

SPECIAL MEETING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. City of New Buffalo 224 W. Buffalo Street New Buffalo MI 49117

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89260598024?pwd=MzBneHhZSGgzSnhpZDNwbnFqcHpqZz09

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Approval of Previous Minutes February 3, 2021
- 5. Public Comment
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Variance Request 910 Lake Drive Allow a side yard set back of 5 feet instead of the required 10 feet for an inground pool
- 7. Adjournment

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Call to Order at 5:02 pm

Roll Call. Attending from New Buffalo, MI, Berrien County: Arlene Pokuta, Richard Cooper, Mark Joseph, Mark Gabryszewski Attending from Boston, MA, Suffolk County: Tom Smith Attending from Naples, FL, Collier County: Wayne Borg

Approval of Agenda. Motion by Gabryszewski, seconded by Borg to approve the agenda: roll call vote, motion carried, 6-0.

Approval of Previous Minutes- November 19, 2020. Motion by Gabryszewski, seconded by Pokuta to approve the previous minutes from November 19, 2020: roll call vote, motion carried, 6-0.

Public Comment:

None

Public Hearing

103 N. Smith Street

Motion by Smith, seconded by Borg to **open** public hearing for 103 N. Smith Street: roll call vote, motion carried, 6-0.

Dale Johnson – President of the Merchant St. Condos was present and observing the meeting.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Borg to **close** the public hearing for 103 N. Smith Street: roll call vote, motion carried, 6-0.

301 W. Mechanic Street

Motion by Smith, seconded by Borg to **open** the public hearing for 301 W. Mechanic Street: roll call vote, motion carried, 6-0.

No comment.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Pokuta to **close** the public hearing for 301 W. Mechanic Street: roll call vote, motion carried, 6-0.

910 Lake Drive

Motion by Smith, seconded by Pokuta to **open** the public hearing for 910 Lake Drive: roll call vote, motion carried, 6-0.

No comment.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Pokuta to **close** the public hearing for 910 Lake Drive: roll call vote, motion carried, 6-0.

New Business

Variance Request 103 N. Smith Street to allow demolition of existing house and construction of new house located in the same footprint, with variance for rear yard setback requirements.

Building Official and the applicants stated area is zoned R3 (high-density residential), not zoned R1 (single family residential).

Comments made that proposal matches what is happening in the area. The new house will be the same size as the house that was there. Building permit is good for 6 months.

Motion by Joseph, seconded by Pokuta to allow the variance request for 103 N. Smith Street to allow demolition of existing house and construction of new house located in the same footprint, with variance for rear yard setback requirements, as presented: roll call vote, motion carried, 6-0.

Variance Request 301 W. Mechanic Street to allow a 6' privacy fence in the designated front yard.

Corner lot has two front yards and want to block the view from Smith St. Wanting to erect a 30 ft. section to get privacy for the back yard.

Motion by Borg, seconded by Gabryszewski to allow the variance request for 301 W. Mechanic Street to allow a 6' privacy fence in the designated front yard: roll call vote, motion carried, 6-0.

Variance Request 910 Lake Drive to allow a side yard setback of 5 feet instead of the required 10 feet for an inground pool.

Owner, Tim Hancz, stated he was trying not to take up the whole area between the house and Lake Michigan and keep the pool at least 10 ft. from the house.

The neighbor to the east did not have an issue with the pool placement.

The plan is to have a 4 ft. glass fence between the pool and the property line to the west.

There is a 15 ft. easement on the west side of the property between 910 Lake Drive and the property to the west. The property to the west is owned by Albee.

Smith would have liked to have input from the Albee's. Mark Joseph suggested sending a certified letter to the Albee's requesting a response. Pokuta is familiar with the family.

