

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING  
OCTOBER 19, 2005**

President Jim Bracewell called the Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. EST. Present in addition to Bracewell were Pete Carroll, Debbie Lindley, John Boden Jr. and Bob Grim.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear a request from Joan Wade for a variance required to build a new, larger garage in front of her home with a 1 1/2 ' front yard setback. The property is located at 46025 Lakeview Avenue and described as Lot 1 and part of lot 2, Block B of Grand Beach Springs.

Joan Wade stated that there is a tree growing near her garage which has been braced up at least three times in the past. She is afraid that the tree will eventually knock the garage over, so she would like to build a new garage. She added that she also needs additional space for storage.

Debbie Lindley asked if the new garage could be moved back away from the street.

Wade's contractor stated that she has no privacy due to the location of the beach easement and that if the garage were moved back, there would be no lawn. Wade stated that if moved back, the garage would be located over the septic tank.

The council received letters of support from four of the neighbors and a letter from Margie Heffernan who was opposed to a larger garage. Heffernan informed the council at the meeting that she was satisfied with the fact that the large tree near the garage would not be removed and that she no longer opposed the new garage.

A motion by B. Grim/J. Boden was approved unanimously 5-0 to approve the petition for a variance on a garage as submitted by Joan Wade.

With no further business, the hearing was closed at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Robertson  
Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2005**

President Jim Bracewell called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30. Present in addition to Bracewell were John Boden Jr., Pete Carroll, Bob Grim and Debbie Lindley.

A motion by J. Bracewell/J. Boden passed unanimously 5-0 to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of September 21, 2005.

Committee reports:

**Building & Zoning:** J. Boden told the council that Bill Owens is scheduled to meet with the Village Attorney Lou Desenberg on October 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss zoning issues.

**Parks & Beaches, Pro-Shop & Golf Course:** P. Carroll stated that there is a golf course liquidation auction to be held on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. He would like to give permission to Bob Dabbs and ServiScape Superintendent Jim Dolemba to go to the auction and see if there is anything that the Village needs.

**Streets & Water:** B. Grim reported that Merritt Engineering is working on a preliminary cost estimate for the water system modification. He stated that the village has enough drinking water, but is concerned about fire fighting in certain areas of the village. Merritt will give the village an estimate of costs and once the village approves their estimate they will design the project which will allow us to take bids. They are also researching funding for the project. Grim is targeting mid year 2006 as a starting date for the project.

**Police:** Nothing to report.

Jim Dolemba of ServiScape reported that they will be winterizing the irrigation system on November 7<sup>th</sup> and will begin equipment maintenance.

The Superintendent and Police Chief had nothing to add to their written reports.

Building Inspector, Bill Owens stated that he feels that the final draft of the zoning ordinance will be coming real soon. He also told the council that he would like to withdraw his request for the purchase of a transit for the building department.

A motion by B. Grim/J. Boden was approved unanimously 5-0 to pay the bills as presented with written additions.

Village Clerk, Mary Robertson explained new procedures that have been enacted by the State of Michigan regarding Village Elections. The council previously adopted a resolution to hold a special election for a charter amendment regarding council member's terms of office. The State of Michigan is allowing Villages to change their terms of office and extending current terms of office to allow for staggered terms without a charter amendment by adopting a resolution. A motion by J. Bracewell/B. Grim was approved unanimously 5-0 to implement and accept the resolution as written that states that Lindley, Boden and Grim whose terms are to expire on 3/14/05 shall be extended and shall expire on 11/7/06 and Bracewell and Carroll whose terms are to expire on 3/13/06 shall be extended until 11/3/08.

A motion by D. Lindley/J. Bracewell was approved unanimously 5-0 to adopt a resolution as written by the Michigan Municipal League regarding broadband and cable franchise.

A motion by P. Carroll/D. Lindley to adopt the resolution for the Joint Parks and Recreation Committee as written passed 4-1 with J. Boden, J. Bracewell, P. Carroll and D. Lindley voting aye. B. Grim voted nay.

