

Zoning Board of Appeals Application

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. Dimensional or other non-use variances shall not be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals unless it can be determined that all of the following facts and conditions exist:

- 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.



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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, Tyler Fox, Barbara Chambers, Alternate, Jeffrey Forster, Alternate

June 20, 2023	7:00 P.M.	COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. PROCEDURE
- 3. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> May 16, 2023
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 5. <u>HEARING OF CASES:</u>
 - A. <u>4928 PARK MANOR, NEETU SHARMA/AMBUJ MATHUR -</u> A variance request to allow a proposed deck to be constructed 10 feet from the rear property line, where the development approval requires the deck to be no less than 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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – OPENING STATEMENT

The Zoning Board of Appeals is a group of seven of your neighbors appointed by the Troy City Council to decide on requests for variances and other matters that are brought before them. A variance is a relaxation of the literal provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicants must indicate a hardship or practical difficulty with the land that would warrant the granting of the variance.

PROCEDURE

The Board will hear the items in the order that they appear on the approved agenda. When an item is called, the Chairperson will verify that the applicant is present. Then the City Administration will summarize the facts of the case. If there is less than a full board (7 members) present at a meeting, an applicant may request a postponement so his or her request can be heard by a full board. If there is no request for a postponement, the applicant will then be given an opportunity to address the Board to explain the justification for the action requested.

After the applicant makes their presentation, and answers any questions that the Board may have, the Chairperson will open the Public Hearing. Any person wishing to speak on the request should raise their hand and when recognized by the Chairperson, come up to the podium. The speaker should identify themselves with name and address, indicate their relationship to the property in question (i.e. next-door neighbor, live behind the property, etc.) and state whether they are in favor of or against the variance request and give reasons for their opinion. Comments must be directed through the Chairperson. Comments should be kept as brief as possible and closely pertain to the matter under consideration. Only one person will be recognized by the Chairperson to speak at one time.

At the conclusion of public comments, the Chairperson will close the Public Hearing. Once the Public Hearing is closed, no other public comment will be taken unless in response to a specific question by a member of the Board. The Board will then make a motion to approve, deny, or postpone the request. In order for the request to pass a minimum of four votes are needed. If the request is not granted, the applicant has the right to appeal the Board's decision to Oakland County Circuit Court.

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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On May 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., Chairperson Bossenbroek called the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to order.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Bossenbroek Tommy Desmond David Eisenbacher Tyler Fox Aaron Green Mahendra Kenkre James McCauley

<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> –

Moved by Fox Seconded by Green

RESOLVED, to approve the April 18, 2023 draft minutes.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

- 4. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> No changes
- 5. <u>HEARING OF CASES:</u>
 - A. <u>942 BROOKLAWN, RICHARD E. RASSEL for WWRP P.C.-</u> A variance request to allow a proposed home addition to be setback 30 feet 3 inches feet from the rear property line. The Zoning Ordinance requires the addition be setback 35 feet from the rear property line.

Moved by Fox Seconded by Eisenbacher

RESOLVED, to grant the request.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

B. <u>944 MARENGO, OLLIE APHIADEAN</u>- Determine whether or not Agenda Item 5C is property before the ZBA.

Moved by Green Seconded by Fox

RESOLVED, that item 5C is a different request than the one heard by the Board February 2023.

Yes: Eisenbacher, Desmond, Bossenbroek, Fox, Green No: McCauley, Kenkre

MOTION PASSED

C. <u>944 MARENGO, OLLIE APHIADEAN</u>- Determine whether or not Agenda Item 5C is property before the ZBA.

Moved by Fox Seconded by Desmond

RESOLVED, to grant the request.

