

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
JULY 16, 2009**

Charles Gilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Shirley Bruin, Marvin Bennink, Mary Gavin, Clifford Bronkema and Charles Gilson

The minutes of the May 7, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

1. Grand Bay Marine is requesting a variance from Section 15.06 – Table of Required Number of Parking Spaces. This parcel number 70-10-24-400-070 is zoned Commercial and is located at O-291 Lake Michigan Drive.

Peter Matta spoke on behalf of Grand Bay Marine. He noted that the Zoning Ordinance would require them to have 13 parking spaces based on the square footage of their building. They are requesting to reduce the number of parking spaces to nine, due to the economic situation, especially in the boating industry, and since they are new to the township they have one or two customers maximum at a time and one or two employees.

Mr. Matta said they would love to have enough customers for 13 spaces, and if business picks up they would black top the additional spaces needed. He added that they have complied with all other requirements of the Site Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Collett owns the building and he had a boat dealership there for 27 years. Mr. Collett said he also did service and sold parts, and at the most had three visitors and four salesmen at one time. Mr. Matta said Grand Bay Marine does not do service at the Tallmadge location and they currently do not have parts or accessories.

Charles Gilson noted that two letters were received from neighbors in favor of the request.

Clifford Bronkema moved, Shirley Bruin supported, motion CARRIED to APPROVE the request for nine parking spaces on the north side of the building rather than the required 13 spaces, however the variance goes with the use not the property.

Ayes: Shirley Bruin, Marvin Bennink, Mary Gavin, Clifford Bronkema and Charles Gilson. Nays: none.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise L. Somers, Administrative Assistant