

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

January 12, 2012

Meeting called to order by Chairman Don Oswald at 7pm. Present: Barbara Beamish, Tracy Paige, Robert Willerer, Robin Tackett and Don Oswald. Absent: Bruce Andrews.

Six Brothers for a variance request to rebuild the existing sign on property known as 5000 Jefferson Rd. Clarklake, MI 49234.(corner of eagle point rd and Jefferson rd.)

Joe and Steve Dunigan presented reasons for asking for variance. It is critical to the new business that sign be updated. They are requesting to replace existing sign and install flood lighting.

Joyce Brighton-Willaret: 4940 Jefferson Rd. Clarklake, MI 49234. Questioned Road Commission's responsibility in placement of sign. Also wanted to make sure that electrical was up to National electrical codes. The sign interferes with her property and has concern that value of land will decrease because of sign. Would prefer that Dunigan's use sign existing across street. Spoke of ordinances of offsite sign, non-conforming sign structure now and sign is in disrepair.

Two pieces of correspondence received. First one from Jackson County Road Commission: read at meeting. In support of existing sign and the replacement of. Letter on file with Columbia Township.

Second letter was a letter from Joseph Dunigan ; Asking for variance to replace sign at existing location and size. Letter on file with Columbia Township.

Phillip Reynolds, 650 Eagle Point Rd, Clarklake, MI 49234. Lifelong resident of Clarklake. In favor of sign. Feel as if new owners are improving the area and putting in quality sign and restaurant in Clarklake. In complete approval of request.

Don Oswald asked Joe and Steve Dunigan why they cannot use sign across street for new business advertising. Discussion with owners and zba at this time.

Meeting closed to public comment at this time. Long discussion among board members.

Bob Willerer made a motion to approve sign at Jefferson rd. and Eagle Point. 32sq ft. in total and have flood lighting on sign. Siting 10.3A2 and 10.3D.

Seconded by Don Oswald..

Bob Willerer made motion to amend his original motion. To approve sign at Jefferson Rd. and Eagle Point. 48sq ft after discussion. No higher than 12 feet or existing height of existing sign as it exists. Siting 10.3A2 and 10.3D.

Seconded by Don Oswald.

Roll Call: Beamish-Yes, Paige-Yes, Willerer-Yes, Tackett-Yes, Oswald-Yes. Ayes: ALL.

Motion to approve last meeting minutes with one adjustment to add previous months minutes and approval of minutes. Don Oswald. Motion by Bob Willerer seconded by Barbara Beamish. Ayes:ALL

New business: February 2, 2012 meeting.

Meeting adjourned.