# SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 3040 N. PROSPECT, YPSILANTI, MI 48198

MONDAY JUNE 12, 2017 7:00 P.M. AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. Approval of the May 16, 2017 minutes.
- 5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS
- 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CONSIDERATION OF APPEALS
  - A. ZBA #17-01 Variances from Section 3.101 (Dimensional Standards) to reduce the required setbacks to allow an addition to the principal structure into the front yard setback. **The property is located at 6166 First Street** and is zoned R-4 (Single Family Residential).
  - B. ZBA #17-03 Variances from Section 3.101 (Dimensional Standards) to reduce the required setbacks to allow an addition to the principal structure into the front yard setback. **The property is located at 5460 Geddes Road** and is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential).
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS AS NECESSARY
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Superior Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order by Chairman Rintamaki at 7:00 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

The Zoning Board of Appeals members present were Dail, Deeds, Guenther, Lewis, and Rintamaki. Members Heningburg and Parm were absent. Rick Mayernik, Building and Zoning Official, was also in attendance. A quorum was present.

#### 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Lewis and supported by Member Deeds to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Deeds and supported by Member Lewis to approve the minutes of December 15, 2016 as amended. The motion carried.

#### 5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no Citizen Participation.

# 6. COMMUNICATIONS

A motion was made by Member Guenther and supported by Member Deeds to receive and file letter from Rick Mayernik, Building and Zoning Official, to Blake and Sherri Ratcliffe, dated February 6, 2012.

Motion Carried.

#### 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CONSIDERATION OF APPEALS

- A. ZBA#17-02 Variances from Section 3.101 (Dimensional Standards) to reduce the required front yard setback to allow an addition to an existing house. The property is located at 3640 North Dixboro Road and is zoned A-2 (Agriculture).
- 1. Public Hearing

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A motion was made by Member Dail and supported by Member Lewis to open the public hearing. The motion carried.

Blake Ratcliffe, homeowner at 3640 North Dixboro Road, stated that he previously came before the ZBA on December 2, 2009 to appeal the variance from Section 3.101. He explained that once the economy fell, the financial ability to complete the addition went away. He stated that the project has not changed since 2009 and the scope of the project remains the same.

Chairman Rintamaki inquired about the square footage of addition. Mr. Ratcliffe stated that the square footage of the home would be approximately doubled. It was also noted that it would be a two story addition.

Member Guenther asked, if the homeowner purchased the home knowing there was an existing encroachment, would that be an action of the applicant?

Mr. Ratcliffe inquired about the variance that was granted in 2009 and if that would "cure" the issue of a pre-existing non-conformity.

Mr. Mayernik stated that the Building Department records show that permits were issued in 1984 for fire repairs to the home. However, there are no records of permits for the previous addition to the home.

He continued to note that past Zoning Administrators have looked at private roads and not necessarily required the setback that the Zoning Ordinance would require. Homes on private roads have been approved with encroachments into the setback.

A motion was made by Member Deeds and supported by Member Guenther to close the public hearing. The motion carried with voice vote.

Chairman Rintamaki stated that in regards to Member Guenther's statement, he does not believe that the issue was created by the applicant, but rather the builder.

Member Guenther stated that what they don't want are homeowners buying structures that are non-conforming and simply coming to the Zoning Board of Appeals for remediation. He inquired where the line should be drawn. He also noted that the applicant could file a complaint with the title company that did the title search.

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Chairman Rintamaki stated that if the homeowner purchases a home that is non-conforming and wants to enlarge the non-conformity, the ZBA will have to make an analysis and see how the large the change is.

Member Deeds agreed that the ZBA must make a reasonable decision in that case.

Member Guenther stated that if he were to buy a property that is non-conforming, that would be an action on his part. Additionally, part of that action is that he may not be able to expand the home.

Sherri Ratcliffe noted that there are two very large oak trees to the west of the home, and another to the north. They are trying to incorporate a footprint that will keep those trees in place.

