APPIDAVIT OF ANN M. WIZINSKY

Ann M. Wizinsky first duly sworm deposes and states:

- 1. I am competent to testify to the facts contained within
- 2. With all the horrible things that happened to us described in my husband's affidavit, as a woman, I did not hell and and secure coming to the property, township and county. It is clear they want us gone and no matter what approvals, permits, Certificate of Occupancy, and even if they lose in litimation, they would continue their efforts and escalation.
- 3. With the confirmation by my hashand, of racism of a county official whom my bushand had known for years, and confirmation of racism by the Civil Rights Division, as a mether; I will not risk my daughter's life, because of my crazy neighbors. I did not know as solut extent our neighbors would take. I was afraid that we would be in the home and they would burn us in our home; that is the fear I have. Specifically, the break-in and vandalism and that by our neighbors was an act of violence against our property.
- A. The hiring of a private detective proved the extreme extent of these people's desire to keep our family from using our home. It simply enacy and extremely creepy and unsetting that we were weached by this man.
- 5. The fact that the County and Township governments were heavily involved in The Shores affings through unlawful means to keep us off our property. I felt there would no one to call for help that if violence occurred against my family by the Shores, County or Township.
- 6. When the mediator stated that they wanted us to sell the property, that they wanted us gone, with all the folonies commuted against us over the proceeding years, we took that

as a direct threat against our lives. We were under duress to sign. We feared physical barm or death if we did not sign!

- 7. At the time of mediation, in a short discussion about the mutual release, the Township and County was unaware that a Federal Case was filed against them because they had not been served yet.
- 8. The mediator did not tell Todd Hoogland, Steve Patmore or Gaylen Leighton of the Federal Case filed.
- 9. In our discussion with the mediator and our attorney, our understanding of the signing of the
- 10. When my husband and I signed the Settlement Agreement, we believed it was final resolution of the State Court Case, only
- It. When my husband and I signed the Seulement Agreement, we believed with the mutual release drafted that reflecting our understanding in mediation, we could proceed with a Federal Action holding individuals liable for their actions.
- 12. My hasband and I would not have signed a settlement agreement whereas we give up all our property rights, (since it was made clear in mediation, we would never be allowed to use our property in peace) without holding the individuals who did this to our family accountable.

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Further affiant sayeth not.

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AFFIDAVIT OF CARMINE P. AVANTINI, AICP

I am a professional certified planner and am competent to testify as an expert witness in zoning matters. I have worked directly for, and with, community planning and zoning departments for over 35 years and provide expert testimony for attorneys specializing in planning and zoning cases. See Attached my Qualifications.

Mr. Wizinsky had asked me to review his documents and case, including the following information provided by him.

BACKGROUND: ZONING AND CONSTRUCTION DEFINITIONS

The Leelanau Township Zoning Official has designated the subject structure nonconforming, which means that in 1992 when the building was built it was in compliance with all zoning requirements. The zoning requirements, such as setbacks, have changed since then but the structure has the same rights as todays building for repairs and renovations through the nonconforming regulations. This is established in the Township Zoning Ordinances Section 10.5(B)(5), Permitted Repairs, which states:

"Permitted repairs - Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the repair, reinforcement, reconstruction or other such improvements of a legal nonconforming building or structure, or part thereof, rendered necessary by wear and tear, deterioration, flood, fire or vandalism, provided the repair does not increase the established footprint or cubic content of the original nonconforming structure."

BACKGROUND: LEELANAU TOWNSHIP

From the record provided, it appears that Leelanau Township has charged Mr. Wizinsky in court proceedings with a zoning violation without following proper procedures. The Michigan Zoning Enabling Act requires specific steps be followed for charging a possible zoning violation. Instead, the Wizinskys were sued directly in a court of law without first applying the required

administrative remedies. In doing so, Leelanau Township denied The Wizinskys the protections under the MZEA, MCL125, 3407, which states:

"The legislative body shall in the zoning ordinance enacted under this act designate the proper official or officials who shall administer and enforce the zoning ordinance and do 1 of the following for each violation of the zoning ordinance:

- (a) Impose a penalty for the violation.
- (b) Designate the violation as a municipal civil infraction and impose a civil fine for the violation.
- (c) Designate the violation as a blight violation and impose a civil fine or other sanction authorized by law."

The Wizinskys were required by law to be issued with a citation or fine describing the violation. Typically, the property owner is given a chance to correct the violation on their own, prior to a fine, within a certain time period. If they do not agree to the violation, the law requires they have a right to appeal that decision to a Zoning Board of Appeals, MCL 125.3604. If the homeowners are unhappy with that decision, they can appeal that decision to the Circuit Court as per the statute, MCL 125.3606.

When the Wizinskys were sued citing the Nuisance Per Se Section under MCL 125, 3407 and Section 10.6 of the Township Zoning ordinances, the State Act and Township Zoning Ordinance required a fine or citation first, not direct litigation.