Yes: Eisenbacher, Desmond, Bossenbroek, Fox, Green No: McCauley, Kenkre

MOTION PASSED

- 6. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> Member Fox provided Planning Commission report.
- 7. <u>MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS</u> Election of Officers

Moved by McCauley Seconded by Fox

RESOLVED, to elect Mr. Bossenbroek as Chairperson and Mr. Desmond as Vice Chairperson

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

8. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> – None

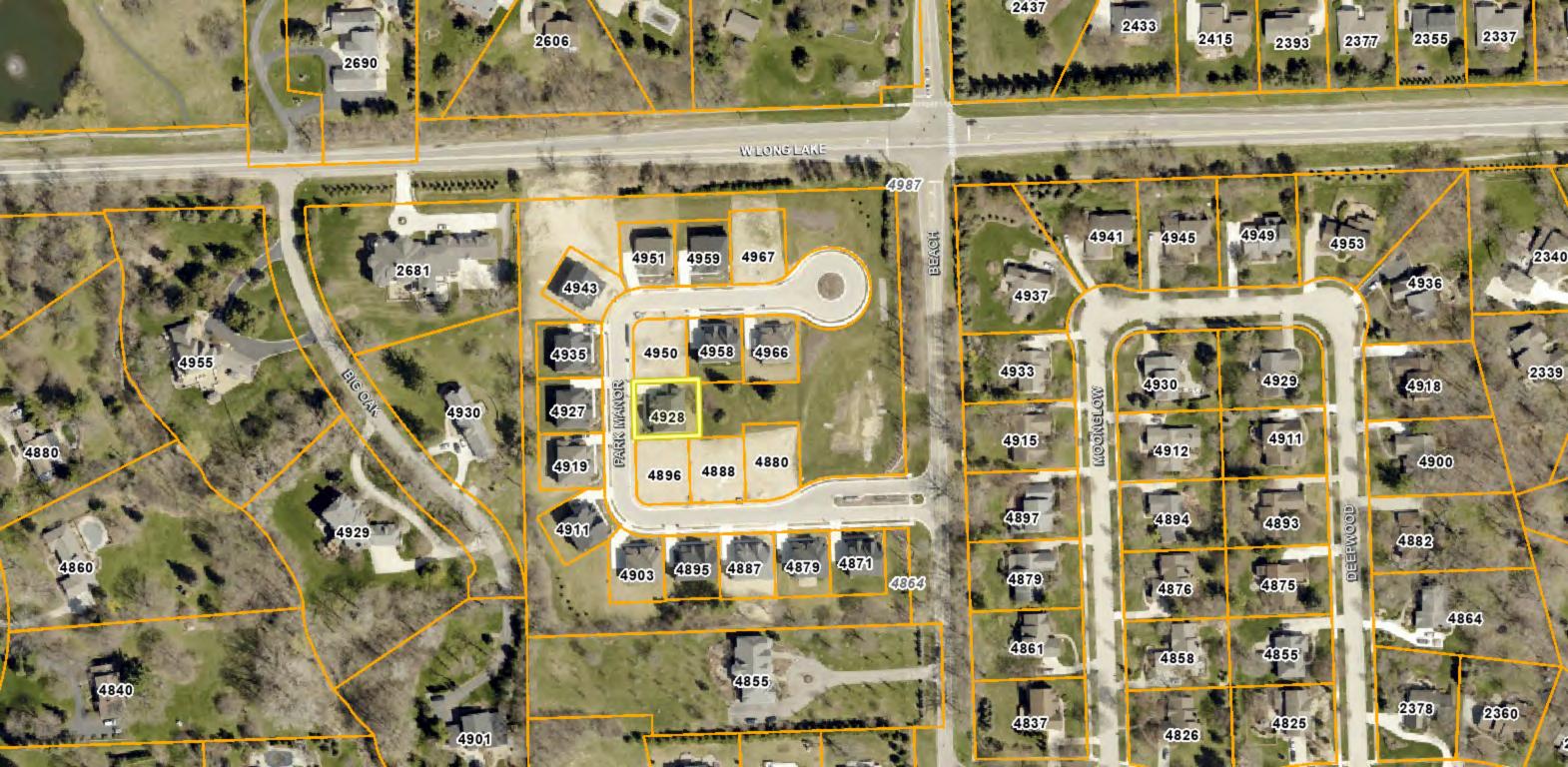
9. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting ADJOURNED at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bossenbroek, Chairperson

Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist

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planning@troymi.gov | Fee \$150.00

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETS THE **THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 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.

