

ACME TOWNSHIP
Zoning Board of Appeals
July 11, 2002

Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
Acme, Michigan

Meeting called to Order at 7:33 p.m.

Members present: J. Kuncaitis (Chair), P. Collins, N. Knopf, H. Smith

Members excused: L. Belcher

Staff present: S. Corpe, Zoning Administrator/Recording Secretary

1. **Review and approval of the agenda, inquiry as to conflicts of interest:** agenda approved with no conflicts of interest noted.
2. **Correspondence:** None
3. **Reports:** None
4. **Hearings:**
 - a) **Public Hearing on Application #2002-10Z by Nellie Morone for a non-use Variance of Section 7.6.7 to allow a 50' x 6' footbridge constructed in 2001 to remain on property containing a single family residence that is currently zoned R-2, One Family Urban Residential and located at 9307 Shaw Road (Attachment A included and incorporated by reference):** Paul Bonaccini was present to represent the application on behalf of Mrs. Morone, his grandmother. Kuncaitis read the hearing notice into the record. Mr. Bonaccini received permits from the DEQ to construct the bridge last year, but was unaware of the need to receive Township permits as well. He is present to correct the situation this evening. He will be seeking to add a similar bridge to the property he purchased directly to the north, and has submitted a permit to the DEQ for same. An older bridge that sits on the shared parcel line will be removed.

Kuncaitis asked if any trees had been removed from the creek bank in this area, recalling that an issue regarding vegetation removal has occurred on the Bonaccini property. Some trees have been cut between the creek and the bay, but many are outside of the 35' buffer areas where cutting is restricted, and the area has not been clear cut.

Smith asked if there are definite plans to remove the old bridge. Mr. Bonaccini indicated that they do want to remove it, but this would be subject to receiving DEQ approval. About 5 feet of the old bridge are on the Morone property, with the remaining 50 – 60 feet on the Bonaccini property. The Board concurred that when application is made for a new bridge on the Bonaccini property, the removal of the old bridge can be addressed at that time. Removal of the old concrete footings would have to be careful if done at all, or the creek bank could be de-stabilized.

Public Hearing opened and closed at 7:45 p.m., there being no public comment.

Motion by Smith, support by Knopf to approve contingent upon repair, replacement or removal of the older bridge per DEQ approval when application for an additional bridge is made, and further contingent upon the bridge being used for pedestrian traffic only with no motorized vehicle use. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Other Business:** Corpe updated the Board on the Billette pool issue. Smith noted receiving the copy of the new Conflict of Interest Policy.
6. **Approval of minutes from the June 13, 2002 regular meeting** (Attachment B included and incorporated by reference):

Motion by Smith, support by Knopf to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2002 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.