If there was a violation, a fine could have been issued per the MZEA. The Township Ordinance Section 10.6 also requires a fine:

A. "Municipal Civil Infraction. A violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan statute and shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

First Offense \$100.00 "

CONCLUSION

Based upon the above information, by suing the Wizinskys directly without seeking administrative remedies, Leelanau Township denied them the protections and due process provided them under the MZEA and the Township Zoning Ordinance.

I swear the testimony is this Affidavit is the truth.

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Notary Public, Genesee Co. MI
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By: Carmine P. Avantini

Its: President

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The foregoing Contract was acknowledged before me by Carmine P. Avantini, President, on behalf of Community Image Builders, on the 26th day of august, 2020.

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CARMINE P. AVANTINI, AICP



For over 37 years, Carmine has provided innovative solutions to community planning, zoning & development challenges.

Carmine specializes in community planning, zoning, public involvement, economic development, downtown planning, small town development, site redevelopment, and project implementation. He works with a wide range of municipalities to find creative solutions to challenging development issues and sees them through to implementation; recognizing that projects are not truly completed until construction is finished.

Carmine is also active in the preparation and implementation of several redevelopment strategies and projects including the Wixom Village Center Area (VCA); the Downtown Fenton Redevelopment Plan including removal of the pedestrian mall and reopening of the street; and currently redevelopment of the former Ford Wixom Plant Assembly into a mixed-use commercial, industrial, office and R&D center. Carmine is also the zoning instructor the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Best Practices training program.

Prior to starting CIB Planning, Carmine was a co-founder of LSL Planning, the Director of Planning and Community Development for Utica, NY, Executive Director of the Herkimer County, NY, Development Corporation and City Planner for Rome, NY. He also worked as a Project Manager with CRM Commercial Properties where he was responsible for the redevelopment of two different former industrial complexes into mixed- use facilities.



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City of Luna Pier (MI) Economic Development Strategy

Shelby Township (MI) DDA Plan Update & Project Implementation

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From: James Zimmerman <jimzimmerman.ags@gmail.com>

To: wwizinsky@aol.com Date: Fri, Aug 28, 2020 9:55 am

Chapter 6 Michigan R...pdf (83 KB)

Hello Bill,

In regards to the pergola we spoke about, I am still at a loss of what would be considered a non-permanent foundation as far as the building code goes. It is not defined in any of our current code books or in the BOCA code book I have dated in the 90s,

If the pergola was permitted as a "temporary structure", which is in our code and the BOCA codes used at the time of construction, it should have been listed on the permit as "Temporary" and given the time allowed for the structure to remain in place.

According to the current (2015) Michigan Building Gode:

[A] 108.1 General

The building official is authorized to issue a permit for temporary structures and temporary uses. Such permits shall be limited as to time of service, but shall not be permitted for more than 180 days. The building official is authorized to grant extensions for demonstrated cause.

[A] 108.2 Conformance

Temporary structures and uses shall comply with the requirements in Section 3103.

3103.1.1 Conformance

Temporary structures and uses shall conform to the structural strength, fire safety, means of egress, accessibility, light, ventilation and sanitary requirements of this code as necessary to ensure public health, safety and general welfare.

The BOCA Code was in use at the time your original structure was built and my 1999 version of the BOCA Code states exactly the same provisions with the exception that the limits for temporary construction is limited to one year.

I would think that the original pergola you are referring to would have been assumed to be more of a permanent structure as one does not build such a structure with the intention of disassembling it within a year. I'm thinking the original DNR permit may have a different definition of "non-permanent foundation"?

The current structure that you wish to work on would now fall under the 2015 Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings:

502.1 Scope

Repairs, as defined in Chapter 2, include the patching or restoration or replacement of damaged materials, elements, equipment or fixtures for the purpose of maintaining such components in good or sound condition with respect to existing loads or performance requirements,

502.2 Application

Repairs shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 6.

502.3 Related Work

Work on nondamaged components that is necessary for the required repair of damaged components shall be considered part of the repair and shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapter 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11.

I have attached a copy of Chapter 6 in its entirety for your information.

Thanks Jim Zimmerman Building Department - Code and Safety Benzie County, Manistee Township, City of Cadillac

R110.2 Change in Use

A change in the character or use of an existing structure shall not be made, except as specified in the <u>Michigan building code</u>, R 408.30401 to R 408.30499.

R 408.30510

R110.3 Certificate Issued

After the <u>building official</u> inspects the building or structure and finds no violations of the provisions of this code or other laws that are enforced by the department of building safety, the <u>building official</u> shall issue a certificate of occupancy which shall contain the following:

- 1. The building permit number.
- 2. The address of the structure.
- 3. A description of that portion of the structure for which the certificate is issued.
- 4. A statement that the described portion of the structure has been inspected for compliance with the requirements of this code.
- 5. The name of the building official.
- 6. The edition of the code under which the permit was issued.
- 7. Any special stipulations and conditions of the building <u>permit</u>. R 408.30510