comments**

**Adjournment**