

A regular meeting of the Building Code Board of Appeals was called to order at 8:37 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 1998 by the chairman, Ted Dziurman

PRESENT: Ted Dziurman
Laura John
Richard Kessler
William Nelson

ABSENT: William Need

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 5, 1997.

Motion by Nelson
Supported by Kessler

MOVED, to approve the November 5, 1997 minutes.

Yeas: 4
Absent: 1 -Need

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED

**ITEM #2. THOMAS STRAT ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS, 520 W. Big Beaver
(52-4 District Court)**

Mr. Kessler explained that the petitioner is requesting relief of the Building Code to provide automatic electronic locking devices on a number of egress doors where the Building Code in Section 1010.1 and 1017.4.1 require means of egress from the rear of the court rooms to have doors readily openable from the side of egress.

Thomas Strat, David Gaffen of Thomas Strat Associates and Paul Hunter of Oakland County were present. Mr. Strat showed a floor plan of the area in question and explained the concerns for security to the areas.

Fire Alarm systems, egress requirements, and door labeling were discussed. The means of opening the doors and the safety features provided were also discussed.

Motion by Nelson
Supported by Kessler

MOVED, to grant Thomas Strat Associates Architects, 520 W. Big Beaver (52-4th District Court) a variance to allow electronic door locks on the second means of egress from the courtrooms and jury room to provide security to the judges chambers and clerks area when court personnel are not present in the courtroom, with the following provisions;

ITEM #2

1. Doors shall be unlocked when the courtroom has an occupant load greater than 50. Court personnel shall monitor occupant load.
2. Signs with 1 inch letters or larger shall be located on the doors indicating that the doors is unlocked when court is in session or when the occupant load exceeds 50.
3. Door locks shall be connected to the fire alarm panel and shall release in case of power loss.

Yeas: 4
 Absent: 1- Need

MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST CARRIED

ITEM #1. MICHAEL & JENIFER LEWANDOWSKI, 200 Woodslee, relief of Chapter 83 - Fence Ordinance.

Mr. Kessler explained that In October of 1997, this Board granted relief of the Fence Ordinance and allowed for construction of a 6 foot high privacy fence running east from the house to within 2 feet inside the sidewalk and parallel to Hartshorn. Since that time the petitioner has installed the fence and instead of maintaining the required 2 foot setback, he installed the fence at 18 inches. The petitioner is now requesting modification of this Board’s original variance to allow a 6 foot high fence within 18 inches of the said sidewalk where 2 feet had been previously approved.

The Board discussed the fence the corner clearance of the fence. It was determined that 6 inches was not a big difference.

Motion by Nelson
 Supported by Kessler

MOVED, to grant Michael & Jennifer Lewandowski, 200 Woodslee, permission to maintain their fence erected 18 inches inside the sidewalk.

Yeas: 4
 Absent: 1- Need

MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST CARRIED

The Building Code Board of Appeals adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

RK/ddb