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Douglass Township Planning Commission  
Minutes from Public Hearing  
Oct. 25, 2023  
6:00 pm

**Call to order:** 6:04 pm by Mike Swan, vice chairman

**Pledge Of Allegiance:** recited

**Roll Call:** Present: Kathy Craig, Mike Swan, Jon Bailey, Eric Tester

Absent: Melissa Bannen, Matt Moorman, Rick Baldwin

**Purpose of Public Hearing**

Mike Swan read the purpose of the public meeting:

“to review, gather public input, and take potential action on the requested conditional rezoning on property located at 585 Hillman Rd, Stanton, MI 48888 from residential to general business for storage and sign, contingent on ZBA granting variance(s)”.

**Public Comments:** opened at 6:06 pm

Citizen	Comment
Jim McCarthy of Clifford Lake	His property backs up to the property and he is concerned with lighting and fencing.
Scott Carr of Clifford Lake	The lighting will remain the same and there will be a fence.

Public comments closed at 6:07 pm.

**Further commission discussion**

PC members discussed information provided by Sara Beechy, secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA met on Oct. 19 and granted the requested variances to the property to allow it to be less than one acre, and have 125 foot width road frontage for the sign. Eric Tester asked for verification that the neighbors had all been notified. Sara Beechy confirmed that it had been in the paper and residents within 300 feet were notified via US mail. No neighbors came to the ZBA meeting. Kathy Craig confirmed that the notice of this public hearing was in the paper (Oct. 6) and also sent notifications via US mail to residents within 300 feet.

The PC reached consensus that the lighting and fencing concerns were addressed, and received no other feedback from neighbors.

Eric Tester made a motion to change the property at 585 Hillman Rd to general business, seconded by Jon Bailey. Roll call vote: Eric Tester yes, Jon Bailey yes, Mike Swan yes, Kathy Craig yes. Motion passed.

This recommended rezoning will be sent to the board for approval.

**Adjourn**

Eric Tester made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Jon Bailey. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Craig, Douglass Township Planning Commission Secretary