Motion by Borg, seconded by Pokuta to allow the variance request for 910 Lake Drive to allow a side yard setback of 5 feet instead of the required 10 feet for an inground pool: motion denied,

Roll call vote:

Borg – yes Pokuta – yes Cooper – yes Smith – no Gabryszewski – no Joseph - no

Motion by Borg, seconded by Smith to table the variance request for 910 Lake Drive until requester, Tim Hancz, gets a response from the neighbor to the west, Albee, in writing to approve/deny a side yard setback of 5 feet instead of the required 10 feet for an inground pool and Board will respond as quickly as possible with a special meeting: roll call vote, motion carried, 6-0.

Board Members Comments:

None

Motion by Joseph to adjourn, seconded by Gabryszewski at 6:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting: roll call vote, motion carried, 6-0.

Adjournment at 6:15 PM.

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Zoning Board of Appeals Staff Report

Hearing Date: February 3, 2021 Project Number: PT21-0001 Applicant: Tim Hancz Subject Property Address: 910 Lake Drive, New Buffalo, MI 49117 Nature of the Request: Allow a side yard set back of 5 feet instead of the required 10 feet for an inground pool. Zoning District: R-1

OVERVIEW

The applicant is requesting a reduction in the required side yard setback for an inground pool which currently requires a 10' foot set back. Applicant because of yard size is requesting a 5' foot setback for one side yard.

The property at 910 Lake drive is currently being renovated and utilized as a single family residence and the dwelling constitutes an allowable primary structure. The pool must be surrounded by a 4' fence with locking gates and must comply with the Michigan Building Codes.

Recommendation: Upon review of the application materials, validation of the facts reported, site inspection and evaluation of each of the criteria required for review and noted in this staff report, it is the recommendation of the Zoning Administrator to approve the requested side yard setback variance and allow the applicant to construct the pool within 5' of the side property line.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Hanson Building Official City of New Buffalo

Zoning Ordinance Provisions

Section 3-14, SWIMMING POOLS

B. Swimming pools shall not be located less than 10' from any lot line or any main building. The coach house is an accessory building and does not require a variance.

Section 21-5 JURISDICTION

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not have the power to make any change in the terms of this Ordinance, but does have power to act on those matters where this Ordinance provides for an administrative review, interpretation, and to authorize a variance as defined in this Section and the laws of the State of Michigan. The powers of the Zoning Board of Appeals include:

B. Granting of Variances

A variance from the specific requirements of this Ordinance may be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with the requirements and procedures of this Article.

SECTION 21-8 VARIANCE PROCEDURES

A. Authority for Variances

The Zoning Board of Appeals, after public hearing, shall have the power to grant requests for variances from the provisions of this Ordinance where it is proved by the applicant that there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the Ordinance relating to the construction, equipment, or alteration of buildings or structures so that the spirit of the Ordinance shall be observed, public safety secured and substantial justice done.

B. Granting of Non-Use Variances

A non-use variance may be allowed by the Zoning Board of Appeals only in cases where there is reasonable evidence of practical difficulty in the official record of the hearing and that all of the following conditions are met:

1. That there are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applying to the property in question that do not apply generally to other properties in the same zoning district;

There are no apparent extraordinary circumstances applying to the subject property making compliance impossible. The proposed pool is 18'x36'and it seems a smaller pool may require a lesser variance and be a reasonable request unless the property owner can explain why a pool of such large dimensions is essential.

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2. That the condition or situation of the specific piece of property for which the variance is sought is not of so general or recurrent a nature as to make reasonably practical the formulation of a general regulation for such conditions or situations. Unique circumstances include: exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific property on the effective date of this Article, or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary situation on the land, building or structure or by reason of the use or development of the property immediately adjoining the property in question, the literal enforcement of the requirements of this Article would involve practical difficulties;

The location of the coach house presents a dimensional, topographical or other characteristics that should be considered a practical difficulty.

3. That such variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right similar to that possessed by other properties in the same zoning district and in the vicinity. The possibility of increased financial return shall not of itself be deemed sufficient to warrant a variance.

This variance is not necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of any substantial property right similar to that possessed by other properties in the same zoning district.

