STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY

In order for a variance to be granted, a practical difficulty, as determined by the Board, must be present. On a separate sheet, please clearly identify and explain the practical difficulty justifying the variance request. The practical difficulty must be clearly related to as many of the 5 standards below as possible:

- a) Exceptional characteristics of property for which the variance is sought make compliance with dimensional requirements substantially more difficult than would be the case for the great majority of properties in the same zoning district. Characteristics of property which shall be considered include exceptional narrowness, shallowness, smallness, irregular shape, topography, vegetation and other similar characteristics.
- b) The characteristics which make compliance with dimensional requirements difficult must be related to the premises for which the variance is sought, not some other location.
- c) The characteristics which make compliance with the dimensional requirements shall not be of a personal nature.
- d) The characteristics which make compliance with dimensional requirements difficult must not have been created by the current or a previous owner.
- e) The proposed variance will not be harmful or alter the essential character of the area in which the property is located, will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, or unreasonably increase the congestion in public streets, or increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety, or unreasonably diminish or impair established property value within the surrounding area, or in any other respect impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals or welfare of the inhabitants of the City.

MOTION TEMPLATE GRANT VARIANCE

RESOLUTION TEMPLATE

Moved by: Seconded by:

That the variance request for [applicant name, address or location], for [request]

Be <u>granted</u> for the following reasons:

The applicant has demonstrated that:

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Yeas: Nays:

MOTION CARRIED / FAILED

MOTION TEMPLATE DENY

Moved by: Seconded by:

That the variance request for *[applicant name, address or location]*, for *[request]*

Be <u>denied</u> for the following reason(s):

The applicant has not demonstrated that:

- f) Exceptional characteristics of property for which the variance is sought make compliance with dimensional requirements substantially more difficult than would be the case for the great majority of properties in the same zoning district. Characteristics of property which shall be considered include exceptional narrowness, shallowness, smallness, irregular shape, topography, vegetation and other similar characteristics.
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Yeas: Navs:

MOTION CARRIED / FAILED

MOTION TEMPLATE POSTPONE

Moved by: Seconded by:

RESOLVED, that the variance request for [applicant name, address or location], for [request]

Be <u>postponed</u> for the following reason(s):

Yeas: Nays:

MOTION CARRIED / FAILED

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING AGENDA

Michael Bossenbroek, Chair, David Eisenbacher, Vice Chair Thomas Desmond, Aaron Green, Mahendra Kenkre, Jim McCauley, Sadek Rahman, Barbara Chambers, Alternate, Jeffrey Forster, Alternate

September 21, 2021

7:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. PROCEDURE
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES August 17, 2021
- 4. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>
- 5. <u>HEARING OF CASES:</u>
 - A. <u>VARIANCE REQUEST, EUGENE AND DARIYA MALYARENKO, 5282 LUDSTONE</u>- A variance request to construct a deck setback 18 feet from the rear property line, where the Zoning Ordinance requires the deck to be setback at least 25 feet from the rear property line.

ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION: 7.08 B

- 6. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>
- 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

On August 17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., Chair Bossenbroek, called the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to order.

1. ROLL CALL

<u>Present:</u> Michael Bossenbroek Barbara Chambers David Eisenbacher Mahendra Kenkre James McCauley Sadek Rahman

<u>Absent</u>: Thomas Desmond

<u>Also Present:</u> Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist Allan Motzny, Assistant City Attorney

- 2. <u>PROCEDURE</u>- read by Vice Chair Eisenbacher
- 3. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> –

Minutes of June 15, 2021

Moved by Chambers Seconded by Rahman

RESOLVED, to approve the June 15, 2021 meeting minutes.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

Minutes of July 20, 2021

Moved by McCauley Seconded by Chambers

RESOLVED, to approve the July 20, 2021 meeting minutes.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

4. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> – no changes

5. <u>HEARING OF CASES</u>

A. <u>VARIANCE REQUEST, 2977 LENNOX, IRENE SADIKOFF-</u> Variances necessary to construct two additions to the home that will be set back 31'4" from the rear property line, where the Zoning Ordinance requires the additions to be set back 45 feet from the rear property line.

Moved by Eisenbacher Second by McCauley

RESOLVED, to grant the variance

Yes: ALL

MOTION PASSED

VARIANCE REQUEST, 756 VANDERPOOL, ELLEN YERKES FOR ANTONIELLI LANDSCAPE LLC- A variance to allow construction of a 480 square foot accessory supplemental building where the Zoning Ordinance limits accessory supplemental buildings to a maximum of 200 square feet in area.

