

**Minutes**  
**Saugatuck Planning Commission Meeting**  
Saugatuck, Michigan, October 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm

The Saugatuck Planning Commission met in regular session at 7:00 pm at City Hall, 102 Butler Street, Saugatuck, Michigan via Zoom due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

1. **Call to Order:** by Chairperson Vlasity at 7:00 pm.

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Manns, VanMeter, Crawford, Vlasity, Fox, Caspar

**Absent:** Peterson

**Others Present:** Zoning Administrator Osman, City Clerk Wilkinson

2. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Fox, 2nd by VanMeter, to approve the agenda as amended to reflect the month of October and year 2020. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2020:** A motion was made by Manns, 2nd by Caspar, to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 17, 2020 as presented. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items: Jane Goodwin** (resident) addressed the fence height for corner lots, explaining that currently corner lots are treated as if they have two front yards, rather than a front and side yard, and expressed a desire to utilize more of her property.
5. **New Business:**
  1. **Public hearing – fence heights** - Chairperson Vlasity called the public hearing to order at 7:10 pm.

Public Comment: Jeanne Johnston (resident) explained that the placement of the six foot fence would not endanger the public or impede visibility on the corner, but it would provide additional safety for their children and animals and would provide added privacy.

Chairperson Vlasity called the public hearing to a close at 7:40 pm.

A motion was made by , 2nd by Manns, to accept the amendment to Ordinance Title XV, Chapter 154, Section 154.143 of the Code of the City of Saugatuck as outlined in the packet. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Public hearing – Non-conforming structures** - Chairperson Vlasity called the public hearing to order at 8:04 pm.

Public Comment: None

Chairperson Vlasity called the public hearing to a close at 8:05 pm.

A motion was made by Fox, 2nd by VanMeter, to accept the amendments to section 154.174 of the Saugatuck City Ordinance to treat non-conforming flood threatened properties in the same manner as non-conforming properties damaged by wind or

fire or other calamity. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Old Business:** A motion was made by Caspar, 2nd by VanMeter to table the changes for accessory buildings in sections 154.174 of the Code of the City of Saugatuck for the next meeting. Upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.
7. **Communications:** None
8. **Reports of Officers and Committees:** None
9. **Public Comments:** None
10. **Adjournment:** A motion by Crawford, 2nd by VanMeter, to adjourn the meeting at 08:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Wilkinson  
City Clerk