4. The variance will not be significantly detrimental to adjacent property and the surrounding neighborhood.

The variance will not be detrimental to adjacent properties nor the surrounding neighborhood.

5. The variance will not impair the intent and purpose of this Ordinance.

Granting a variance will impair the intent and purpose of the City of New Buffalo's Zoning Ordinance by limiting the authority of the building permitting and inspection process.

6. That the immediate practical difficulty causing the need for the variance request was not created by any action of the applicant.

The variance requested is not created by the proposed actions of the property owner.

SECTION 21-6 DECISIONS D. Decisions

1. The concurring vote of a majority of the membership of the Board shall be required to reverse an order, requirement, decision, or determination of an administrative official or body, or to decide in favor of the applicant a matter upon which the Board is required to pass, or to effect a variation in the ordinance; except that a concurring vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership shall be necessary to grant a use variance.

2. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall render its decision upon any appeal or application submitted to it within sixty (60) days after the hearing thereon.

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3. All decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall become final five (5) days after the date of entry of an order, unless the Board shall find, and so certify on the record, that it is necessary to cause such order to have immediate effect, in order to preserve property or personal rights.

4. Any variance granted by the Board shall only be valid for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of approval, unless substantial construction, as determined by the Board, has occurred and is progressing meaningfully toward completion. The Board may grant up to an additional twelve (12) month extension, if requested by the property owner in writing prior to the expiration of the original twelve (12) month period, upon showing that the expiration of the variance will cause an undue hardship on the owner.

E. Record of Actions

For each decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals, a record shall be prepared. Such record shall include, at a minimum, the following items:

1. Description of the applicant's request.

2. The Zoning Board of Appeal's motion including an explanation of how the request meets each standard outlined in Sec. 21-8 B, for Non-Use Variances, or Sec. 21-8 C, for Use Variances, or conversely, an explanation of how the request does not meet each said applicable standard. 3. The Board's vote on the motion.

4. A summary or transcription of all relevant material and evidence presented at hearing; and,

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5. Any conditions attached to an affirmative decision.







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APPLICATION TO: PLANNING COM	IMISSION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
224 W Buffalo St, New Buffalo, MI 49117 City Hall: 269-4	69-1500 Building Dept: 269-469-7144 Facsimile: 269-469-791
Instructions: Fill-in all blanks and 'X' applicable box	kes (). Incomplete applications cannot be processed.
i. Applicant an	d Owner Information
 Applicant(s) principal contact: 	E) Property owner(s) principal contact:
Name TIM HANEZ	Name SAME
Address	Address
	Address
Telephone	Telephone
	Telephone
B) Applicant(a) accordent contact	
B) Applicant(s) secondary contact:	F) Architect (if applicable):
Name Same	Name
Address	Address
-	X
Telephone	Telephone
C) Agent or Attorney (if applicable):	G) Engineer (ifapplicable):
Name	
	Name
Address	Address
Telephone	Telephone
D) Is the property held in Trust	H) Applicant is (check one):
Yes - Answer below No - Skip below	Property owner
Name of Trust	Attorney
Address	Agent
X	Engineer
lephone	Other:

ts: Provide an attached statement from the trustee verifying the names of all the beneficial owners.

CITY OF NEW BUFFALO PLANNING COMMISSION/ ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION II. Purpose of Application A) This application is a request for the following action: Rezoning of Property Subdivision Approval Site Plan Approval **Rezoning Amendment** Special Use Approval Variance(s) Approval Lot Split - Subdivision or Land Division Other: B) The reasons for the requested action(s) are as follows: Requestino Od. From VADANCE 100 Required WEST ON INR propert Pool 00 . C) The specific section(s) of the City Zoning Ordinance or City General Ordinances which addresses the amendment, variance, or other action which is being requested: KNOI DON D) The following two questions are only for applications which contain a request for a zoning variance: 1. Are the conditions which prevent the development of the property the result of action by an individual who has or had a property interest in the subject property: Yes No 2. If the conditions were self-imposed (not hardship), explain why the variance should be granted: 00 he Close 1009 WILL be TOO House TO ١F reaured se DACK 10 SMAIL AlleAda eN'torcel 1009 15 NZXZV Revised: 9/2012 Page 2 of 6 RDF

