The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Jachym.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Doroshewitz
Mike Carlin
Robert Harris
Harry Jachym
Ray Sturdy

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
4 members of the public

ITEM NO. 1 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – August 4, 2016

Moved by Mr. Harris and supported by Mr. Sturdy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2016 as written. Ayes all.

ITEM NO. 2 – New Business

2. Application No 1544:

Application No. 1544 - Kirco Ventures LLC (Oerlikon)
101 W. Big Beaver #200
Troy MI 48084

Location – 41144 Concept DR
Plymouth MI 48170

Tax I.D. #78-025-01-0007-000

IND Zoning District

RE: Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Article 19 Sec 19.1 (11) (c) Research and Industrial Parks, Height Exceptions and 19.4 (l) (2) (3) Fencing, Maximum Height and Material, Industrial District
The applicant is requesting three variances:

1. The applicant is in an IND zoning district within an industrial park and is requesting three variances. This applicant is going through Planning Commission site plan approval in September 2016 and if approved they want to move forward with this ZBA application. There are four parcels involved with this project; Indsite Associates LLC will combine the four parcels known as: R78-025-01-0004-000, R78-025-01-0005-000, R78-025-01-0006-000 and R78-025-01-0007-000 and build a new commercial building addressed as 41144 Concept DR. The variance requests are as follows:

   - Maximum building height in an industrial park is 45 feet, the middle section of this building needs to be 64 feet for a piece of specialty equipment, variance requested is 19 feet in building height.
   - Maximum height of security fencing is 6 feet; the products used at this company must meet Federal Guidelines for Homeland Security requirements against domestic terrorism activities. Variance requested is 1 foot.
   - Fencing material, no pointed projections allowed, again due to Federal Guidelines for Homeland Security requirements against
domestic terrorism activities these pointed projections must be a part of the fence. **Variation requested to allow pointed projections on the top of the security fencing.**

Mr. Sturdy explained that the applicant appeared before the Planning Commission on September 21, 2016 and they exercised their ability under the Zoning Ordinance to consider issues related to the fence and they decided to approve the fence, thus making it a moot issue for the Zoning Board. The only issue, then, before the Zoning Board is the height variance.

A representative of Oerlikon addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the building of a facility that will allow the production of metal powder to be used in 3D printing. He indicated the production of this powder requires a certain height tower.

Mr. Sturdy commented on the heights in this particular industrial location where rail yard utility poles are as high as 65 feet. In perspective, the Burroughs clock tower is 130 feet and it’s 80 feet to the top of the administration building.

The Board also found the proposal to meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance.

Moved by Mr. Sturdy and supported by Mr. Harris to grant the variance in building height of 19 feet as requested in Application 1544 for Kirco Ventures LLC (Oerlikon) at 41144 Concept Drive. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Sturdy and supported by Mr. Carlin to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Ayes all.

Respectfully submitted,

**Raymond O. Sturdy, Jr.**

Raymond O. Sturdy, Jr., Secretary
Zoning Board of Appeals