

LAGRANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
DECEMBER 16TH, 2025

THE LAGRANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2025, AT 7:00P.M. IN THE LAGRANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ROOM AT THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER: Nick Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Nick Wilson, Lynn Bowen, David Herschberger and Jerry Raber.

ADOPT AMENDED AGENDA: Jerry Raber made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Lynn Bowen seconded the motion. A vote was taken, motion carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Lynn Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes. Jerry Raber seconded the motion. A vote was taken, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS

CONDITIONAL USE VARIANCE

(Public Hearing)

WALDO USA/MURPHY GANT~ By. Marquayle Martin (25-CU-08) Lima Twp., Sect.26, T38N R09E, zoned L-1. Located 5880 N 170 W., Howe. A Conditional Use Variance for a short-term rental in the L-1 Zoning District.

Robbie Miller introduced and reviewed the site plan for the variance with the board.

MarQuayle Martin (5880 N 170 W) was present as the petitioner. MarQuayle explained how while introducing his client to the property they did notice existing air bnb's but was not aware of the current requirements.

Nick Wilson asked if there were any in favor of the petition, there were none.

Nick then asked if there were any against the petition, there were seven.

1. Lorraine Smith spoke against the petition, her main concerns were how the property is being managed, quiet hours, number of guests, parties, crossing properties and property values.
2. Sandy Martin spoke against the petition, her main concerns were the traffic, people, visitors, crossing their property to access the lake, motor boats on the lake for weeks, high grass and trash.
3. Alfred Williquette sent his postcard stating he was against the petition.
4. Mary Jaessing sent her postcard stating she was concerned about overnights and dumpster issues.
5. Keith Newcomer sent his postcard back stating he was concerned about restrictions and covenants.
6. Karen Malerich sent her postcard back stating she was against the petition.
7. James Pfenning sent his postcard back stating his concerns was the overall business and nightly parties.

MarQuayle responded to the remonstrators about the dumpster, it is now removed and will stay clean/brought close to the house. He has always had high ratings and thinks property values will not be an issue.

The public hearing was subsequently closed.

The board discussed the lake access, piers, walkway, easement and the private pier. The board discussed the continued use after being issued a red tag from Planning & Zoning
A roll call vote was taken:

NEW BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENTAL VARIANCE

(Public Hearing)

HOGLE, MICHAEL W & REGINA L~ By. Michael Hogle (25-V-34/25LUV-12) Johnson Twp., Sect.30, T36N R10E, zoned L-1. Located South of 6515 S 090 E., Wolcottville. A Developmental Variance for a road side setback of 10' where 25 is required and a 14' rear setback where 20' is required. A Land Use Variance for not having a contiguous lot associated with this lot for an accessory building in the L-1 Zoning District.

Robbie Miller introduced and reviewed the site plan for the variance with the board.

Michael Hogle (650 E 660 S) was present as the petitioner. Michael spoke on not being able to push his building back to meet setbacks because of an existing hill. No water will be added, it will be electrical only.

Nick Wilson asked if there were any in favor of the petition, there were none.

Nick then asked if there were any against the petition, there were none.

The public hearing was subsequently closed.

The board discussed the building size, cost, concrete walls against the dirt hill potentially and stormwater management.

A roll call vote was taken:

(Public Hearing)

RASLER, CHARLES D-& PATRICK A~ By. Patrick Rasler (25-V-38) Milford Twp., Sect.10, T36N R11E, zoned A-1. Located at 3670 S 950 E., LaGrange. A Developmental Variance to split 7 acres where 2 to 5 is required in the A-1 Zoning District.

Robbie Miller introduced and reviewed the site plan for the variance with the board.

Patrick Rasler (3725 S 950 E) and Charles Rasler (9155 E 400 S) were present as the petitioners.

Discussion was splitting the land between brothers.

Nick Wilson asked if there were any in favor of the petition, there were none.

Nick then asked if there were any against the petition, there were none.

The public hearing was subsequently closed.

The board discussed the petition briefly.

A roll call vote was taken:

(Public Hearing)

DAY, DAVID & ELISHA~ By. Elisa & David Day (25-V-39) Milford Twp., Sect.04, T36N R11E, zoned A-1. Located at 44-09-04-400-012.000-013. A Developmental Variance to split 2 acres with a remainder of 7 acres where 15 is required in the A-1 Zoning District.

Robbie Miller introduced and reviewed the site plan for the variance with the board.

Elisha Day (11065 E 350 S) was present as the petitioner. She explained how splitting the property would be for her parents to access the rear for the two acres of the personal use all-natural bee keeping of 140 hives.

Nick Wilson asked if there were any in favor of the petition, there were none.

Nick then asked if there were any against the petition, there were none.

The public hearing was subsequently closed.

The board discussed the split, zoning and large area of wetlands.

A roll call vote was taken:

CONDITIONAL USE VARIANCE

(Public Hearing)

SHROCK, ELMER~ By. Elmer Shrock (25-CU-12) LaGrange Town., Sect.19, T37N R10E, zoned U-1. Located 113 N Sherman St., LaGrange. A Conditional Use Variance for a short-term rental in the U-1 Zoning District.

Robbie Miller introduced and reviewed the site plan for the variance with the board.

Elmer and Emma Shrock (0765 W 050 N) were present as the petitioners. Emma explained they bought the house in 2022 for their son and after he moved out they started using it as a rental.

Nick Wilson asked if there were any in favor of the petition, there were two.

1. Lee Noble (328 W Spring) spoke in favor, have no issues with the rental, it has been remodeled, and everyone has been pleasant.
2. Elijah Richmond (339 W Michigan) spoke in favor, works from home and has seen no issues.

Nick then asked if there were any against the petition, there were two.

1. Larry Targgart sent his postcard in and said he was against the petition.
2. David Chrisman is concerned about the entirety of the rental, loud, rude and dirty renters.

The public hearing was subsequently closed.

The board discussed the car limit, stay limit and capacity.

Jerry Raber made a motion to make a condition of this use and this owner only.

Lynn Bowen seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

OTHER BUSINESS: Robbie spoke to the board about changing the time of the County Board of Zoning Appeals from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lynn Bowen made a motion to approve the time change to 6:00 p.m. Nick Wilson seconded the motion.

ADJOURNMENT: Lynn Bowen made a motion to adjourn, David Herschberger seconded the motion.

A vote was taken, motion carried, and meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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