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III. Site and Surrounding Property Information

A) Common address or property location of subject property:

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B) Legal description (at	tach an additional s ATAChee	heet if ne TO		er Application
) Permanent Real Esta	te Tax Identification	Number:	Ath	ached To other
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IV. Description of the Proposed Development

A) Please describe the proposed use of the land and/or building assuming approval of the request:

- B) What is the proposed time frame for the build-out of this development: ______
- C) For each intended use please fill-in the number of buildings, square footage of each building, the total square footage of the development, and the required number of parking spaces; as well as the number and size of the water and the sewer connections:

Building Use	Number of Buildings	Building Area (sq ft)	Total Building (sq ft)	Required Parking Spaces	Water Connections and Sizes	Sewer Connections and Sizes
Single Family R-1	4	2200	2200	2	-	-
Two Family R-2	1					
Mufti-Family R-3						
Central Business CBD						
Gen. Commercial GCD						
Waterfront Marina WM						
General Industrial I-1						
TOTAL						

- D) If this application is for a development please provide information concerning the amount of traffic and the proposed road configuration it will have:
 - 1) Average daily traffic count for the proposed development:
 - Peak traffic flow count for the proposed development: _____
 - 3) How many lineal feet of roadway is proposed to be developed: _
 - How many cul-de-sacs will be constructed as part of this project:
 - 5) How many curb cuts to City, County or State roads are proposed:
- E) Does the request contemplated in this application concern any hazardous materials:
 No
 Yes describe the type and quantity of materials (attach extra pages if necessary):

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	V. Attachments
	Survey with legal description.
B) Site pla	
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C) Floodpla	ain map (engineer's drawing or FEMA map showing location of subject property).
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E) High Ris	sk Dune Area Designation and/or Soil Conservation Analysis (if applicable).
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1) Michigan DO	
2) County Road	Commission
	h Department
	f Public Health
5) Michigan DEC	
6) Others	
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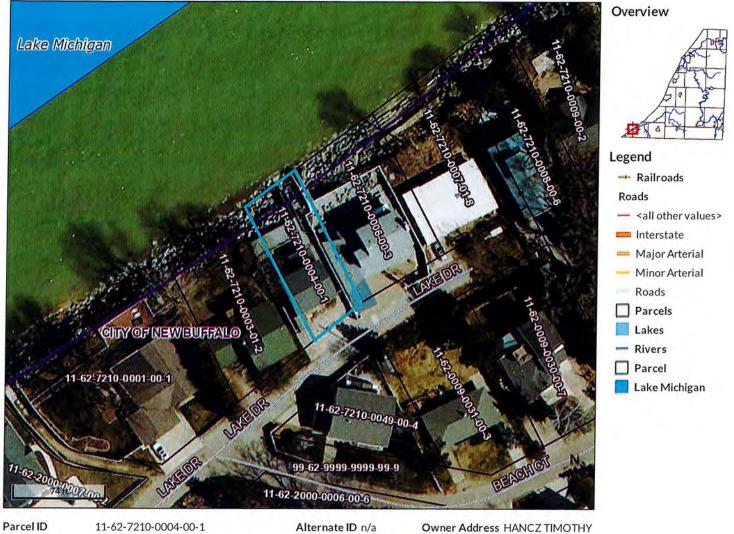
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VII. Signature and Declaratory Statement

A) Required attendance at public hearing(s) and/or meeting(s): The Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) have established a policy requiring the applicant or a designated representative of the applicant to be present at any meeting or public hearing at which their application is to be considered. Failure of the applicant or designee of the applicant to appear may postpone consideration of the application by the Planning Commission or ZBA.

