

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

THURSDAY, April 4, 2013 5:00 p.m.
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP HALL
4338 BEELINE ROAD, HOLLAND, MI 49423

MINUTES

Chairman Shawn Powers called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the continuation of the March 28 hearing. At the March 28 hearing the floor was closed for additional comments. Public comment will open up after the decision has been made by the ZBA.

David Swan, 345 Griffith St., stated he would like public comment before the decision was made.

Members present: Shawn Powers, Marcia Tucker & Mark Putnam.

Also present: Zoning Administrator Al Ellingsen, Saugatuck Township Attorney Ron Bultje, Singapore Dunes Attorney James Bruinsma, Saugatuck Dunes Coastal Alliance President David Swan and various members of the general public.

Approval of minutes: **Motion by Tucker, seconded by Putnam to approve the minutes of March 28, 2013.** Unanimously approved.

Chairman Powers read the notice:

The Saugatuck Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, 4 April 2013 in the Laketown Township Hall, 4338 Beeline Road, Holland , MI 49423 at 5:00 PM to review the information received at the public hearing on 28 March 2013 and come to a decision regarding the following request:

A request from Olson Bzdok & Howard, 420 East Front St., Traverse City, MI 49686, acting as agent for the Saugatuck Dunes Coastal Alliance and Kathy Wallace and Diane Bily, to overturn the decision of the Saugatuck Township Planning Commission, which granted preliminary approval to Singapore Dunes, LLC for Phase I of a Site Condominium project on 17 December 2012. Prior to scheduling a hearing for adjudication of the above matter at a later date, the ZBA must first determine if the group and/or the individuals requesting the deliberation has “standing”(the term for the ability of a party to demonstrate sufficient connection to and harm from the law or action challenged to support that party’s participation in the action) in order to present the request to overturn a decision of the Planning Commission.

Chairman Powers asked both board members if they had read all the documentation that was submitted to them. Tucker and Putnam both affirmed that they did.

Attorney Bultje drafted a proposed resolution for consideration. A resolution to deny standing to the Saugatuck Dunes Coastal Alliance and the Bily family.

Attorney Bultje read the proposed resolution and stated that it could be revised or rejected by the ZBA.

Motion by Putnam, seconded by Tucker to deny the standing on this appeal as stated in the resolution.

Roll call vote: Tucker, Yes, Powers, Yes, Putnam, Yes. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Larry Dickie, 6108 Old Allegan Rd, Saugatuck Township, commented on there being only one resolution in denying the standing.

Chairman Powers stated they had 2 resolutions, an approval and a denial. The approval would not have to have documentation like the denial would have.

David Swan, 345 Griffith St. Saugatuck, concerns about the wet pans and how the development is going have a global affect.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Lori Babinski, Recording Secretary