

Minutes
Saugatuck Zoning Board of Appeals
Saugatuck, Michigan, August 13, 2020

The Saugatuck Zoning Board of Appeals met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video/conference technology due to COVID-19 restrictions currently in place.

1. **Call to Order** by Bont 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Bouck, Bont, Vlasity

Absent: Kubasiak, Zerfas, Ludlow

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Osman, City Manager Harrier

2. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Bouck, 2nd by Vlasity, to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Bont, 2nd by Vlasity, table the approval the April 30, 2020 meeting minutes to complete the height variance standards. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

4. **New Business:**

A. Dimensional Variance for **295 Park Street/V200001:** A public hearing was scheduled on this date to hear comments regarding the raising of the existing house at 295 Park Street that encroaches into the rear yard and the side yard at the same location.

Vice Chairperson Bont opened the hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Greg Plowe of 295 Park Street introduced himself.

Charles Carlson presented the application of behalf of property owner Greg Plowe.

A diagram of the location of the existing house was presented. Elevations and photos were presented. Photos showing the 350 sandbags holding back the flood waters were included. Four letters of support were submitted.

The deck is not included in this application. The application is to raise the house and not to determine the type of foundation. It depends on the condition of the existing foundation if it can be reused or not. The applicant clarified that a new foundation was required.

There being no further discussion, Vice Chairperson Bont closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Bouck stated that since a new foundation is planned, the house could be moved out of the required side yard setback and get closer to the street and be removed from the rear yard setback, being a lesser relief. The Board should take the opportunity to improve the situation by making it more conforming and not create a practical difficulty.

The applicant stated that he was very reluctant to move the house any closer to dangerous Park Street.

A motion was made by Bouck, 2nd by Vlasity, to table Application V200002 to the application to raise the house for additional information, including an option to make the location more in conformance with the setbacks to specific date August 19, 2020 at 7 PM. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

5. **Unfinished Business:** None

6. **Communications:** None

7. **Public Comments:** None

8. **ZBA Comments:** Open seats

11. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Bont, 2nd by Bouck, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Osman
Interim City Clerk