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Gap balancing numbers were introduced by Panda and Rout as a certain generalization of balancing and cobalancing numbers. In this talk, we give an alternative definition of gap balancing numbers motivated by geometric considerations. Using this viewpoint, several results are presented regarding classes of gap balancing numbers and related sequences. (Received September 13, 2017)