

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS

May 28, 2009

The Saugatuck Zoning Board of Appeals met on May 28, 2009, at the township hall on Blue Star Highway, Saugatuck, MI 49453.

Present: Shawn Powers, Pam Marczuk, Bill Rowe

Absent: None

Also present: Z.A.Ellingsen, Mark Putnam, Layne Lachner(applicant)

The ZBA was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

First thing on the agenda was to appoint a new Chairperson. Rowe nominated Powers for Chairman. Marczuk seconded. Powers accepted. Unanimously approved.

Second, a Vice-Chairperson needs to be appointed. Powers nominated Rowe for Vice-Chair. Marczuk seconded. Rowe accepted. Unanimously approved.

Approval of the minutes of March 26, 2009. Motioned by Rowe, Powers seconded. Unanimously approved.

Chairman Powers read the notice from the paper.

One hearing was scheduled: A request from Pine Trail Camp, Inc., 3525 Dugout Road (Parcel #0320-004-003-00) to expand an existing Christian youth recreational facility by building an addition to the existing chapel. The facility is located in the R-2, Riverside Residential Zone. The use is currently non-conforming, however, the expansion would be allowed if adjudicated under Section 40-1012(b) of the Saugatuck Township Zoning Ordinance. The proposed project was approved by the Planning Commission May 11, 09 for a site plan for expansion for a chapel with conditions.

There was a letter sent from Michael Allen, in support of the Pine Trail Camp expansion.

Rowe, being a Planning Commission member and also a Zoning Board of Appeals member. Under Michigan State law you can only vote once on the same thing in a different position. When the Planning Commission did vote Rowe was absent so he has not voted on this matter.

Layne Lechler, applicant for Pine Trail Camp described his expansion, would be less than 50% of the existing chapel and 50% less than all the buildings that occupy the camp. He stated it will not increase the people it will just expand the space.

ZBA read the conditions the Planning Commission gave upon approval. Also they read a letter from Deputy Chief, Greg Janik stating conditions that need to be met.

Z. A. Ellingsen stated the reason Pine Trail Camp came here today is because Planner Sisson and Z. A. Ellingsen thought it was just a site plan review because it was a chapel. Planning Commission met and Atty. Bultje and Chair Hanson decided it was public private facility and should go in front of the ZBA for expansion for a non-conforming.

Chair Powers went through the following standards found in Sec. 40-1012(b).

- 1) Rowe-No, Marzcuk-No, Powers-No
- 2) Rowe-No, Marzcuk-No, Powers-No

Rowe motion to approve the expansion with conditions from the letter Deputy Chief Janik wrote, dated May 26, 2009, that the 10 conditions being met. Powers seconded. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 p.m.

Lori Babinski, Recording Secretary