B)	Declaratory S		.2		
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D)	Notary Public	Certification S	statement:	CRA	
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		day	of		the above captioned applicant
	appeared befo	ore me and un	der oath, sta	ated that all matte	rs contained in this application are true.
	My commissio	on expires:			
			VIII.	City Staff Revie	ew
A)	application an	id associated o	locumentati	uilding Plans, exc on must be review e Department: 2	ept for single family dwellings: This wed by the Fire Chief or his designee, 69-469-4993.
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	Approval:	Yes	No	Signature:	
	Conditions:	Attached	None	Title:	
B)	where the follo	owing signatur	es are requi	ired for verificatio	n the Office of the Zoning Administrator, n that this is a complete and valid n or the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Bu	ilding Inspecto	r:			_ Date:
Zo	ning Administra	ator:			Date:
Ini	tial meeting dat				

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Sec/Twp/Rng n/a Property Address 910 LAKE DR NEW BUFFALO District 11200 **Brief Tax Description** LOT 4 SUNSET SHORES NO 2

Class Acreage

(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)

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EMAIL: <u>manager@cltyofnewbuffalo.org</u> WEBSITE: <u>www.cltyofnewbuffalo.org</u> Authority: 1972 PA 230 Completion: Mandatory to obtain permit Penalty: Permit cannot be issued

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ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION

A drawing (site plan shown from a "bird's eye" view) indicating property lines, loc proposed new structure(s), must be submitted with this application. The site plan	ation of all buildings presently on the property and location of the
property lines and distances between all buildings. The project must be marked in markings). "Change of Use" applicants are exempt from providing a site plan as i use of the existing structure.	come way fin ground with states in the states of the states in the states of the state
I. Job Location	10 TT
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II. Applicant (Contractor/Property Owner Information)	
OContractor Kowner TIM HANCZ	
Address City, State	Zip
Telephone 910 LAKE DE Neu Fax	BUFFALO, ME 49117
III. Type of Job (PLEASE MARK AS MANY AS ARE APPLICABLE)	
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O Alteration/Remodel Circle One	rcle One O Outbuilding (Barn Shed / Carport) <u>Circle One</u> O Garage (Attached/Detached) <u>Circle One</u> O Pool (Above/Below Ground) <u>Circle One</u>
O Change of Use (Current Use) O Foundation Only O Other O Deck/Porch Circle One (Attached/Det	O Commercial Building
IV. Project Dimensions	
32 Project Width 411 Project Length 28 Project Height (from grade to h	lighest point) 2# of Floors 2200 Potal Square Feet
V. Zoning Questions (PLEASE CIRCLE YES OR NO)	
Does this property have frontage on two roads?	YES NO
Does this property have lake frontage?	NO NO
s there a dwelling presently on this property?	NO
s there an accessory building presently on this property?	NO NO
the construction located within 500 ft of a lake, stream, or natural body of water?	NO NO
/ill the construction require the moving of one surface acre or more of land?	VES NO
construction is for an accessory building, will it contain animals?	ES NO

VI. Responsibilities of Applicants its your responsibility to be aware of any deed restrictions, subdivision read, action viet descriptions and will comply under all of the above and with the land use regulations, as determined	on regulations, flood plain regulations, and wetland regulations, I have
variance/special entitideration and will provide in writing such approvals, if granted, to the zoning adminis	by the zoning administrator, or will go to the proper board for a \cdot -trator.
APPLICANT SIGNATORE	DATE 12/1/20
Zoning Official's Signature	Date

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Tim Hancz 910 Lake Drive New Buffalo, IL 49117

December 2, 2020

City of New Buffalo, Michigan 224 W Buffalo Street New Buffalo, MI 49117

PROPOSED POOL FOR TIM HANCZ 910 LAKE DRIVE, NEW BUFFALO, MI 49117

RE: Zoning variance request for 5' setback from West property line from required 10' setback

