

Zoning Board of Appeals

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 23, 2012
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers



City of South Haven

1. Call to Order by Ingersoll at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Apotheker, Paull, Wittkop, Ingersoll, Lewis
Absent: Henry, Wheeler (excused)

Chair Ingersoll introduced and welcomed new member Dennis Lewis.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Wittkop, second by Apotheker to approve the July 23, 2012 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2012

Motion by Apotheker, second by Wheeler to approve the June 25, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

5. Interested Citizens in the Audience Will be Heard on Items Not on the Agenda

NEW BUSINESS – Site Plan Review Extension Request

6. The City of South Haven requests a variance from zoning ordinance section 1406-2 in order to allow a continuation of a previously granted site plan approval. The project requiring the extension is the proposed improvements to the Northside Marina at 148 Black River Street. The parcel number for the property is 80-53-745-001-00. The city intends to begin construction immediately following the summer season in order to avoid a nuisance or inconvenience to the public. The city is asking for the extension to be in effect until December 31, 2012.

Anderson introduced the request and explained the reason the variance was needed. She also explained that the appeal was before the ZBA as the applicant had exhausted all planning commission opportunities for extension.

Ingersoll opened the public hearing at 7:07 PM.

Marilyn Miller, 119 South Street, asked about scheduling for the project. She said the city manager had told her it would begin in mid-October. Ingersoll responded that the ZBA was not aware of a starting date but would defer to the city manager's statement. Ms. Miller then asked about where equipment would be stored during construction. She was informed that that issue was not the immediate concern of the ZBA and that she should contact city engineering for additional information.

With no other public comments, the hearing was closed at 7:09.

Motion by Paull to extend the site plan approval until December 31, 2012 based on unavoidable delays in the state review process and the city's desire to not inconvenience boaters during the summer season. Motion seconded by Lewis. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Wittkop, second by Paull to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Linda Anderson (for Marsha Ransom, Recording Secretary)