

FROM THE DESK OF

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Atlas Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Board,

Due to a prior commitment I am unable to attend the public hearing regarding the use request for the property at 10280 Hegel Rd. Goodrich, MI 48438.

I believe the group asking for the variance, My Brothers Keeper, has a fantastic mission to assist homeless men, veterans at this location per their request.

Upon reviewing the requesters website it appears in their current facility they shelter those they serve from 5:30 pm to 7 am, I was not able to find how long veterans stay in their shelter, or how that part of their program functions. For this facility, who will be housed there, how long are they able to stay, how will they be coming to the facility and leaving the facility, while at the facility will they have the freedom to roam the community or will they be kept onsite?

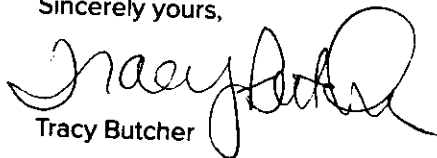
I am all for opening our arms to accept new comers to our community, and I am driven to help those in need on a daily basis. My concern lies in the fact that they're essentially taking individuals from outside our rural area, and bringing them here where there is no where for them to walk to for food, work, or shelter outside of this house, without it being explained to the community, who the residents will be, how they will arrive and leave, if they don't have transportation will they just be stuck in the house or will be out roaming the rural roads of Atlas Township?

Another concern is the fact that they purchased a house not zoned for their intended use and it appears they just intended to use it however they wanted without approval.

Since I will not be in attendance to hear the answers to the questions I have, along with those I'm sure being brought by others, my opinion is based on what I do know, and from that information I must say that I am against this use request.

Thank you for hearing my opinion in my absence, I trust that you'll take it along with any other public comment you hear in person or via writing and make the best decision for our community.

Sincerely yours,


Tracy Butcher