

APPROVED MINUTES

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**THURSDAY, August 2, 2012 5:00 p.m.**

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL**

**3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

**MINUTES**

Chairman Shawn Powers called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

**Members present:** Shawn Powers, Bill Rowe & Mark Putnam.

**Also present:** Zoning Administrator, Al Ellingsen, Owner, Bart Webb & Agent, Patrick Murphy.

Approval of minutes: **Motion by Putnam, seconded by Rowe to approve the minutes of April 19, 2012.**

Powers read the notice from the paper.

One hearing was scheduled: A request from Patrick Murphy, PO Box 39, Douglas, MI 49406 acting as agent for Bart Webb, 3442 Holland St., Saugatuck, MI 49453 (Parcel # 0320-004-034-00) to erect an addition to an existing nonconforming dwelling contrary to Sections 40-232(a)2 which requires a setback of 50 feet from the road right-of-way(ROW) in the R-1 Residential Zone. The applicant wishes to place the addition 30 feet from the ROW and the existing dwelling is nonconforming because it is approximately 15 feet from the ROW.

Zoning Administrator, Ellingsen suggested that Mr. Webb put the addition in between and combine the two non-conforming structures which would only make one non-conforming structure. Ellingsen stated that the plat map shows the road is 100 ft. ROW which is unusually for that type of road. Most roads are 66 ft. ROW.

Chairperson Shawn Powers read a letter from the former owner, Joe Gorka. Mr. Gorka told the members the history behind the house and why the house was so close to the road. Mr. Gorka supports the variance.

Chairman Powers went through the form for approval/denial of variance request for a variance from Section 40-232(a)2.

- 1) Rowe-Yes, Putnam-Yes, Powers-Yes
- 2) Rowe-Yes, Putnam-Yes, Powers-Yes
- 3) Rowe-Yes, Putnam-Yes, Powers-Yes
- 4) Rowe-Yes, Putnam-Yes, Powers-Yes
- 5) Rowe-Yes, Putnam-Yes, Powers-Yes

**Motion by Rowe, seconded by Putnam to approve the variance.** Carried unanimously.

A brief discussion took place for outside counsel regarding Singapore LLC.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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Lori Babinski, Recording Secretary

After closed session, brief discussion took place for considering outside counsel for upcoming plans for Singapore LLC.