1.	ADDRESS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY: 4928 PARK MANOR DR, TROY					
	PROPERTY TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S): 88-20-18-131-017					
	ZONING ORDINANCE SECTIONS RELATED TO THE REQUEST: BUILDING CODE					
4.	HAVE THERE BEEN ANY PREVIOUS APPEALS INVOLVING THIS PROPERTY? If yes, provide date(s) and particulars:					
5.	APPLICANT: NAME NEETU SHARMA AMBUJ MATHUR					
	ADDRESS 4928 PARK MANOR DR					
	CITYTROYSTATEMZIP48098					
	PHONE 31320492-92					
	E-MAIL NEETUDOC80 @ GMAIL. COM					
	AFFILIATION TO THE PROPERTY OWNER: DWNER					



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TELEPHONE				
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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, <u>NEETU</u> SHARMA (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	DATE 4-20-23
PRINT NAME: NEETU SHARMA	
PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE	DATE 4/20/23
PRINT NAME: AMBUJ MATHUR	

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.

Neetu Sharma, Ambuj Mathur 4928 Park Manor Dr Troy, MI 48098 4/28/2023

City of Troy Planning Department Building Code Board of Appeals 500 W Big Beaver Road Troy, MI 48084

Ref: Request for variance to build a Deck

Dear City of Troy Planning Department:

We are requesting a variance for building a deck.

The rear property line is exactly 25' away from the home itself and leads to a common area. The house has a very high elevation with daylight windows which puts our kitchen door over 7.5 feet off the ground (see attached Pics)

We have consulted a few concrete and pavers contractors and due to the slope in our backyard leading to the drain of the common area they do not recommend patio as it will not have stable base due to proximity to the drain and they would not be able to build more than 2 ft high patio (Letter from one of the contractors attached). Building a deck is the only option we have for a safe exit out of the kitchen. Currently the door is blocked off by a thin wooden fence. We have young children under the age of 11 as well as our old parents living with us. Due to these Exceptional Characteristics of the property as well as the Topography a patio cannot be build.

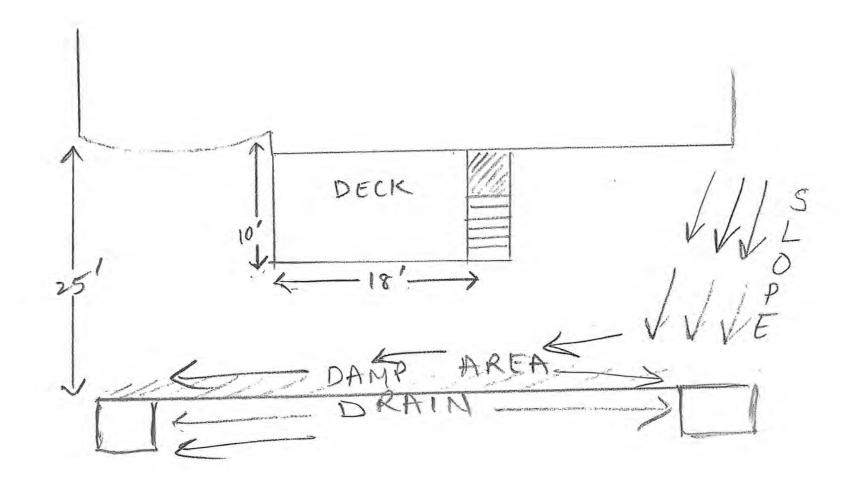
The back of the house faces an open common area and there will be no hindrance or obstruction of any kind to any other property around us if we build the deck. Please find attached no-objection letters from our next-door neighbor as well as the Home Owners Association