Moved by McCauley Second by Chambers

RESOLVED, to grant the variance.

Yes: McCauley, Chambers, Kenkre, Rahman, Eisenbacher No: Bossenbroek

MOTION PASSED

- 6. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> None.
- 7. <u>MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS</u> –None
- 8. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> –None
- 9. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting ADJOURNED at 8:25pm.

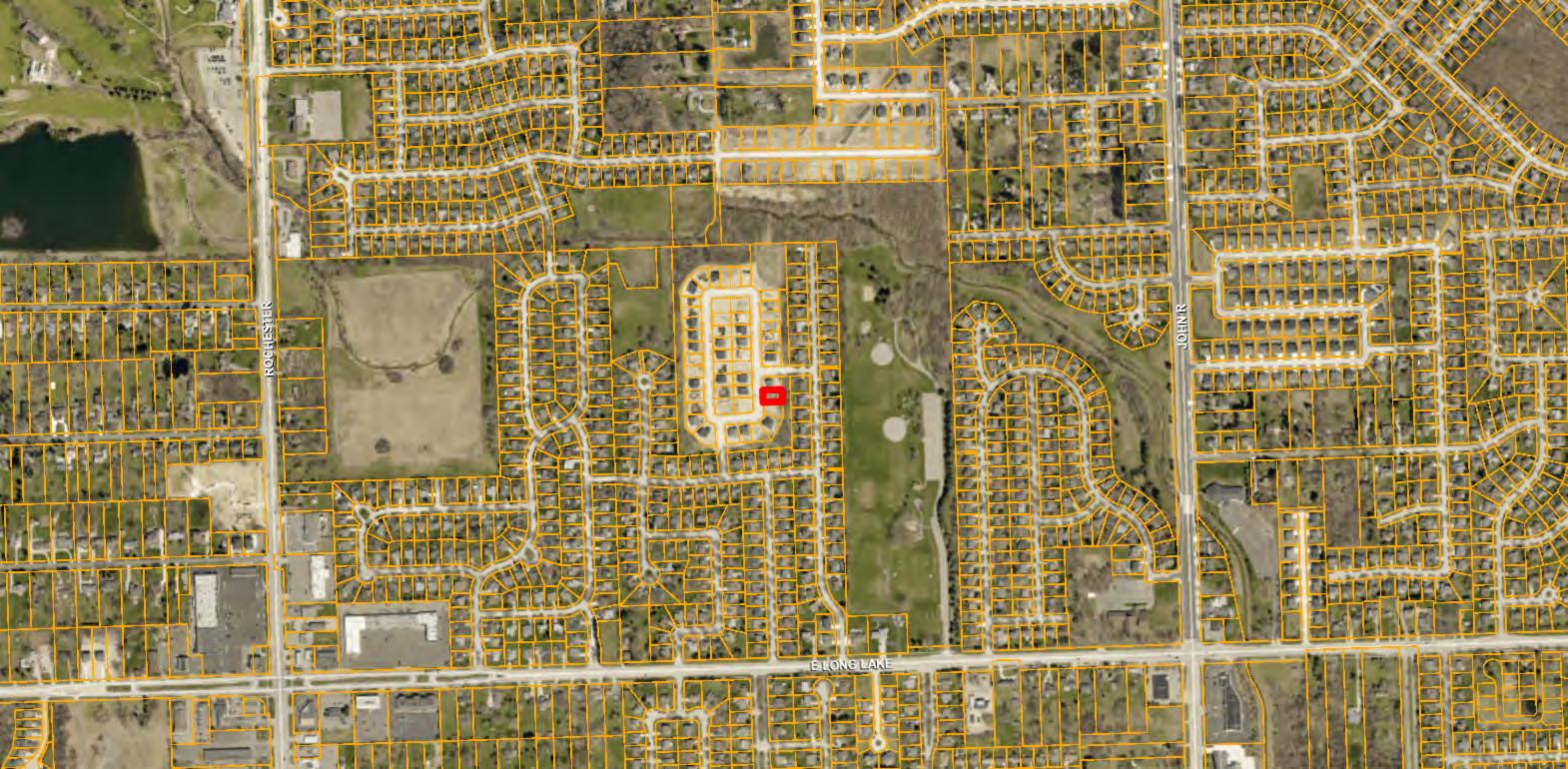
Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bossenbroek, Chair

Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist

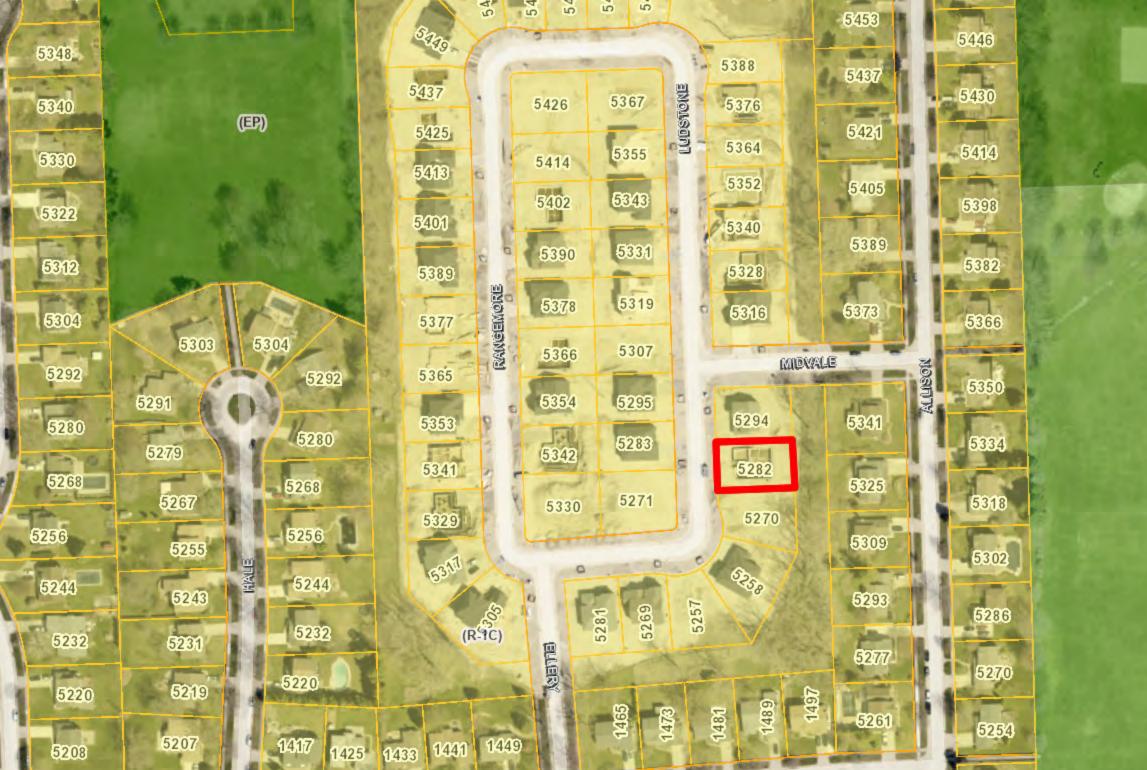
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A variance request to construct a deck setback 18 feet from the rear property line, where the Zoning Ordinance requires the deck to be setback at least 25 feet from the rear property line.

















Zoning Board of Appeals Application

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THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETS THE **THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL**. PLEASE FILE A COMPLETE DIGITAL APPLICATION AND FEE AT LEAST **36 DAYS BEFORE** THE MEETING DATE. PRE APPLICATION MEETING WITH PLANNING DEPARTMENT REQUIRED BEFORE FILING APPLICATION.

	ADDRESS OF THE SUBJECT PROPER	5282 LUDSTONE
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2. PROPERTY TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S): 88-20-11-406-002

- 3. ZONING ORDINANCE SECTIONS RELATED TO THE REQUEST: Ch.39, Section 7.08B (25feet setback)
- 4. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY PREVIOUS APPEALS INVOLVING THIS PROPERTY? If yes, provide date(s) and particulars: <u>NA</u>
- 5. APPLICANT:

NAME Eugene Malyarenko

COMPANY_		
ADDRESS	5282 Ludstone Dr	
CITY Troy		 ZIP 48085
PHONE	757-784-2841; 757-784-2842	
_{E-MAIL} dar	iyamal@gmail.com	
	N TO THE PROPERTY OWNER: Self	



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Zoning Board of Appeals Application

6. PROPERTY OWNER:

NAME Eugene & Dariya Malyarenko		
COMPANY		
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	_state MI	ZIP 48085
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_{E-MAIL} dariyamal@gmail.com		

The undersigned hereby declares under penalty of perjury that the contents of this application are true to the best of my (our) knowledge, information and belief.

