

## SPECIAL SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Thursday, December 20, 2023, 2:00 p.m.  
Saugatuck Township Hall  
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453

### APPROVED MINUTES

Chair Stewart called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Patrick Stewart, Catherine Dritsas, Tammy Kerr, Denise Webster, and Alternate Rex Felker.

**Members absent:** Excused, Harry Adams and Alternate Brady

**Also present:** Cindy Osman, Building Official, litigation Attorneys Straub and Semonin, court reporter Norma Manheimer, and support staff, Morgan Arens.

**Review and Adopt agenda:** Webster made a motion, seconded by Stewart to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**Review minutes of December 14, 2023:** Webster made a motion, seconded by Stewart to approve the December 14, 2023 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

Upon motion by Webster, support by Stewart, the Transcript by the Court will be attached to the minutes as the official minutes of this meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comments:** None

**New Business:** None

**Unfinished Business:** Saugatuck Dunes Coastal Alliance v. Saugatuck Township and Saugatuck Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Allegan County, County Circuit Court Case Nos. 2017-058639-AA and 2018-595598-AA. Webster made a motion to assemble in closed session to meet with its litigation counsel regarding the pending litigation entitled *Saugatuck Dunes Coastal Alliance v. Saugatuck Township and Saugatuck Township Zoning Board of Appeals* Allegan County Case Nos. 17-58936-AA and 18-59598-AA. The Authority to meet in closed session to discuss privileged communication appears at Michigan Compiled Law 15.268(h) and discussion of trial and or settlement strategy in closed session is permitted by Michigan Compiled Law 15.268(e) since discussion of settlement or trial strategy in an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the of the Saugatuck Township Zoning Board of appeals, support by Dritsas. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Webster, supported by Dritsas, to follow the recommendation of Counsel. The motion carried 5-0.

There was no public comment or correspondence.

A motion **to adjourn** was made by Webster, supported by Stewart to close the public hearing at 1:14, motion carried 5-0.

A motion by Webster, supported by Felker passed 5-0 at 3:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Osman, Building Official