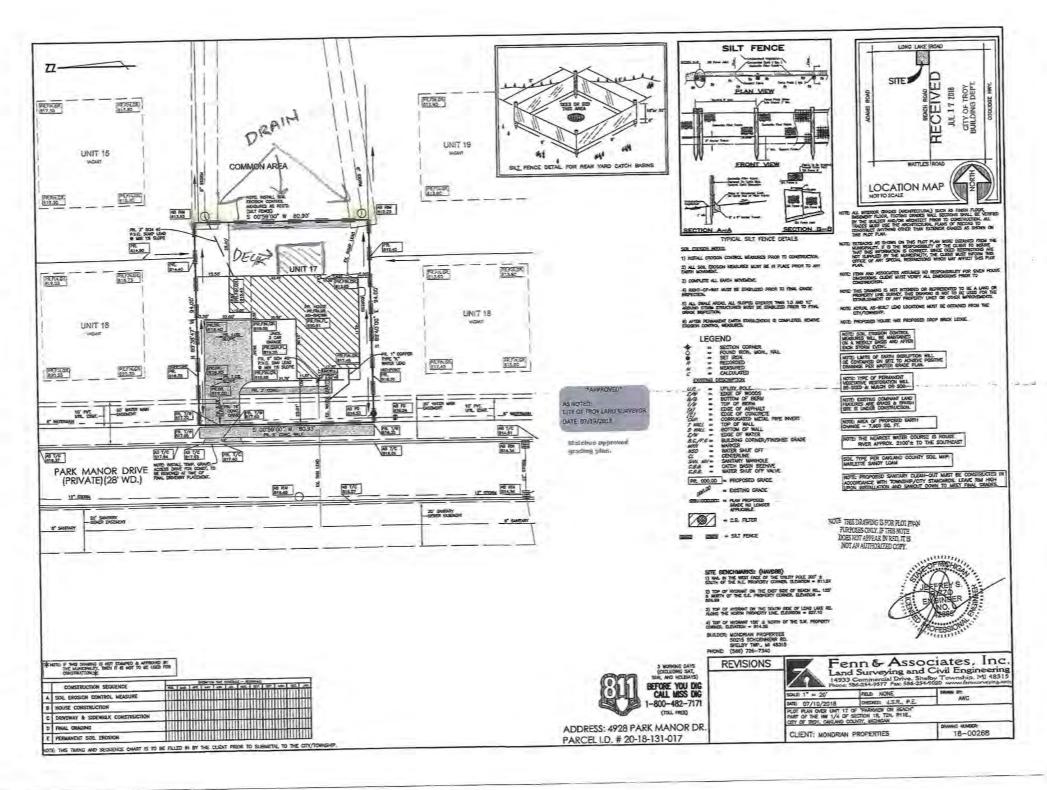
We appreciate your timely response to our request

Sincerely,

Neetu Sharma Ambuj Mathur

(Home owners of 4928 Park Manor Dr)









Yahoo Mail - Fwd: Deck

Fwd: Deck

From: Neetu (neetudoc80@gmail.com)

To: ambujmathur@yahoo.com

Date: Friday, April 28, 2023 at 10:46 AM EDT

------ Forwarded message ------From: Toma Gjurashaj <<u>toma.gjurashaj0@gmail.com</u>> Date: Wed, Apr 26, 2023, 3:20 PM Subject: Deck To: <<u>neetudoc80@gmail.com</u>>

Dear Neetu,

TO WHOM IT MIGHT CONCERN

This letter is to inform that due to following condition we wont be able to make concrete patio in part of your backyard :

1. Proximity of drain going in the backyard

- 2. Kitchen door height is 8 ft above the ground so raised patio cannot be build for that height
- 3. Slope from the back towards the drain is too steep

In above condition we recommend a Deck would be a good option for this part of backyard.

Thank You, Toma Djurasevic New Century Building Lucienne Zenieh & Elias Zeine 4958 Park Manor Dr Troy, MI 48098 8/13/2020

City of Troy Planning Department 500 W Big Beaver Road Troy, MI 48084

We are next door neighbors of 4928 Park Manor Dr, owned by Neetu Sharma and Ambuj Mathur. We are in support of them building a deck and for their request of the rear lot line variance to construct a deck in their backyard