The first reading of the proposed beach regulations ordinance was read by P. Carroll. This ordinance was written by the Village Attorney and revised by P. Carroll and Police Chief Dan Schroeder prior to the reading of the ordinance. The proposed ordinance would allow dogs on the beach during specified times only. It also spells out other rules and regulations regarding the use of the beach. The ordinance will be read again at the November meeting and may be adopted at that meeting.

The council did not take any action on rescinding resolution 1991-01 as it should remain in place until the new beach regulations ordinance is adopted.

A motion by J. Bracewell/B. Grim was approved unanimously 5-0 to include notary public responsibilities as part of the clerk's job description which has been revised to include additional jobs.

A motion by B. Grim/P. Carroll passed unanimously 5-0 to approve salary increases of 3% to village employees and to include an additional 5% pay raise for the clerk as is identical to Bob Dabbs additional pay increase a year ago. The motion also included the adoption of the new wage ordinance #46 to be effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

The Village of Grand Beach received a letter from the Village of Michiana stating that they would be increasing the cost of water to the village once again. President Bracewell explained that the Village of Grand Beach will keep the resident rates the same at this time, but if we receive another increase, the rates would need to be adjusted.

P. Carroll asked that the ice skating rink issue be tabled and be brought up at the November meeting.

Park Commissioner P. Carroll has received an offer from someone who wishes to remain anonymous to pay for half of the expense for a new tennis court. A bid was received from C & C Courts in the amount of \$48,063.25 and a bid from Sport Court in the amount of \$45,418.75 for the installation of a sport court with a 10 year warranty. A motion by B. Grim/P. Carroll was approved unanimously 5-0 to approve the expenditure of up to \$25,000 for the purchase and installation of a tennis court by Sport Court and to authorize P. Carroll to enter into a contract and Mary Robertson to execute all paperwork with Bob Dabbs inspecting and supervising the project.

The request to purchase a transit for the building department was withdrawn earlier in the meeting by the Building Inspector.

A motion by J. Bracewell/B. Grim was approved unanimously 5-0 to accept a \$1300 bid from Lampkin Lawn for the removal of three trees and one stump. The trees to be removed are located at Lakeview and Royal and at Perkins near Sun Valley Falls. The council also received a bid in the amount of \$1925 from The Tree Mann, Inc.

A motion by J. Bracewell/P. Carroll was approved unanimously 5-0 to extend our hospitality to Home Care Services for a period of one year in order to hold blood pressure clinics and administer flu shots at the Village Hall.

A motion by J. Bracewell/J. Boden passed unanimously 5-0 to approve a hall rental request for Larry Frankle on November 12, 2005.

The council received a letter from Jim Rohr regarding the expiration of unused golf tickets and punch cards on October 31, 2005. President Bracewell explained that when the tickets were sold, they were meant to be used during that season. Many people have been using old tickets that were purchased two, three and four years ago. With the expiration of these tickets, it will be easier to plan and budget for future years. He stated that the expiration date on the punch cards will be extended to June 30, 2006.

The council received a letter from Bob Trainor regarding ingress to his daughter's home which is under construction on East McKean Drive. Mr. Trainor and Joe Scaletta spoke to the council regarding what they see as a problem at this location. J. Bracewell stated that he has placed the majority of the discretion with the Village Attorney. Bracewell stated that the Village vacated approximately ten feet of the road 32 years ago so that a piece of property would be able to be built on and meet the zoning requirements. He stated that there is a road there for the Scalettas to access their house. Trainor and Scaletta argued that the road is only 6-8 feet wide at the entrance to the home and they want the Village Council to take back the road that was vacated or do something to give them better access to the home. The council did not take any action on this matter which has been referred to the Village Attorney.

A motion by J. Bracewell to adjourn was approved unanimously 5-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson  
Clerk/Treasurer