

Plan Commission Meeting June 7, 2012

James Schorer (substitute Chair) called the special meeting of the Baileys Harbor Plan Commission to order at 6:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Schorer, Kenneth Uhlhorn, Peter Thelen, Carol Williams, Eugene Stanis, William Nelson, Peter Jacobs, Douglas Smith and 4 visitors. Cal Oldenburg was absent.

Clerk/Administrator verified posting. Motion made/second Peter T./Gene to accept the agenda. Carried.

Discuss/decide Petitions for Grants of Variance: 1. Fortune/Hendrickson, 2353 Ridges Road, Parcel #002-03-20302811B – Architect Henry Isaakson was present on behalf of the property owner. They would like to add space above the existing garage and attach it to the existing building. It does not further encroach on setbacks, nor does it create more impervious surface. It will be a couple of feet taller than what's existing. The foundation is sufficient. Motion made/second Peter/Gene to recommend approval of the variance. Carried.

2. The Ridges Sanctuary, 2302 Ridges Road, Parcel #002-03-17302843A – Steve Leonard of the Ridges Sanctuary was present for this and the following petition. The lower range light is going to be restored and, during the process, they would like to move it back about 15 feet from it's current position, which is just a little over 6 feet away from Ridges Road. This would increase safety by moving it further away from traffic. Motion made/second Carol/Gene to recommend approval of the variance. Carried.

The Ridges Sanctuary, Vacant Land (no address), Parcel Numbers 002-032-0302811A, 002-03-17302834F & 002-03-17302843A – This petition is for trails that will be installed to coincide with the new interpretive center that's being proposed. The Ridges is asking for 8 foot wide trails to allow for 2-way traffic. Concerns were raised about the width of the trails and damaging any plants or wildlife that may be there and the amount of trees that will need to be removed. Steve Leonard explained that great care will be taken to determine the best paths for the trails to take to minimize any damage to plants or wildlife. Some of the trees being removed could potentially help some of the endangered plants grow better by allowing more sun. Motion made/second Peter T./Gene to recommend approval. Carried.

Update on Smart Growth/possibly set date for meeting – The Commission was about halfway through reading the implantation grid. Meeting is tentatively schedule for June 19th at 6:00PM, but could change.

Motion made/second Peter T./Gene to adjourn at 6:43PM. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next regular monthly Plan Commission meeting.

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk/Administrator