Respectfully,

Lucienne Zenieh



May 26th, 2020

To Zoning Board of Appeals,

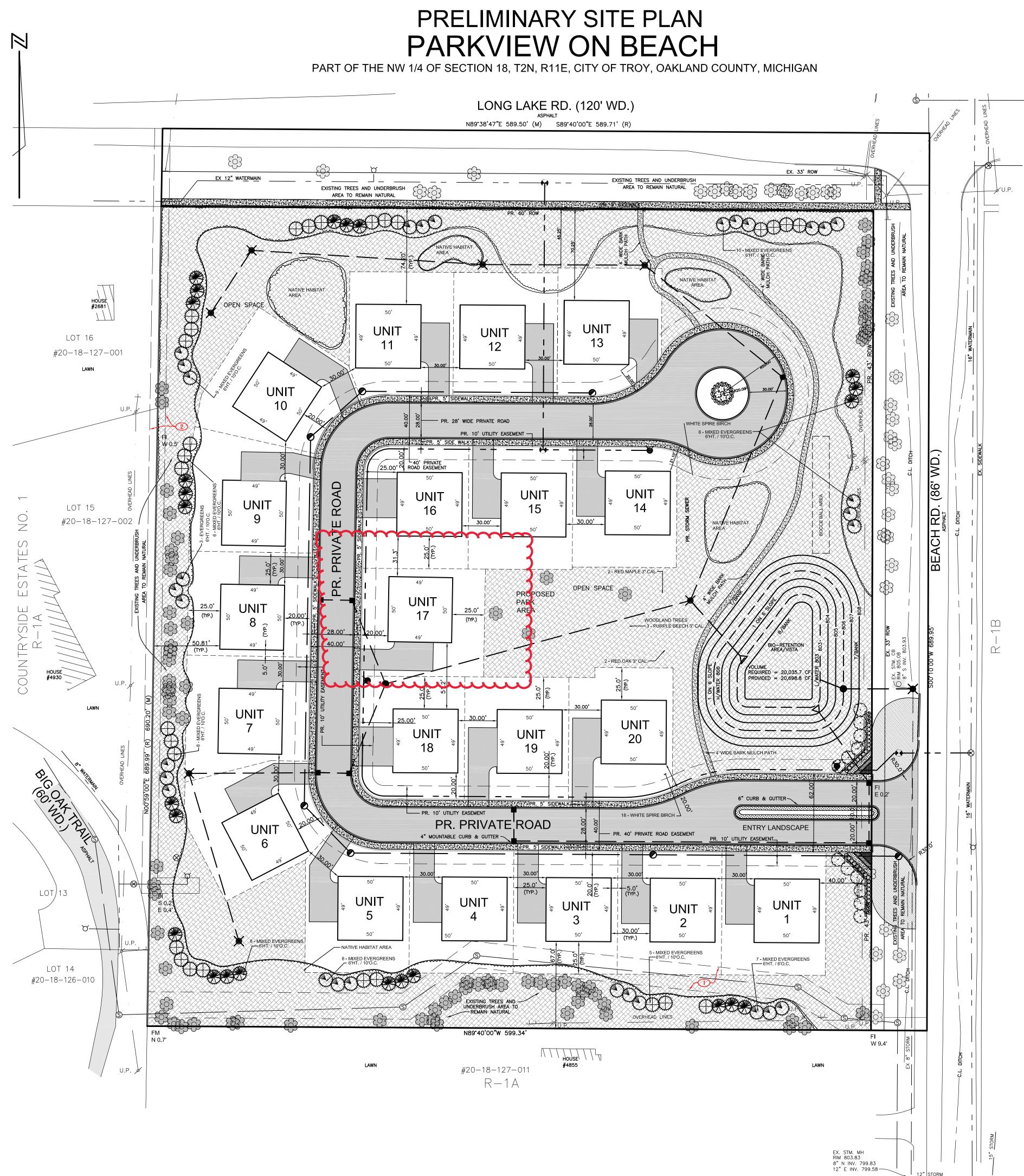
RE: Deck/Patio Variance

The Parkview on Beach Association is in support of a rear lot line variance to construct a deck or raised patio.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Parkview on Beach Association 586.726.7340



SITE BENCHMARKS: (NAVD88)