The applicant accepts all responsibility for all of the measurements and dimensions contained within this application, attachments and/or plans, and the applicant releases the City of Troy and its employees, officers, and consultants from any responsibility or liability with respect thereto.

I, Eugene & Dariya Malyarenko (APPLICANT) HEREBY DEPOSE AND SAY THAT ALL THE ABOVE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF TO ENTER THE PROPERTY TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT CONDITIONS.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE			
PRINT NAME: Eugene Malyarenko			
PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE	He-	DATE ^{8/15/2021}	
BRINT NAME, Eugene & Dariya Malyarenko			

Failure of the applicant or their authorized representative to appear before the Board as scheduled shall be cause for denial or dismissal of the case with no refund of fees. The applicant will be notified of the time and date of the hearing by mail. If the person appearing before the Board is not the applicant or property owner, signed permission must be presented to the Board.

Approved variances are good for a one year period.

Statement of Practical Difficulty

Current 25ft setback ordinance allows only 7ft wide deck for our 5282 Ludstone property (built in 2020). We are seeking 3-7ft variance (to allow 22-18ft setback from property line) based on (1) preserving >55ft distance to adjacent permanent structures that *fulfills setback ordinance intent*, and (2) preserving green space by active maintenance and *planting trees in the 10ft clearance* and forest voids created by construction behind our back property line.

- A) Exceptional property characteristics:
 - (1) 5282 Ludstone Unit 2 is the only ranch in neighborhood (50 homes) with ~10ft longer footprint that reduces setback from back property line, making it challenging to meet 25ft setback ordinance for backyard structure wider than 7ft (see attached Plot Plan).
 - (2) Steep/angled grading ~1ft/10ft drop from the house to the NE side of the storm easement drain inlet (see Plot Plan and Satellite View) between properties also poses practical difficulty for building a safe concrete structure that may allow closer setback. Such a structure would require a retaining wall and multiple "cascading" levels (introducing higher tripping/falling hazard).
 - (3) There is ongoing ground sagging along the back property line sloping NE to the rain drain (See Satellite View and Photos). This requires 2-3ft turf protection (as advised by City Engineering and the Builder) and rain tree planting in 10ft "clearance" (created by Builder) between property line and forested area. Building a multi-level concrete structure with retaining walls would interfere with storm easement because the structure will change grading and could aggravate swamping between properties much more likely than a deck built on posts.
 - (4) As seen on the attached Satellite View, the forest area in front of the proposed deck location is twice thicker (~30ft), compared to the SE corner (across from 5325 Allison). Combined with the 10ft "clearance" created by Builder between the back lot line and the forest, this provides >50ft separation from all structures of the Allison properties for any setbacks on our side greater than 10 ft. Thus, the requested setback variance of 18-22ft is *compliant with intent of the setback ordinance* to ensure at least 50ft separation between permanent structures of adjacent properties.
 - (5) We are highly appreciative of green space behind our property. In fact we consider ourselves custodians of this space -and are seeking to add trees of natural species (see attached photos) to fill in voids that exist in the forested area. We are also maintaining the storm easement drain and protecting the sagging ground along the property line "clearance" with turf and rain trees. We are making active effort to preserve this green area rather than let it become a neglected swamped ground. The proposed deck construction does not require additional grading/alteration along the green space clearance (as most concrete structures do), and thus is least intrusive with the green space.