Member Guenther stated that he is in favor of keeping trees. He explained that the northeast corner of the home is a classic case for a variance. He is still stumbling over the southwest corner however, because it is a significant encroachment into the setback.

Mr. Mayernik explained that the 60 foot setback is being indicated on the plan for historical purposes only, and a 75 foot setback is currently required in the Zoning Ordinance. He added that this parcel fronts on Dixboro Road, so the past logic could have been that the front yard setback fronts on Dixboro Road, and the side yard would possibly be the private road. Now, the front yard setback applies to both public and private no matter where they exist. He reiterated that there were some electrical and plumbing permits for a structure fire in 1984, but nothing in the file for the building permit.

Member Guenther asked if the ZBA has the authority to grant a variance for the existing southeast structure.

Chairman Rintamaki stated that as a Board they will have to look at what was given to them.

Mr. Ratcliffe stated that in 2009, their letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals asked the Board to "grant us a legal non-conformity for our existing home and for our proposed addition."

Member Guenther stated that if the Board had the authority to grant approval for an existing non-conformity, his concern would go away. He added that if that is what was acted on the first time, what lapsed was the building permit.

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Chairman Rintamaki stated that if the Board grants a variance for both the existing home and the proposed addition, the action at the December 2, 2009 meeting took care of the preexisting non-conformity.

Chairman Rintamaki explained to the applicant that the variance would be approved based on the drawings that were submitted. The proposed addition cannot deviate from what was approved by the ZBA.

Moved by Member Deeds, supported by Member Lewis to approve ZBA #17-02, variances from Section 3.101 (Dimensional Standards) to reduce the required front yard setback to allow an addition to an existing house, having found that the existing non-conformity on the southeast portion of this structure was cured by the request of the applicant of the ZBA at the December 2, 2009 meeting.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Dail, Deeds, Guenther, Lewis, Rintamaki.

No: None.

Absent: Heningburg, Parm.

Abstain: None.

Motion Carried.

Members discussed existing non-conformities as well as non-conformities in the future.

#### 9. OTHER BUSINESS AS NECESSARY

None.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Deeds and supported by Member Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rintamaki, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals

Laura Bennett, Recording Secretary Superior Charter Township 3040 N. Prospect, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

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# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

(This application must be typewritten or printed. All questions must be answered.)

Request is hereby made for one of the following:

Section(s): SECTION 3.10   - FRONT YAWD SETBARK
☐ Appeal of the decision of the Township Zoning Official
APPLICANT INFORMATION
Name Brian Athey + Deborah Walker
Name Brain Athey + Deborah Walker  Address 6166 1st st. Ypsilanti, M1
Phone Number Email
Is the property owned by the applicant? YES NO
If "NO", what is the applicant's interest in the property?
Name, address and telephone number of owner(s):
DESCRITPION OF THE PROPERTY  Address Steef  Address
Parcel ID# J-10-32-300-709  Parcel size 47,515 sf / 1,09 acre Size of the proposed building or addition, if any 2,775 sp  Use of existing building (if any) and property 225 da N fe all  Zoning classification of property R4
If a new building is proposed, has the Building Inspection department examined the plans for the
proposed building? YES NO MA
Has the department refused a permit? YES NO
Has there been any previous land use application involving this property? YES (NO) If "YES", state the date of filing, the character of appeal and the disposition.

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## DESCRIBE THE REASONS FOR YOU APPEAL

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the Zoning Ordinance when considering an appeal. It is recommended that applicants review
these standards and consider than in preparing a description of why the variance is needed. A
copy of the standards is attached to the application.

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YOU MAY WISH TO ASK YOUR NEIGHBORS TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING SECTION IF THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE APPEAL YOU ARE MAKING.

We the undersigned, as owners of property any part of which is located within 300 feet if any part of the property involved in this appeal, have no objections to the granting of the request made in this appeal:

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	SIGNATURE	STREET ADDRESS	
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# INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPEAL

The following must attached and submitted with the application:

- Ten (10) sets of drawings, all on sheets 8 ½ inches by 11 inches or 8 ½ inches by 14 inches, drawn to scale and showing all measurements, features and structures, including the general location of all natural features on the property, measurements to show distances between structures, measurements between structures and property lines, measurements for lot width and lot area, and height of structures. Rights-of-way and easements must also be shown.
- A letter of authority, or power of attorney, in the event the appeal is being made by a person other than the actual owner of the property.
- A complete legal description of the premises (as stated on the property deed or property tax bill.)

**APPLICANT'S DEPOSITION** – Must be completed by applicant.

I hereby state that all of the statements and information contained in this application and the supporting documents herewith are true and correct.
Signature of applicant Bai Date 3 April 2017
NOTARY PUBLIC – Applicant's signature must be notarized.
Sworn to before me this 3rd day of April 20 17
My commission expires Notary Public - Michigan  (Notary Public Washtenawingston Expires Dec 16, 2020)
Acting in the County of
To be filled in by Township Clerk (or designated Township Officer/Personnel)
I hereby state that this petition was properly received and filed on 4/4/17 (date)
Signature of Clerk (or designee)  RICK MALERUM
Fee paid 4 [75 · 00

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#### Reasons for the Appeal

The Zoning Board of Appeals is required to use the standards listed in Section 13.08 of the Zoning Ordinance when considering the appeals. It is recommended that applicants review these standards and consider them in preparing a description of why the variance is needed.

#### Site Visits

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#### **Application Fees**

An application fee must be paid when you file your application. The fees are as follows:

- 1. Appeals brought by the owner of a single-family dwelling for a variance from density and height regulations of the Zoning Ordinance = \$175.00
- 2. Any other appeal = \$500.00

## Applicant's Acknowledgement

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and agree to the above and that I have been given a copy of this notice.

Signature

3 April 2017
Date



**Existing Residence** 

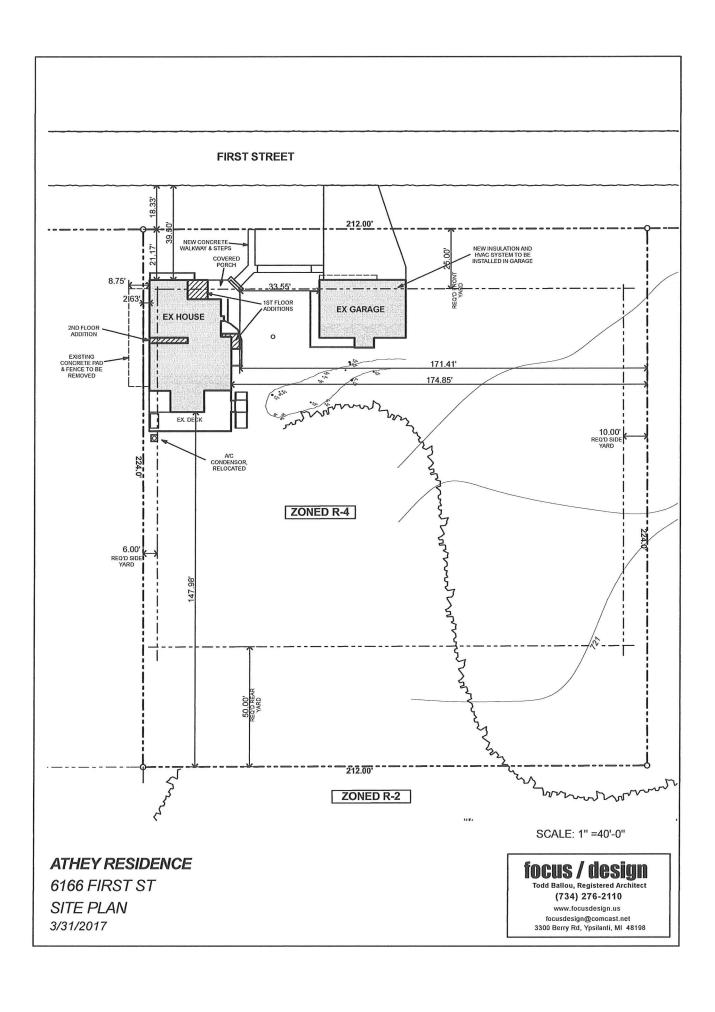


**Proposed Residence** 

ATHEY RESIDENCE 6166 FIRST ST RENDERING 3/31/2017

# focus / design Todd Ballou, Registered Architect (734) 276-2110

www.focusdesign.us focusdesign@comcast.net 3300 Berry Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48198



#### **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

CURRENT PROPERTY ID: J-10-32-300-009 \*OLD SID - J 10-050-007-00 SU 38-5B BEG AT NW COR OF LOT 26, TH S 39 DEG 09' W TO SW COR OF LOT 26, TH CONT S 39 DEG 09'W 75.50 FT, TH S 50 DEG 51' E 75.00 FT TH N 39 DEG 09' E 224 FT TO NLY LINE OF LOT 26, TH N 50 DEG 51' W 75.00 FT IN NLY LINE OF LOT 26 TO PL OF BEG, BEING PART OF SW FRL 1/4, SEC 32, T2S-R7E, AND PART OF LOT 26 VILLAGE OF SUPERIOR ALL OWNED & OCCUPIED AS ONE PARCEL. ASSESSMENT INCLUDES 300-007 & 300-008

#### **AREA ANALYSIS**

EXISTING		PROPOSED		
EX. 1ST FLOOR AREA EX. 2ND FLOOR AREA EX. LIVING AREA	1,503 SF 388 SF 1,891 SF	EX. 1ST FLOOR AREA CLOSET ADDITION FOYER ADDITION		1,503 SF +72 SF +27 SF
EX. 1ST FLOOR AREA EX. COVERED PORCH	1,503 SF 111 SF	EX. 2ND FLOOR AREA ADDITION FOR STAI		388 SF +37 SF 1,602 SF
EX. DETATCHED GARAGE EXISTING BLDG FOOTPRINTS	967 SF± 1,581 SF±	PROP. LIVING AREA		2,027 SF
		PROP. 1ST FLOOR AREA PROP. COVERED PORC EX. DETATCHED GARAG	H	1,602 SF 206 SF 967 SF±
EX. LOT AREA 47,515 SF (1.09 A	CRES)	PROP. BLDG FOOTPRIN	TS	2,775 SF±
EX. LOT COVERAGE 1,581 SF 47,515 S	<b>—</b> = 3.33 %	PROP. LOT COVERAGE	2,775 SF 47,515 SF	= 5.84 %
EX. FLOOR AREA RATIO 1,891 SF 47,515 S	<b>—</b> = 0.04	PROP. FLR AREA RATIO	2,027 SF 47,515 SF	= 0.04

#### **SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS**

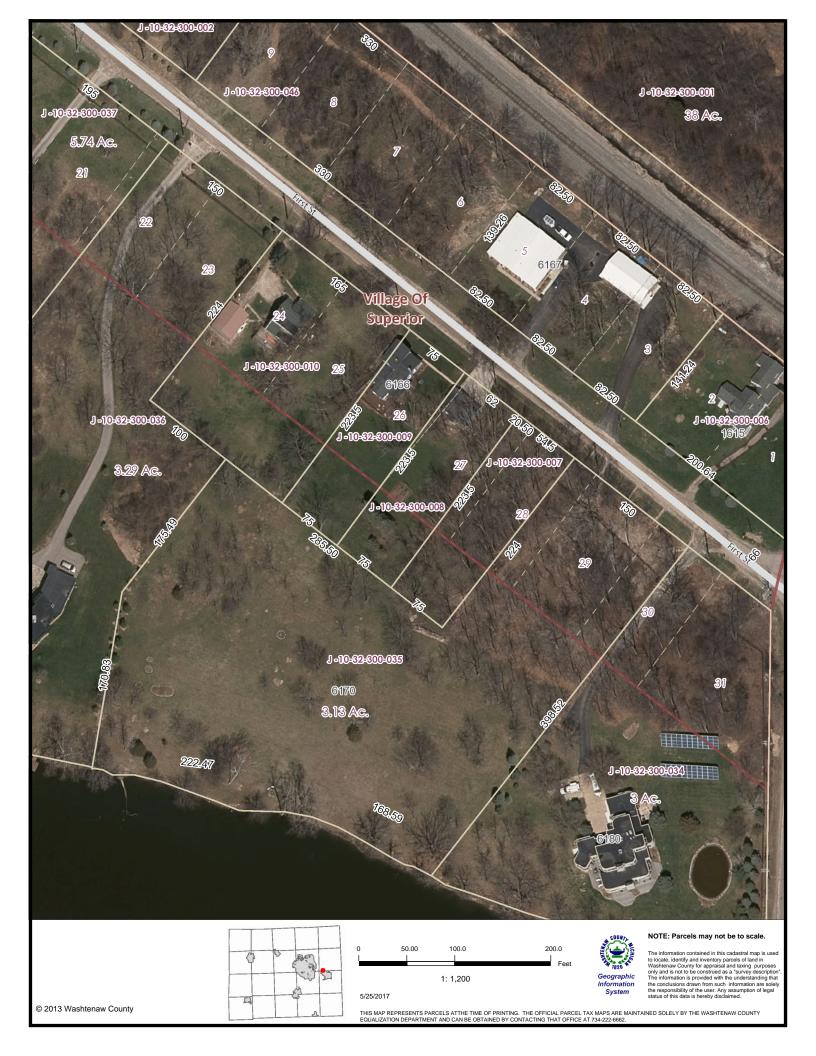
ZONED R4 RESIDENTIAL	REQ'D	EXISTING	PROPOSED	VARIANCE
MIN LOT WIDTH	60.0 FT	212.0 FT	NO CHANGE	NONE
MIN LOT DEPTH	120.0 FT	224.0 SF	NO CHANGE	NONE
MIN LOT AREA	7,200 SF	47,515 SF	NO CHANGE	NONE
MIN FRONT YARD	25.0 FT	21.19 FT	NO CHANGE	3.81 FT VARIANCE (ADDITION)
MIN LEAST SIDE	6.0 FT	2.63 FT	2.63 FT	3.37 FT VARIANCE (2ND FLOOR)
MIN TOTAL SIDES	16.0 FT	177.48 FT	174.04 FT	NONE
MIN REAR YARD	35.0 FT	147.98 FT	NO CHANGE	NONE
MAX GROUND FLOOR COVERAGE	25.0%	3.33 %	5.84 %	NONE
MAX FLOOR AREA RATIO	0.40	0.04	0.04	NONE
MAX BLDG HEIGHT	35.0 FT	21.0 FT	NO CHANGE	NONE
	2½ STORIES	2 STORY	NO CHANGE	NONE

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Rec'd 5/23/17 LB

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Variance from the requirements of the following Zoning Ordinance  Section(s): 3./0/
☐ Appeal of the decision of the Township Zoning Official
APPLICANT INFORMATION
Name DAVID + KIANA BARFIELD
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Phone Number Email
Is the property owned by the applicant?    YES    NO
If "NO", what is the applicant's interest in the property?
Name, address and telephone number of owner(s):
DESCRITPION OF THE PROPERTY
Address 5460 Geddes
Parcel ID# J-10-30-300-005 Parcel size B. 2 ACRES  Size of the proposed building or addition, if any MUDROOM ADDITION: BO SUFF., GARAGE: 780 S. F.  Use of existing building (if any) and property SINGLE FAMILY  Zoning classification of property R-1
If a new building is proposed, has the Building Inspection department examined the plans for the
proposed building? □YES □NO
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This is a unique circumstance because the original house was built far into the front 60' octback. Also, the grades are very steep around the house limiting the location of a garage with 1st Plan access.

We currently park our cars where we are proposing the garage to be and we will extend a small room on the east to create a musicoon. We would also like to add a covered entrance to our front door. Because so much of our house is in the front set back, this covered entrance would also be non-conforming.

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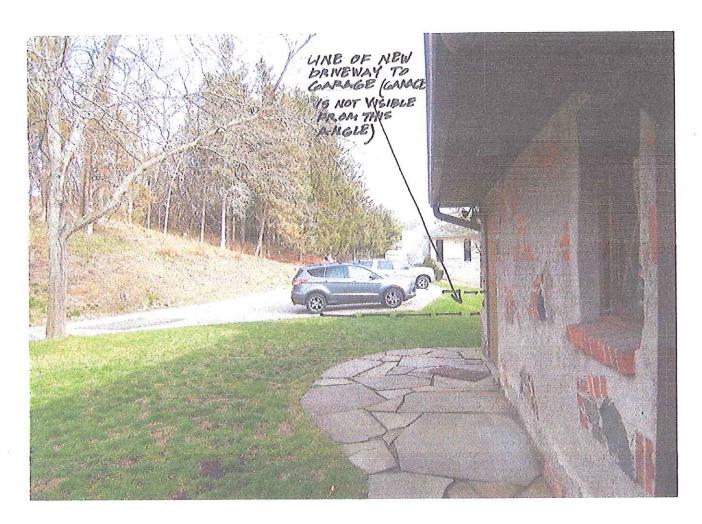
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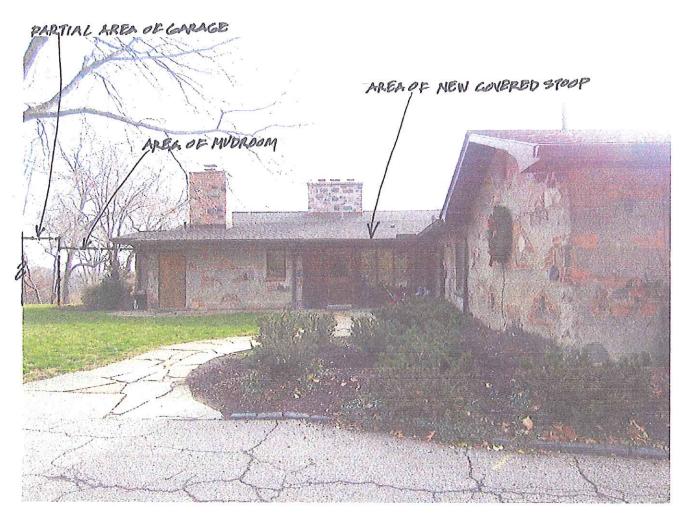
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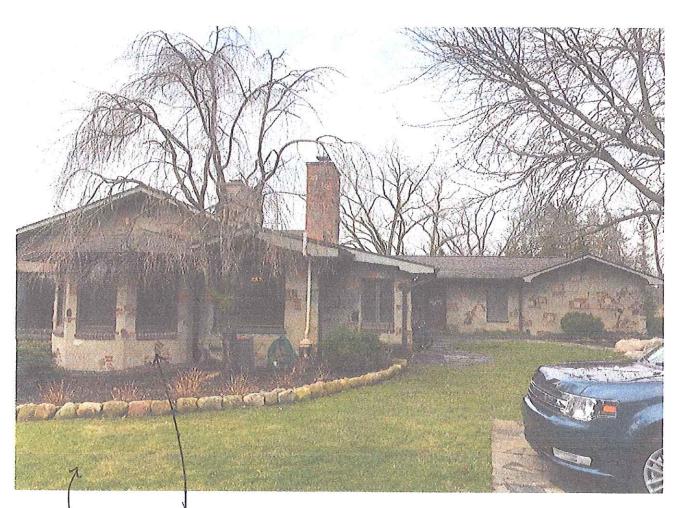
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