

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**Tuesday, February 23, 2016 5:00 p.m.
Saugatuck Township Hall
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453**

MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Bill Rowe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Douglas Lane & Bill Rowe.

Also present: Zoning Administrator, Steve Kushion.

Review and Adopt agenda: Line item #7 was postponed, variance hearing for 0320-340-005-00. **Motion by Rowe to approve the agenda as amended, Lane seconded.** Unanimously approved.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Lane seconded by Rowe to approve the minutes of December 17, 2014. Unanimously approved.

Public Comments and Correspondence: None

Request for Variance from front yard setbacks to allow an attached garage to be 16 feet from the front property line instead of the required 40 feet, Michael J Morse, 3428 Riverside Drive, 03-20-340-005-00.

Z.A. Kushion stated that the applicant's property is only 159 feet in depth, with much of the rear yard having a steep drop off to the river. The 75 foot setback from the water's edge and 40 foot front yard setback creates a very small building envelope and basically is the only spot on the parcel to build a garage.

Z. A. Kushion mentioned that the applicants park on the side of the road and that the applicants first asked for a three stall garage and since have scaled that back.

Z.A. Kushion stated there are several garages on Riverside Drive that are in the road right of way and so this would not look out of place.

Michael Morse, applicant, stated that they have no place to store their vehicles and other things. If approved they would make improvements to their home with a new roof, windows and siding.

Motion by Lane to grant the variance, Rowe seconded. Unanimously approved.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm

Lori Babinski, Recording Secretary