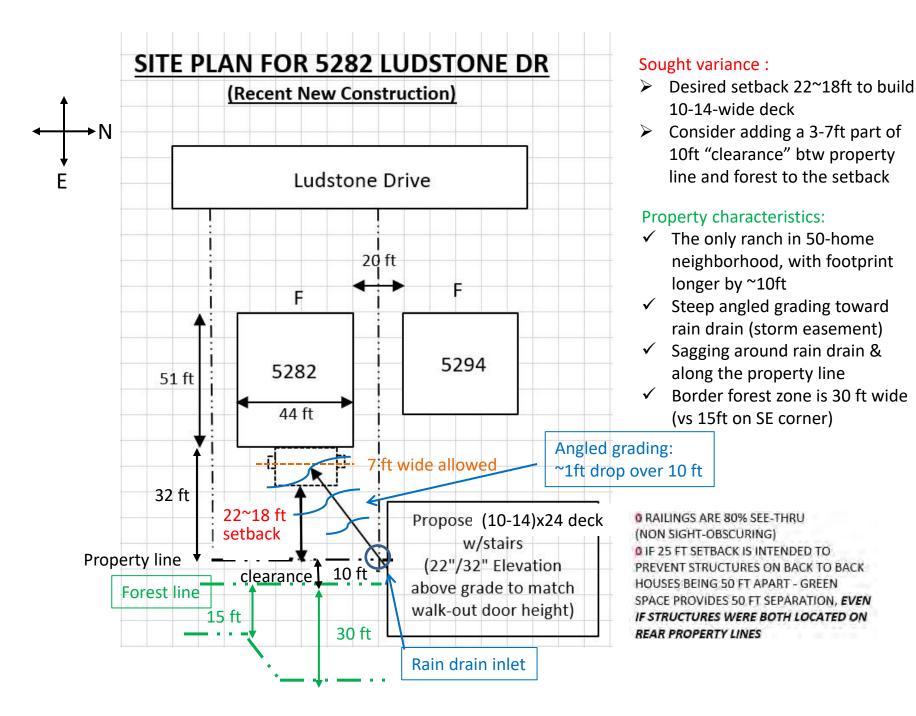
B) The above characteristics are related to premises at 5282 Ludstone for which variance is sought. We are hopeful that proposed variance agrees with *intent of the ordinance*, and is reviewed outside of its *limiting interpretation*.

C) These characteristics are not of personal nature, but objectively suggest the optimal structure for the current location to prevent swamping on neighboring properties and preserve the green space.

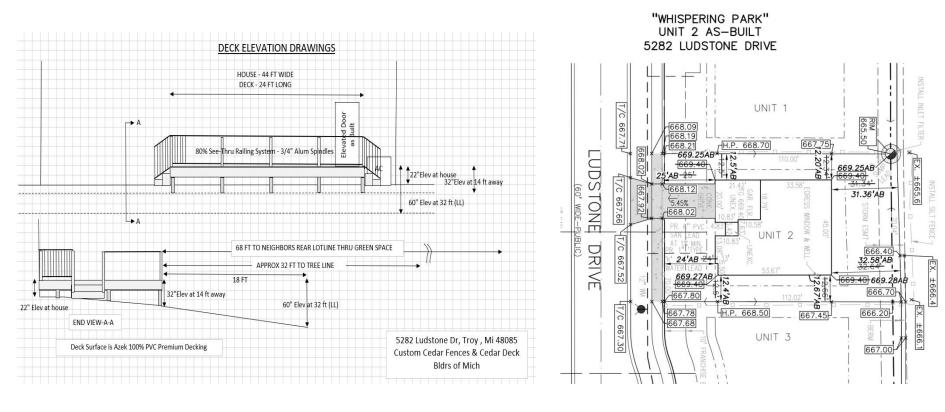
D) The property dimension characteristics of this new construction were created by Builder and grading (and not by this owner). The owner was not informed of the setback restrictions at the *time of signing construction contract*.

- E) The lack of adverse effects of proposed variance:
 - (1) The sought variance preserves >55ft separation to adjacent permanent structures along Allison Drive. It would allow a deck structure of 10-14ft-wide that is smaller than most concrete structures built in the neighborhood, some permitted to have closer <10ft setback (e.g., in ground pool). The deck on posts is least intrusive with storm easement, and is also safer (single level, higher surface traction) compared to a concrete structure with retaining wall in this location (see Plot Plan).</p>
 - (2) Being only 22" tall at the back edge of the house and with 80% see-thru railing system (see Elevations), it would certainly not impair an adequate supply of light and air to an adjacent property nor would it be harmful or alter the essential character of the area in which the property is located. Instead, building a narrow 7ft balcony (allowed without variance) may adversely compare to other backyard structures and diminish property value. The fire hazard will not increase since the deck will be built from high-quality composite materials.

