

**Casco Township Zoning Board of Appeals**

**May 8th, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Casco Township Hall**

Present: Chairman Matt **Hamlin**, Vice Chair Alex **Overhiser**, Matt **Super**, Dian **Liepe**, Mary **Campbell**

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Tasha **Smalley**, Recording Secretary Jennifer **Goodrich**, Jacob and Alexis **Davis**, Jeffery and Tamara **Korth**.

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman **Hamlin** 7:00PM
2. Review and approve agenda: A motion was made by **Liepe** to approve the agenda, supported by **Campbell**. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Public comment: None
4. New Business

a. Public Hearing

Alex **Overhiser** recused himself, informing the board members that Jacob **Davis** was his brother in-law

Jacob and Alexis **Davis** have petitioned for a variance at 516 Little Sable, 03-02-525-002-00 to construct a Detached Garage. Required front setback on Point Betsie Dr. is 30 ft. request 11' of relief (to be 19' from the property line).

Open Public Hearing – 7:04

Jacob **Davis** – 516 Little Sable presented his request, explaining that they had purchased the property in 2020 and moved from Ann Arbor with their kids to be closer to family. This property is at the front of the subdivision and has a unique shape, with 3 fronts on Blue Star Hwy (the rear), Point Betsie (at the entrance to the subdivision) and facing Little Sable. The **Davis's** need more storage space and believe this would be the best location for a 24 x 36 accessory Building; which would put the front left (southernmost corner) of the building in the required setback of Point Betsie Dr.

**Liepe** asked if the building could be pushed back towards Blue Star Hwy. **Davis** responded that he had considered it but, aesthetically, it would look better lined up with the front

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of the house. There is also another open air structure on the rear of the property that he doesn't want to encroach on. **Super** asked about the gangway (4-6') between the proposed building and the dwelling. **Davis** explained that that was as close as the buildings could be together without attaching them. **Davis** also stated that he couldn't make it smaller and still fit both of their cars in it.

There was no correspondence for or against the variance.

The **Davis's** neighbors, Jeffery and Tamara **Korth**, were in attendance and approved of the request.

**Hamlin** commented that the corner of the building would not block traffic views on Point Betsie or Little Sable but would help block the neighborhood's view of Blue Star Hwy. **Liepe** commented that it would be nice to keep as much of the backyard as possible, for the kids. The ZBA members felt that additional relief could be allowed and decided that up to 15' of relief (to be 15' from the property line) would be granted.

Close Public Hearing – 7:11

**Hamlin** stated that the petition met the standards of the facts of finding, the other ZBA members agreed.

**Super** made a motion to approve 15' of relief from the front yard setback. **Liepe** seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried

6. Old Business: None

7. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by **Campbell** to approve the January 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 ZBA Meeting minutes, supported by **Liepe**. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Public comment: None

9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm

Attachments: available upon request

Minutes prepared by:

Jennifer Goodrich, Recording Secretary