

Keweenaw County
Zoning Board of Appeals
Minutes – December 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order: 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: James Vivian Jr., Chairman
Frank Kastelic, Vice Chair
Pauline Johnson, Member
Steve Peters, Member
Shari Chase, Alternate Member
Jon Soper, Ex officio Planning Commission Member
Ann Gasperich, Zoning Administrator

Motion to accept the Agenda with the change to move the findings of fact to follow each individual Public Hearing Kastelic/Chase Passed

Motion to approve the Minutes -- February 8, 2011 Public Hearing to reflect the correction that Pauline Johnson was not notified of the meeting. Kastelic/Vivian Passed.

Introduction of Guests: Nathan Haupt representing SBA Towers III, LLC and Verizon Wireless was introduced and gave opening remarks as to the history of the project and the current status.

Open Public Hearing

Request Fall Zone Variance Verizon Wireless/SBA Towers Brockway Copper Harbor Site: –

The following were heard.

Public Comment -- Property Owners within 300' **

In Support – none present

In Opposition - none present

Written Comments Property Owners within 300'

In Support Jason Manders & Grant Township

In Opposition none received

Public Comment from Interested or affected persons/organizations**

In Support Richard Schaefer, Jim Huovinen

In Opposition Ed Kisiel, Evan McDonald (presented letter)

Letters were read from the following **In Support:**

Keweenaw County Road Commission

Keweenaw Mountain Lodge

Lonie Gliebberman

Tim Baroni

Sabre Towers and Poles

Letters were read from the following **In Opposition:**

Eagle Harbor Township
Keweenaw Land Trust Evan McDonald

ZBA members asked questions and they were answered.

The Public Hearing was closed.

FINDING OF FACT – DECISION – MOTION

See Attachment

Motion by Chase, seconded by Johnson regarding Article 10, Section 10.12.6 Subsection B, variance from the 110% of tower height setback be approved. Roll Call Vote

Chase	Yes
Johnson	Yes
Peters	Yes
Kastelic	No
Vivian	No

Vote 3-2 motion passed

Public Comment requested by Ed Kisiel – to go on record, "you are in violation of the ordinance article 19.13 a&b and 19.6 rules for granting a variance."

A ten minute recess was taken.

Open Public Hearing

Request Height Variance Dockside Resort Sherman Township–

Public Comment -- Property Owners within 300' **

In Support – none present

In Opposition - none present

Written Comments Property Owners within 300'were heard

In Support Ed and Janet Burger & Mark Raisanen

In Opposition Lee Geronime

Public Comment from Interested or affected persons/organizations**

In Support Deneen Connell, Sherman Township Board also submitted signatures in support, Steven Siira, Laurence Butala

In Opposition none present

Letters were read from the following **In Support:**

Christine Fountain

Sherman Township Board

Douglas & Patricia Patrick

Stephen Renn
Frederick & Suzanne Jarvi
Glen and Gretchen Tolksdorf
Jim Spehar
Rodger Dukart & Linda Griffin
Fred Gerhardt

Letters were read from the following **In Opposition:**
None

ZBA members asked questions and they were answered.

The Public Hearing was closed.

FINDING OF FACT – DECISION – MOTION

See Attachment

Motion by Kastelic, seconded by Johnson regarding Article 5, Section 5.2 Subsection B, Table 5.2 the request by Dockside Resort owners Sherry and Robert Kauppi for a height variance up to 48' be granted.

Roll Call Vote

Kastelic	No
Johnson	No
Peters	No
Chase	Yes
Vivian	No

Vote 1-4 Motion failed

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM