

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CITY OF NOVI Community Development Department (248) 347-0415

Case No. PZ13-0013 21373 Bridle Run

Location: 21373 Bridle Run

Zoning District: RA, Residential Acreage District

The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, and Section 2400 to allow construction of a new single family home with a reduced front setback of 30ft. (45 ft. required). The property is located west of Beck Road and north of 8 Mile Road.

Ordinance Sections:

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 and the Maybury Park Estates RUD (Residential Unit Development) approval requires that structures designated as part of the R-A zoning district have a minimum front yard setback of 45 ft.

City of Novl Staff Comments:

The petitioner is proposing to construct a new single family detached home an an existing lot with o R-A zoning designation within the Maybury Park Residential Unit Development. The rear portion of the lat is accupied by a Conservation Easement with a depth of appraximately 156 feet recorded as part of the original development for preservation of natural features. While there is space on the lat for the proposed structure, the awner(s) would like to be able to install a pool, patio and other amenities behind rather that beside the home. The lat is somewhat unique but is not the anly lat in the development with a significant partian covered by the conservation Easement.

Standards for Granting a Dimensional Variance:

A variance may be granted if a practical difficulty exists due to all of the following:

- There are unique circumstances or physical conditions of the property such as narrowness, shallowness, shape, water, topography or similar physical conditions and the need for the variance is not due to the applicant's personal or economic difficulty because
- The need is not self-created because_
- Strict compliance with regulations governing area, setback, frontage, height, bulk, density
 or other dimensional requirements will unreasonably prevent the property owner from using
 the property for a permitted purpose, or will render conformity with those regulations
 unnecessorily burdensome because
- The requested variance is the minimum variance necessary to do substantial justice to the
 applicant as well as to other property owners in the district
 because
- The requested variance will not cause an odverse impact on surrounding property, property values or the use and enjayment of the property in the neighborhood or zaning district because

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	TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT - PLEA I signed application and 13 copies of all supporti	
Applicant's Name <u>Ja</u>	mes Janisse	Date 130/2013
Company (if applicable)		
Address* 3939 Woo "Where all case correspondence i	odward Ste. 232 city Detroi	<u>t</u> st <u>M1</u> zip <u>4820)</u>
Applicant's E-mail Address		
Phone Number (519) 7	35 - 3520 FAX Number	r()
Request is for:		
Residential Constructi	on (New/ Existing)	Commercial Signage
1. Address of subject ZBA	case: 21373 Bridle Run	ZIP 481 (07-
		from Assessing Department (248) 347-0485
3. Is the property within a H	Iomeowner's Association jurisdiction? Yes	No
4. Zoning: IXRA R-1 R-	2 R-3 R-4 RT RM-1 RM-2 MH C	OS-1 [ີ⊃S-2 ີ⊃SC ິOSTOT⊦
5. Property Owner Name (i	other than applicant)	
6. Does your appeal result	from a Notice of Violation or Citation Issued?	Yes No
	on(s) and variances requested:	
1. Section 2400	Variance requested Reduction	n of Frontyard
2. Section	Variance requested Setbac	k to 30 feet
3. Section	Variance requested	
4. Section	Variance requested	RECEIVI
8. Please submit an accura	te, scaled drawing of the property showing:	FEB 1 2013
b. The location and dimen	imensions correlated with the legal description. Isions of all existing and proposed structures and use drains, or waterways which traverse or abut the prop	

9. State the practical difficulties which prevent conformance with the Zoning Ordinance requirements (attach separate sheet if necessary):

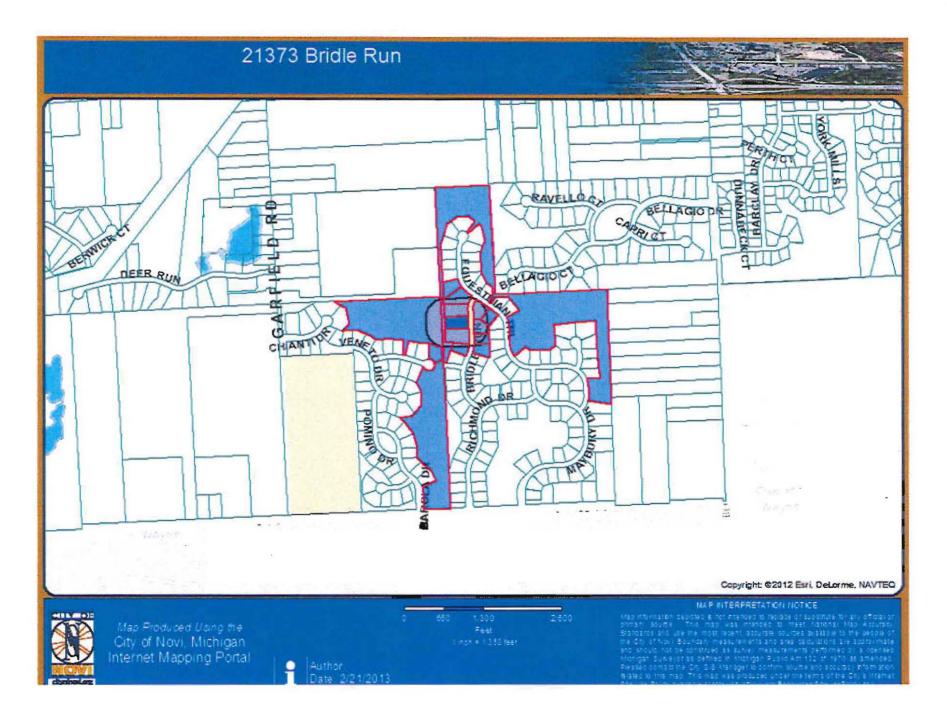
attached Sheet DRR 10. Describe any unique circumstances regarding the property (i.e., shape, topography, etc.) which are not common to other properties in the area and which prevent strict compliance with the Zoning Ordinance: ee attached sheet _____ SIGN CASES ONLY: Your signature on this application indicates that you agree to install a Mock-Up Sign ten (10) days before the scheduled ZBA meeting. Failure to install a mock-up sign may result in your case not being heard by the Board, postponed to the next scheduled ZBA meeting, or cancelled. A mock-up sign is NOT to be the actual sign. Upon approval, the mock-up sign must be removed within five (5) days of the meeting. If the case is denied, the applicant is responsible for all costs involved in the removal of the mockup or actual sign (if erected under violation) within five (5) days of the meeting. Variance approval is void if permit not obtained within one hundred eighty (180) days of date of decision. There is a five (5) day hold period before work/action can be taken on variance approvals. All property owners' within 300 feet of ZBA property address will be notified of the ZBA case and variance requests. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: The undersigned hereby appeals the determination of the Building Official/ Inspector or Ordinance Officer made Construct New Home/Building _____Addition to Existing Home/Building Accessory Building Use Signage Other 1/30/2013 Date mes am Applicants Signature mis Property Owners/Signature DECISION ON APPEAL Granted Postponed by Request of Applicant Denied Board The Building Inspector is hereby directed to issue a permit to the Applicant upon the following items and conditions: Chairperson, Zoning Board of Appeals Date

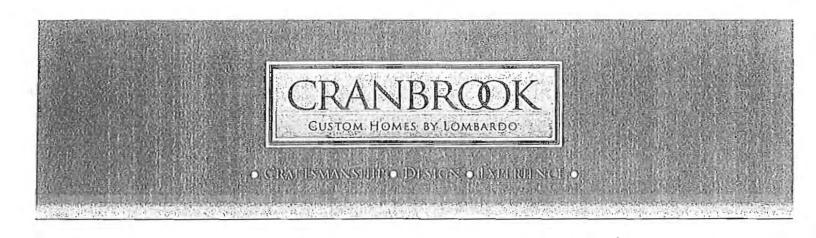
9. State the practical difficulties which prevent conformance with the Zoning Ordinance requirements:

The property we own, 21373 Bridle Run (Lot 90) poses significant practical difficulties as we move forward with our building plans. We are a family with two young boys (4 and 8 years of age) and we would like to build a house and have a property that we will be able to enjoy year round. For a family with children, part of that enjoyment includes having a backyard with room to have a deck/patio and pool. The current ordinance requirements for lot 90 do not leave adequate space for these things in the backyard. There is currently a 45 foot setback required on the property and a large conservation easement in the backyard. Because of these two things, we do not have enough room behind the house to have a patio and pool. We do not want to place the pool in our side yard because this may interfere with our neighbors and the expected aesthetics of the neighborhood. We have put a great deal of effort into designing the home in a way that would reduce its depth in order to add to the available space in the backyard. However, that alone is not sufficient. Therefore, we are asking for a reduction of the front yard setback from 45 feet to 30 feet so that we will have some room to build a patio and pool.

10. Describe any unique circumstances regarding the property (i.e., shape, topography, etc.) which are not common to other properties in the area and which prevent strict compliance with the Zoning Ordinance:

The primary thing that is unique about our property is that it includes a very large conservation easement, which cannot be utilized in any way. The property is 291 feet deep; however the back 156 feet are restricted conservation easement. This leaves a 135 foot depth for building. After the 45 foot setback, the building envelope is only 90 feet. As previously stated, although we've worked hard to minimize the depth of the house, we are still only left with approximately 28-38 feet of backyard space. This distance will not be enough to fit both a pool and patio/deck behind the house. Moving the house forward 15 feet will allow for approximately 43-53 feet behind the house, which will allow for a modest size patio and pool. The request for a 30 foot setback, instead of the 45 foot setback, will not adversely impact the surrounding neighborhood. The majority of homes in the neighborhood currently have a 30 foot setback. Therefore, our home's placement will fit in with the surroundings.





February 21, 2013

Dean Williams Kramer-Triad Management Group 1100 Victors Way STE 50 Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Re: Maybury Park Estates Lot 90 / James and Heather Janisse

Dean,

We have reviewed the modification request and the developer supports changing the setback on lot 90 in Maybury Park Estates from 45' to 30'.

Sincerely,

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Sebastian Lombardo President Cranbrook Custom Homes

February 16, 2013

Zoning Board of Appeals City of Novi Community Development Department 45175 W 10 Mile Rd Novi MI 48375

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of James and Heather Janisse's application for building variance to the City of Novi. I understand that they have requested to reduce their front yard setback from 45 to 30 feet. I live at 21341 Bridle Run (lot 91) which is right next to the lot James and Heather will be building on. I have met the Janisse's a couple of times and we have discussed their building plans. I believe their request is reasonable and I have no objection to the requested placement of their house on lot 90. I believe their building plans are well suited to the community.

Sincerely,

Hazim Gorges 21341 Bridle Run Novi MI 48167