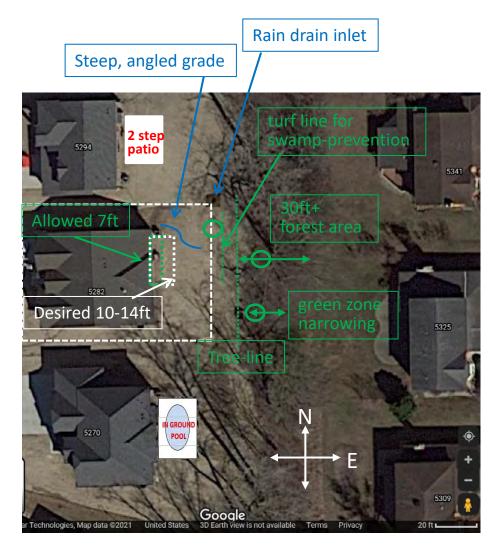
- (3) The proposed deck structure is 10-times lighter than cement construction of a similar size, can be dismantled in one day, and does not require heavy duty cement breaking equipment and disposing of debris which makes it more environment friendly. The deck surface has 1/8" spacing between boards which allows rain water to pass through and soak into the ground below, whereas a concrete surface would create 100% runoff to the rear of the property, exacerbating the accumulation of water and swamping in the green space which is already occurring.
- (4) The commitment to active maintenance of "clearance" is generally beneficial to the green space, since more trees can be planted sooner in the current forest voids and swamping/errosion prevented (see photos). Adding 3-7ft (of already maintained 10ft "clearance") to the setback calculation is purely nominal and does not reduce the forest zone beyond the narrowing already present on the SE property corner (see Satellite View).



Grading survey (Troy Engineering)



Satellite view to supplement 2D plot plan



Existing property conditions:

- ✓ Longer ranch footprint ~10ft closer to property line than most neighborhood houses (e.g. 5294 Ludstone)
- Steep angled grading proximal to rain drain prevents building safe (multi-step) concrete structures allowed closer to property line (e.g., pool, <10ft setback)
- Concrete retaining wall would interfere with storm easement and aggravate swamping around rain drain inlet
- ✓ 2-3ft turf along property line clearance was advised to prevent sagging
- ✓ Border tree zone is 2x in front of deck vs SE corner (e.g., across 5325 Allison)
- ✓ Separation from East structures >70 ft
- Planted Trees in clearance and 3 more planned to fill green space voids (see next slide)

Proposed variance solution :

- Adding 3-7ft to setback from 10ft "clearance" (w/planted trees and turf) meets 25ft requirement and preserves green space & >70ft separation to bordering East property structures
- > Desired deck size *smaller* and setback *larger* than other (concrete) structures built in the neighborhood

Photos of property border with green space and NE city rain-drain inlet

~5ft-wide swamped area along property line in "clearance" needs turf protection and "rain" trees





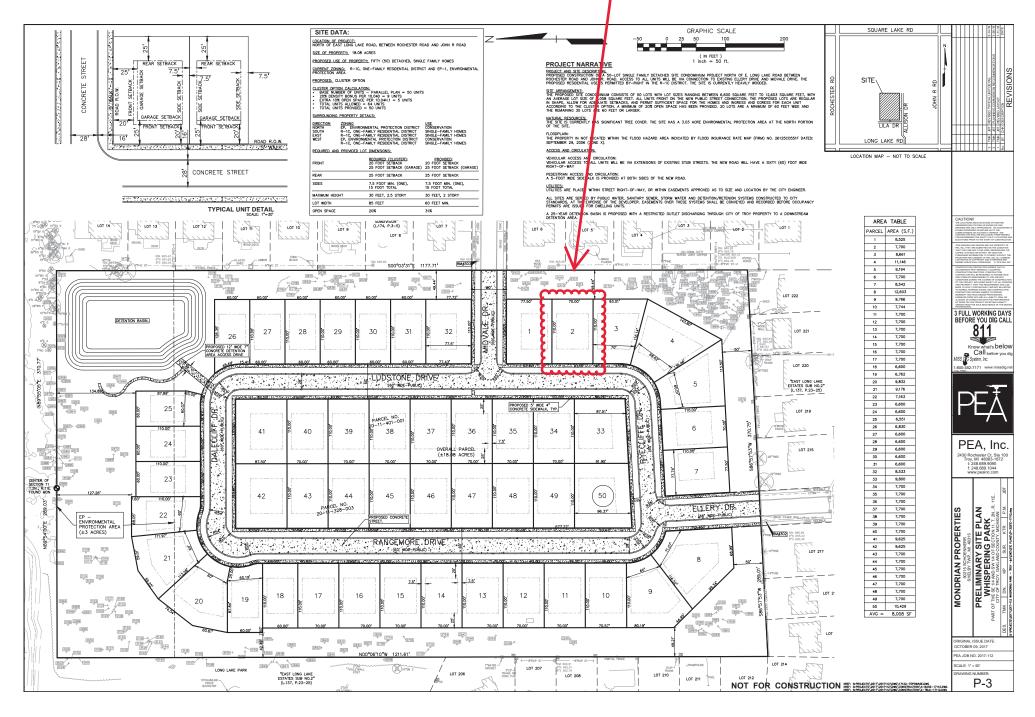
10ft clearance and tree line w/void behind property line

