

**Bates Township
Zoning Board of Appeals
Member / Alternate Wanted**

The State of Michigan zoning enabling act requires that a community with an adopted zoning ordinance must have a zoning board of appeals. The function of the ZBA is to conduct three principal functions:

1. To hear and decide appeals of administrative decisions made in implementing the zoning ordinance; and
2. To hear and decide requests for variances from the strict terms of the zoning ordinance. In addition, the ZBA is occasionally called upon to interpret the provisions of the zoning ordinance.
3. To hear appeals for a variance from a Zoning Ordinance provision due to a practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship associated with a unique property.

Skills & Abilities needed. The following is a list of skills and abilities that a member should possess. Attention to detail; Ability to think in abstract terms; Willingness to listen and learn; Willingness to speak in a public forum; A rudimentary understanding of the Zoning Ordinance; Ability to read and understand plans, ordinances, and other municipal documents; Ability to attend meetings as needed; Ability to attend training as required.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is a five-member board of Bates Township Residents appointed by the Township Supervisor. The members serve for three-year terms. The wage is a "\$60 per meeting" fee, (subject to change.)

Bates Township Residents can send letters of interest to: Bates Township Clerk, 3070 E. US Hwy 2, Iron River, MI 49935

Deadline is 4:00pm Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Bates Township reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all letters of interest.