

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Saugatuck Township Zoning Board of Appeals met on November 4, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. at the township hall on Blue Star Highway, Saugatuck Mi 49453.

Present: Oyler, Marzuk and Wester

Also Present: Attorney Donnel

Chairman Oyler called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. One hearing was scheduled: Wolters Realty, Ltd for parcel #0320-032-046-00. Request is for a variance contrary to the provisions of the C-1 and A-2 zones to allow "an automobile service station with convenience store and car wash".

The audience was at full capacity.

Attorney Donnel explained action leading up to this variance. He also informed the board that Wolters have made a request to the township board and planning commission for a zoning change. If the zoning change is approved there will not be a need for a variance from the zoning board. He suggested the board not close the hearing but leave it open and postpone the hearing until the zoning issue has been decided.

Attorney Shearer, for Wolters explained their position. He stated they believed the property was improperly zoned. He believed it should have been zoned as part of the Interstate Exchange due to its proximity to the interstate.

Dan Emperer, Blanford Apprasials also spoke on behalf of the Wolters. He stated the current zoning doesn't give the property owner full rights of property values.

The board asked for a show of hands from the audience as to opposition. 95% of the audience was opposed to the variance. Although the board did allow some input from the audience, it was determined that if the hearing was adjourned additional testimony would be heard at a later date.

Board decision was to let the zoning procedure run its course and if this hearing continues it will be moved to another location to accommodate the audience.

Motion by Oyler to adjourn this hearing for the taking of additional testimony until after the two separate legislative processes concerning rezoning have been completed with the adjourned hearing being renoticed and moving to a larger more appropriate venue, seconded by Wester, carried..

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Tarue Pullen
Recording Secretary

Tedd Oyler
Chairman