CORNER. ELEVATION = 811.51

PROPERTY CORNER. ELEVATION = 806.69

PROPERTY LINE. ELEVATION = 827.10

PARCEL DESCRIPTION PER TAX RECORDS PID: 20-18-127-008

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, T.2N., R.11E., City of Troy, Oakland County, Michigan. Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 18; Thence S 00°10'00" W 367.04 feet; thence N 89°40'00" W 181.50 feet; thence S 00°10'00" W 60.00 feet, thence N 89°40'00" W 107.22 feet; thence 14.68 feet along a non-tangent curve to the left, radius 220.00 feet, central angle of 03°49'28", chord bearing N 02°04'44" E. 14.68 feet, thence N 00°10'00" E 107.53 feet; thence 67.23 feet along a non-tangent curve to the left, radius 380.00 feet, central angle of 10°08'10", chord bearing S 62°27'44" W, 67.14 feet; thence 129.54 feet along a curve to the right, radius 60.00 feet, central angle of 123°42'18", chord bearing N 60°45'12" W, 105.81 feet; thence N 69°51'06" W. 162.41 feet. thence N 00°59'00" E 230.22 feet (230.01 feet Recorded) thence N89°38'47"E 589.50' (S89°40'00"E 589.71 feet Recorded) to the Point of Beginning. Containing 4.62 Acres, more or less. PID: 20-18-127-009 Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, T.2N., R.11E., City of Troy, Oakland County, Michigan. Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 18; thence S 00°10'00" W, 367.04 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing S 00°10'00" W, 120.00 feet: thence N 89°40'00" W 301.28 feet. thence 50.86 feet along a non-tangent curve to the right, radius 220.00 feet, central angle of 13°14'47", chord bearing S 26°37'18" W 50.75 feet; thence S 33°14'41" W, 6.28 feet; thence 30.77 feet along a curve to the left, radius of 280.00 feet, central angle of 06°17'50", chord bearing S 30°05'46" W, 30.76 feet, thence 51.74 feet along a non-tangent curve to the left, radius of 60.00 feet, central angle of 49°24'30" chord bearing S 72°24'32" W, 50.15 feet, thence N 89°40'00" W, 207.34 feet, thence N 00°59'00" E 349.97 feet; thence S 69°51'06", 162.41 feet; thence 129.54 feet along a non-tangent curve to left, radius 60.00 feet, central angle of 123°42'18", chord bearing S 60°45'12" E, 105.81 feet; thence 67.23 feet along a curve to the right, radius 380.00 feet, central angle of 10°08'10", chord bearing N 62°27'44" E, 67 14 feet, thence S 00°10'00" W 107.53 feet; thence 14.68 feet along a curve to the right, radius 220.00 feet, central angle of 03°49'28", chord bearing S 02°04'44" W .14.68 feet, thence S 89°40'00" E. 107.22 feet, thence N 00°10'00" E, 60.00 feet, thence S 89°40'00" E, 181.50 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2.58 Acres, more or PID: 20-18-127-010 Port of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, T.2N., R.11E., City of Troy. Oakland County, Michigan. Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 18; thence S 00°10'00" W, 487.04 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing S 00°10'00" W, 202.91 feet; thence N 89°40'00" W. 599.34 feet. thence N 00°59'00" E. 110.01 feet;

