

**Au Train Township, Zoning Board of Appeals
Organizational Meeting**

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 – 6:30pm

Au Train Township Hall - N7569 Spruce St – Au Train, MI 49806

- **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Reynolds at 6:36pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **ROLL CALL** – Members present: Chairperson Kathy Reynolds, Vicechair John Carr, Secretary Donna Shields.
Others present: Au Train Township Supervisor Michelle Doucette, Zoning Administrator Kathleen Lindquist
- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Shields adds to new business: MTA ZBA Training. Motion by Carr, second by Shields to approve agenda as amended. Motion Carried
- **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Nomination by Carr for Reynolds as Chairperson. Roll call vote: Carr yes, Shields Yes, Reynolds yes. By a vote of 3-0 Kathy Reynolds is elected Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals .

Nomination by Reynolds for Carr as Vicechair. Roll call vote: Reynolds yes, Shields yes, Carr yes. By a vote of 3-0 John Carr is elected Vicechair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Nomination by Reynolds for Shields as Secretary. Roll call vote: Reynolds yes, Carr yes, Shields yes. By a vote of 3-0 Donna Shields is elected Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Note: Shields is also the designated Planning Commission liaison.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Shields, second by Reynolds to accept minutes of February 8, 2023 as presented. Motion Carried
- **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
- **DEFINITION OF CONTRACTOR’S YARD/SHOP** – The planning Commission received an application for a conditional use permit for a Contractor’s Yard and Shop. As there was no definition for this land use in the zoning ordinance, the ZBA was asked, under the direction of Township Attorney Nordeen, to provide a suggested definition for a “Contractor’s Yard and Shop”.

The ZBA felt that perhaps the definition needed is actually for two separate things as there might be occasions where a shop might be permitted but not a yard. Because our current zoning ordinance has the terms grouped as a pair (Contractor’s shop and yard) the following definition was offered under Motion by Shields and second by Carr:

“Primary and/or accessory structure used for the housing and/or operating of machinery, the provision of services, the fabrication of building-related products, and interior storage and its associated lot or portion thereof used for the storage of construction or excavation

equipment, other vehicles, tools, building materials, and other equipment used in or associated with the building or construction industry.”

Motion Carried

- **NEW BUSINESS** – A ZBA Training workshop is being offered by the MTA in Gaylord, MI on May15th. If any ZBA member/alternate would like to attend at the expense of the Township, let Clerk Johnson know and she will get you registered.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
- **ADJOURN** – Motion by Carr, second by Shields to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Note: No further meeting dates are scheduled for 2024 at this point. Other than the annual organizational meeting, the Zoning Board of Appeals only meets as needs arise.

Minutes submitted by: Donna Shields, Secretary, Au Train Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

Approved: June 24, 2024

Signed:



Donna Shields