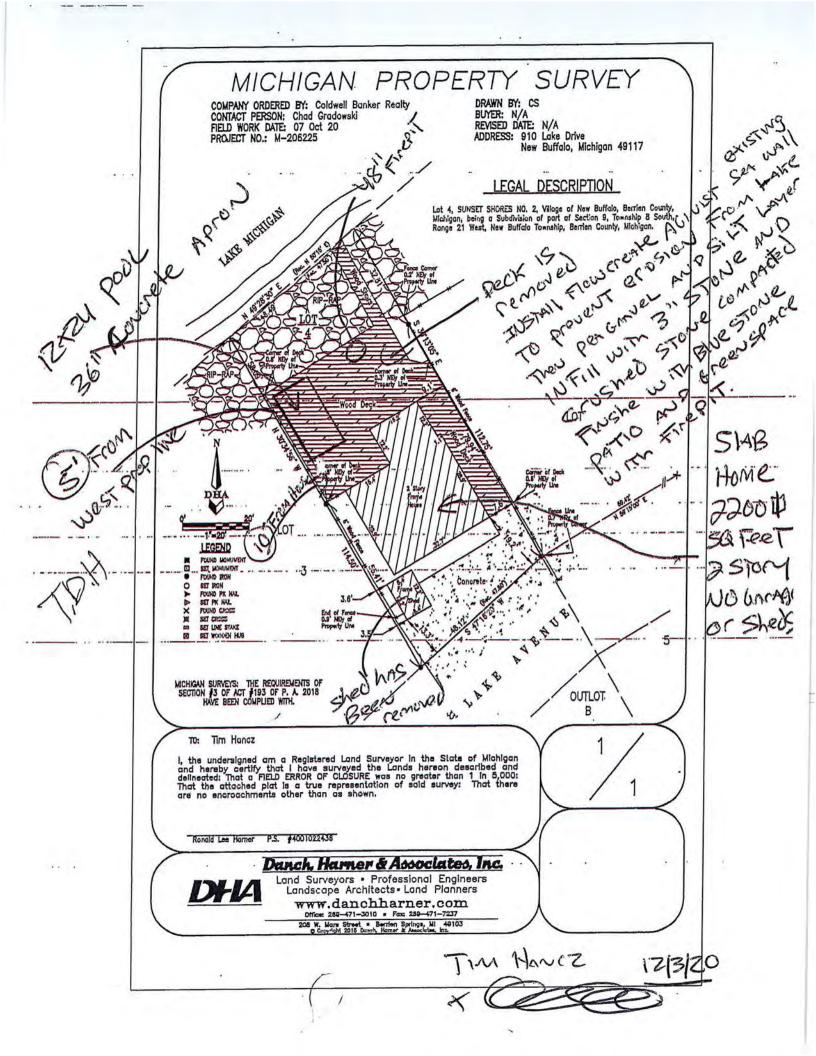
Project Description - Install 12'x24' inground pool 5-6' on deep end, 3' on shallow end. The deep end will have a ladder built into wall and shallow end will have corner steps. Pool will have foundation with 3" stone base, steel walls and vinyl liner. Pool will have automatic cover with vermiculite pool floor. Salt water treated. 36"x4" concrete apron around pool. No slide or diving board. Pool will have required 48" (or more) fence around it.

Legal Description – Lot 4 in Sunset Shores No. 2, City of New Buffalo, Berrien County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Liber 13 of Plats, Page 6, Berrien County Records.