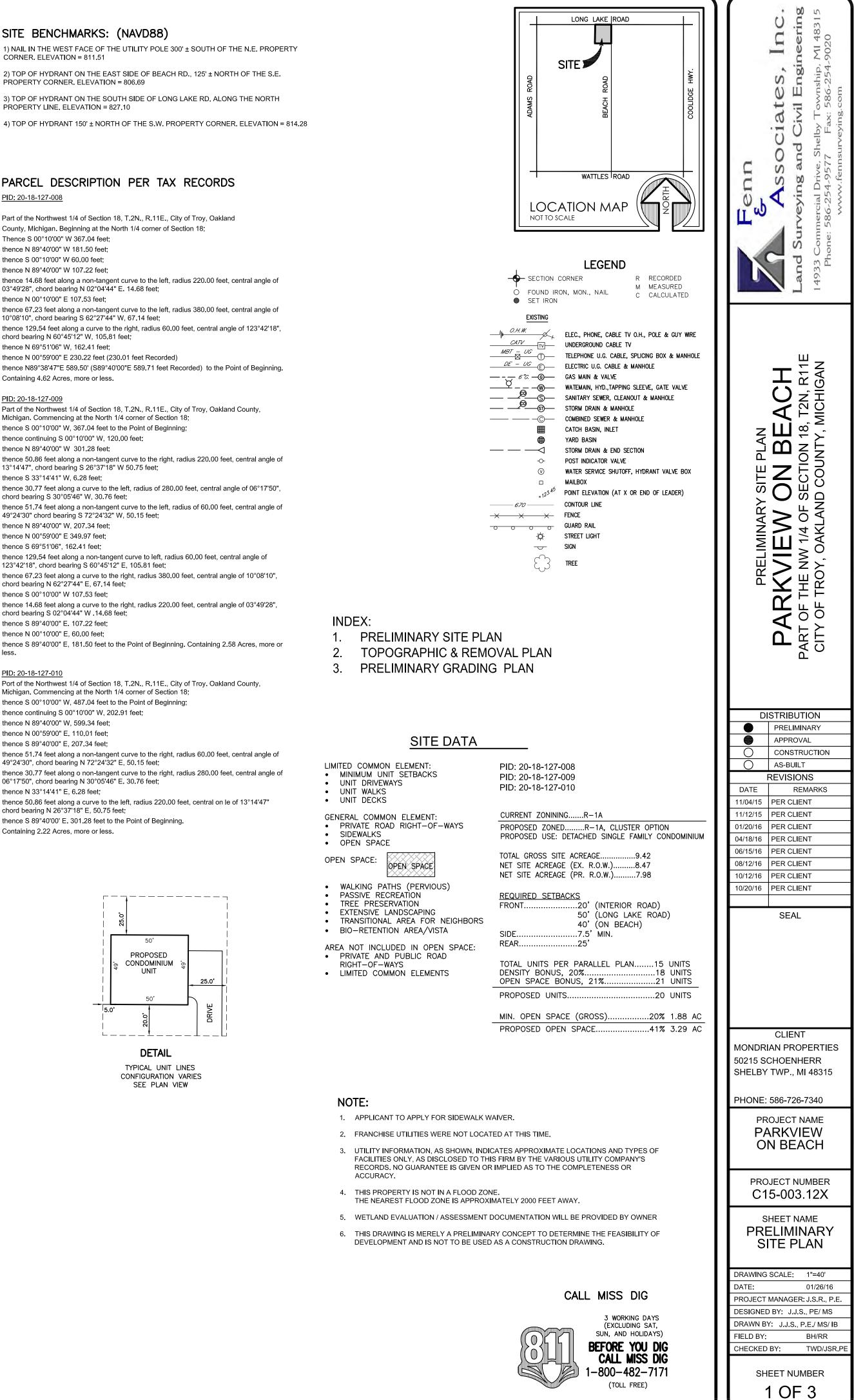
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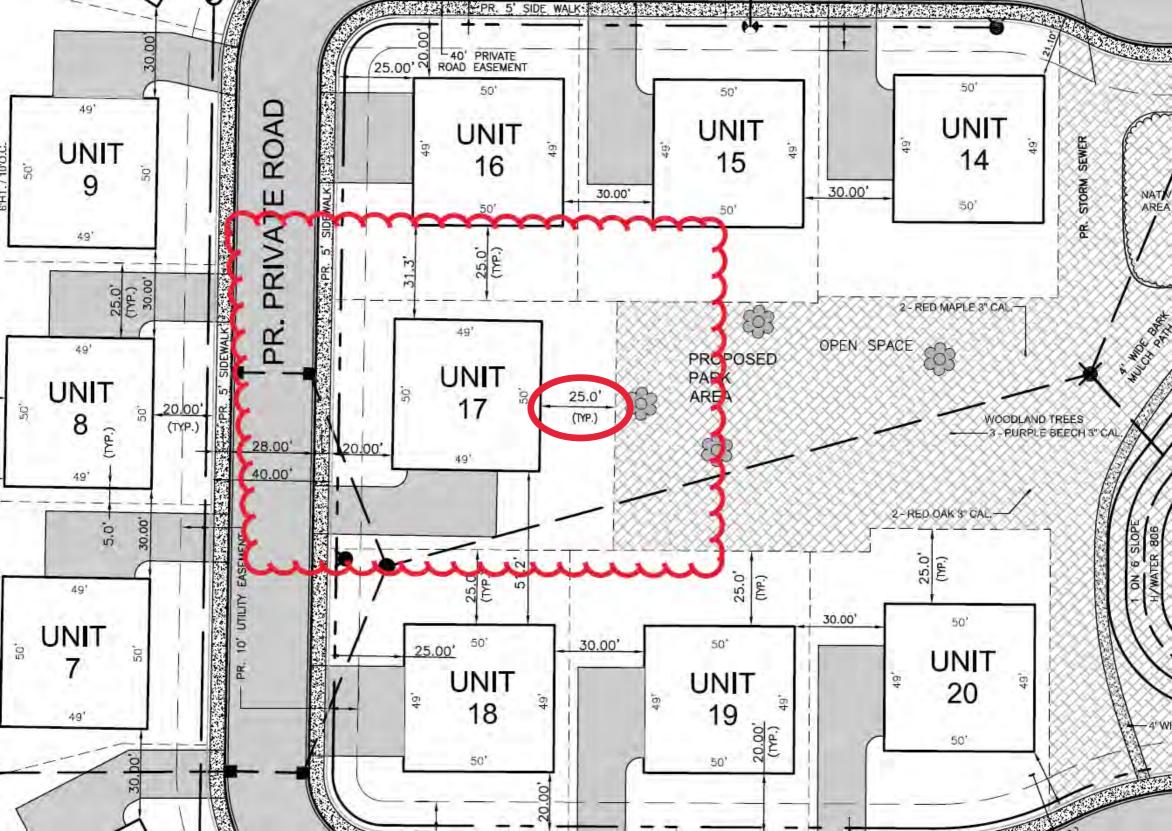
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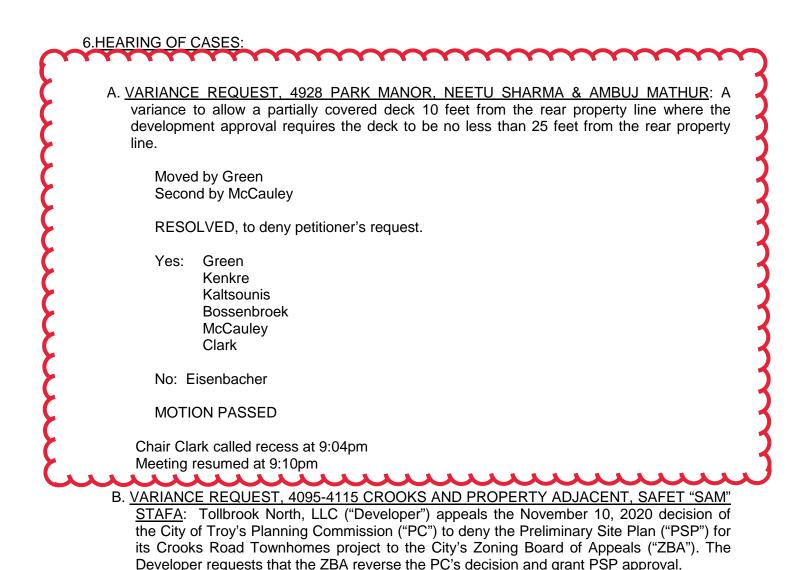
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Moved by Eisenbacher Second by Bossenbroek

RESOLVED: That the ZBA finds that the decision by the Planning commission was arbitrary and capricious and the ZBA modifies the Planning Commission resolution to set it aside and the ZBA sends this Site Plan back to the Planning Commission to provide a more thorough and detailed resolution.

Member McCauley CALLS THE QUESTION

- Yes: Kenkre Eisenbacher McCauley Green Bossenbroek Clark
- No: Kaltsounis