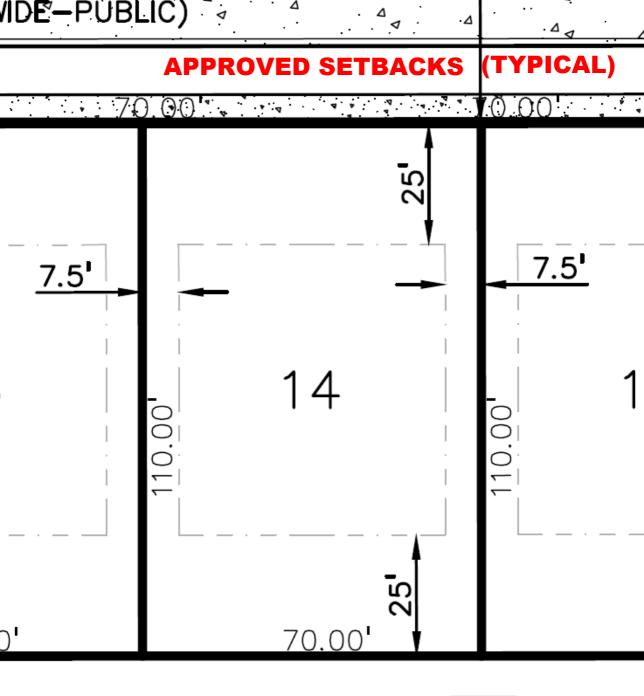


Rowan and chestnut "rain" trees planted in clearance

APPROVED SITE PLAN

SUBJECT SITE







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Date:August 24, 2021To:Paul Evans, ZBA LiaisonFrom:R. Brent Savidant, Community Development DirectorSubject:One-Family Cluster Option

The following is an overview of the One-Family Cluster Option to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

One-Family Cluster Option provisions are in Section 10.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. The provisions were adopted by City Council in 2016. Simply described, a cluster development involves grouping homes within a development so that the remaining land on the site can be preserved as open space. A minimum of 20% of the subject site is require to be dedicated open space, remaining as open space in perpetuity through some type of an instrument such as an open space easement. In return for preserving open space, the developer receives a corresponding density bonus. Advantages of the One-Family Cluster Option include preservation of natural features, creative design and reduction of infrastructure.

The tradeoff for residents having smaller individual yards is access to common open space.

The One-Family Cluster is an <u>option</u> available to developers. The approval process for this option requires a recommendation from the Planning Commission (following a public hearing) and approval by City Council (following a public hearing). A traditional single family detached site condominium development is permitted by right in One Family Residential zoning districts (R-1A through R-1E). The Planning Commission has approval authority at a public meeting; it does not require a public hearing.

Below is a summary of the One-Family Cluster developments that have been approved since 2016:



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APPROVED ONE FAMILY CLUSTER DEVELOPMENTS IN TROY, MI

NAME	LOCATION	PARCEL SIZE (ACRES)	#UNITS	% OPEN SPACE PRESERVED
Parkview on	SW corner of Long Lake & Beach	9.42	20	38%
Beach				
Raintree	North Lake Drive, west of John R, north of	18.11	59	32%
Village on the	Big Beaver			
Park				
Walnut Grove	North side of Long Lake, east of Livernois	5	13	37%
Whispering	North of Long Lake Road, between John R	18	50	31%
Park	Road & Rochester Road			
West Troy	North of Wattles, west of Livernois	19.43	35	41%
Meadows	(access off of Virgilia)			
Ashton Park	SW corner of Square Lake and Willow	8.69	29	30%
	Grove			
Chadbury	South of Long Lake, between John R and	5.22	16	25%
Place	Dequindre			
Midtown	East side of Rochester, north of Long Lake	3.89	14	38%
Crossing				
Meadows of	North side of Square Lake, west of	12	31	30%
Troy	Dequindre			