Tax ID - 11-62-7210-0004-00-1

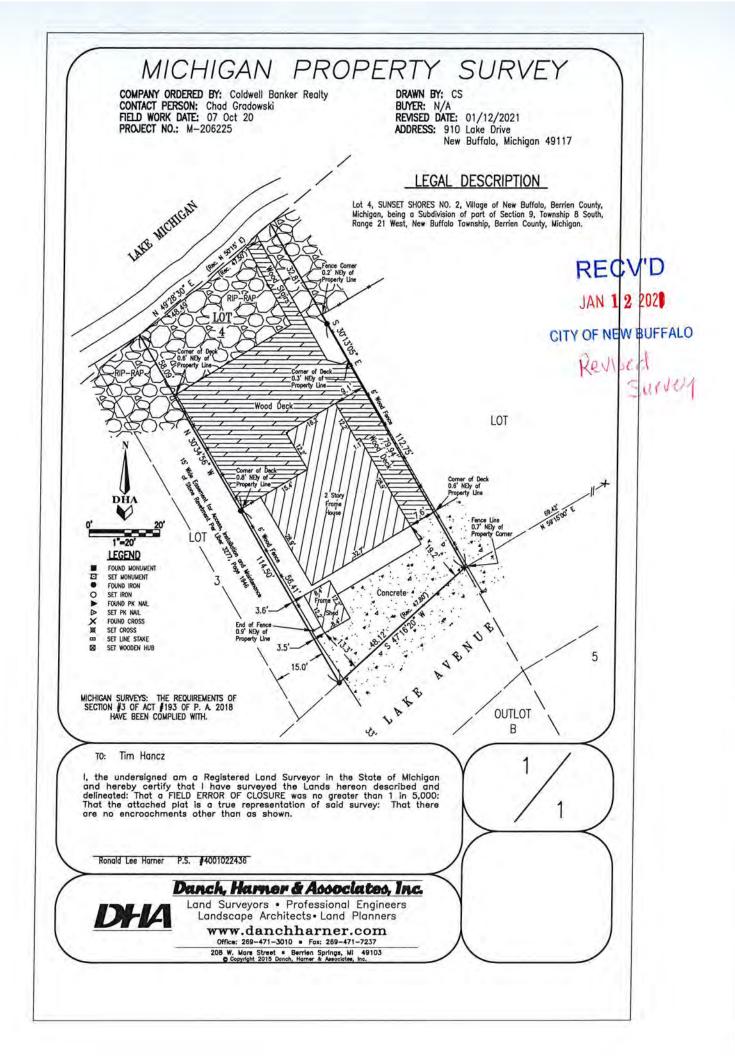
Respectfully submitted Tim Hancz, Owner

Enclosures



lestion " A SITE PLAN MUST BE SUBMITTED THAT INCLUDES A description of the project North arrow 1 Legal description or address and Tax ID # of the subject property Location of the property lines and an illustration of the setbacks Dimensions of the parcel, the development area and open space Location of existing and proposed structures on the site and within 50' of the parcel. . Include length, width, height and total square footage of all structures Location of adjoining streets, sidewalks and private easements, Any other information helpful in making a determination QUESTIONS AN YOU PULL PREAM your PLAT BOOKS I DON'T have Niechborng properties. IN AND DE I have come 10 CAN I Come to meeting AND IF SO, when and where? Responsibilities of Applicanti It is your responsibility to be aware of any dead restrictions, subdivision regulations, flood plain regulations, and welland regulations. I have read, acknowledged, and will comply with all of the above and with the land use regulations, as determined by the zoning administrator, or will go to the proper board for a verlance/special consideration and will provide in welling such approvals, if granted, to the zoning administrator,

APPLICANT SIGNATURE		
	DATE	
Zoning Official's Signature		
	Date	



CITY OF NEW BUFFALO	Receipt:	87238	12/07/20		
224 W. BUFFALO STREET					
NEW BUFFALO, MI 49117	Cashier:	SBOONE			
	Received Of:	TIM HANCZ			
(269) 469-1500					
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Pool Construction at 910 Lake Drive

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Thu 2/4/2021 8:16 PM

To: Amy Fidler <afidler@cityofnewbuffalo.org>

Cc: Tim Hancz

I own the property adjacent to 910 Lake Drive. My address is 916 Lake Drive

Time Hancz the owner at 910 wants to add a pool in his yard and that pool would be 5 feet from the property line. After a discussion with Mr Hancz I have no objection to having the pool 5 feet from the property line between the two properties

If you need further information please call me t