

**BOARD OF CODE APPEALS  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 14, 2016**

**SUBJECT: The minutes of the Board of Code Appeals meeting of July 14, 2016.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stanek at 6:04 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Douglas Harvey (excused), Laurel Johnson, Terry Measel, Thaddeus Stanek, Thomas Szatkowski (excused)

Michael Viazanko, Building Official  
Todd Quertermous, Building Inspector

RECORDING SECRETARY: Dana Vietto

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Measel, supported by Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: All                      Absent: Harvey, Szatkowski.                      Motion: Carried.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

**PG16-0114 - George Rastelli -12190 Jode Pointe Drive**

Requesting Board approval for a variance to eliminate horizontal reinforcements in poured concrete walls as required in Section 404.1.2(1) of the 2015 Michigan Residential Code. Contractor neglected to install prior to pouring concrete into forms.

George Rastelli, Contractor, was present. Mr. Rastelli has an engineered sealed letter. Mr. Rastelli stated that he has a new foreman and they forgot to put the reinforcements in. The engineer came out with an equivalent to what is there now. Mr. Stanek asked Mr. Rastelli if his argument is that since he has a 10 inch thick wall instead of an 8 inch thick wall he doesn't need the enforcement. Mr. Rastelli stated that the thickness of the wall, the width of the footing, the steel that is in the footing, the drop grade on the wall and the soil that the basement is sitting on is ok. Mr. Viazanko asked what the height of the foundation is below the grade. Mr. Rastelli stated that it is 7 feet below grade and more in some spots. Mr. Stanek told Mr. Rastelli that one thing that the Board looks for is a proposal for something that would be equal to or greater than what is required for the code. The code is based on this table 404.1.2(1). If it is less than 8 feet you still need reinforcing. Mr. Rastelli stated that they are backfilling with a mixture. The Board was concerned with the drainage regarding the backfill mixture. Mr. Stanek stated that the letter brought in can be reviewed but Mr. Rastelli still needs to come up with something equal to or better than the requirement. Right now the requirement is to reinforce it. He needs to improve the drainage by a designer backfill with a better drainage backfill. Ms. Johnson stated that she would like the builder to be here and there is not enough information in the letter.

Motion by Measel, **to table** PG16-0114 at 12190 Jode Pointe Drive, to the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting pending a more detailed stress analysis and compare what is proposed to what is in the approved plans.

Yes: All                      Absent: Harvey, Szatkowski.                      Motion: Carried

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PARTICIPATION**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Measel, supported by Johnson, to approve the minutes of May 12, 2016.

Yes: All                      Absent: Harvey, Szatkowski.      Motion carried.

Motion by Measel, supported by Johnson, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2016.

Yes: All                      Absent: Harvey, Szatkowski.      Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Johnson, supported by Measel, to adjourn.

Yes: All                      Absent: Harvey, Szatkowski.      Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thaddeus Stanek  
Chairman