

Douglass Township  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Public Hearing  
Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2026  
6 pm

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Roll call: Present John Crooks, Ken Bunting, Melissa Bannen

Approval of minutes from last two ZBA meetings :  
Motion made by Ken Bunting , second by Melissa Bannen.

Agenda: public hearing to discuss information regarding building onto a non conforming structure at 180 Sutherland Drive, Stanton MI 48888

John Horn is the builder and party asking for the variance at this address.

Building is already non conforming on the lot and asking to build and addition on the existing structure at the end of the building leaving five feet from the property line. This property has three front yards on a lot per non conforming to our zoning.

Property sits on a cul de sac with three sides considered front yard. This is a non conforming lot and must decide which is front and which is back.

The lot percentage is okay with the addition added in.

Public Comment :

Pam Wethering  
4395 Sutherland Dr  
Stanton , MI 4888

She also owns 4 other lots around the lake. She is here to support John Horn in the addition to the structure. She says she has no negative things to say and any improvement in the neighborhood would be great.

John Horn builder and representative of the lot owner explains the building plans and survey that is enclosed. He states the addition is in a back.

Further commission/discussion:

Variance was discussed. Ken Bunting stated that because of the ability of others in the area and other lot owners to build a structure that is five feet from the property line that this should also apply here. He feels that the back yard is where the addition is being added and only five feet is needed.

Melissa Bannen feels that the non conforming lot and past structure is not able to have an addition added to due the zoning book regulations. That this would set a precedence.

John Crooks asked questions but did not state an opinion.

Action taken:

Vote was taken on the variance discussed. Ken Bunting made a motion to vote on the variance giving John Horn permission to add an addition to the garage sitting on 180 Sutherland Drive, Stanton MI 48888

John Crooks seconded it.

Vote was taken.

Ken Bunting yes

Johns Crooks yes

Melissa Bannen no.

Motion passed and variance granted to John Horn for property at 180 Sutherland Dr.

Close public hearing

Meeting Adjourned