

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL

3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN, 49453

MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated the reason for the special meeting is to consult with attorneys regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation. Wester commented that all Board members and appointed officials who comment at Township meetings need to be aware that their remarks at those meetings must be recorded by a court reporter, under order of the Federal Court.

Members Present: Supervisor Bill Wester, Treasurer Pat Kniklebine, Trustee Chris Roerig and Trustee Jim Hanson.

Members Absent: Clerk Jane Wright.

Also Present: Attorneys Ron Bultje and Craig Noland and a court reporter.

Wester opened the meeting for public comment.

1. R.J. Peterson requested quick change on the zoning on the former Denison North based on the "Singapore Dunes Conceptual Design."
2. Steve Darpel hoped a public forum will accompany any Board decision on the lawsuit.
3. Marcia Perry representing the Saugatuck Dunes Coastal Alliance lauded township for its land-use decisions and also supports Planning Commission involvement in any settlement or other resolution of the lawsuit. She thanked the Board and said the community supports them.
4. Dick Waskin supports a multi-use PUD ordinance to serve as a vehicle for the presentation of a plan by Singapore Dunes LLC.
5. Larry Sybesma believes a SDLLC development will be good for the community.

Hearing no further public comment Wester announced the Board will consider conducting the discussion with their attorneys in closed session. He said that the Board would not speak substantively in the open portion of the meeting that would follow. The next portion of the meeting was closed.

Motion by Roerig, seconded by Kniklebine to enter into closed session to consult with attorneys for the reason stated at the call to order. Roerig added, on the advice of Atty. Bultje, that this was since a discussion in open session would have a detrimental financial impact on the township and the litigation.

Roll call vote: Kniklebine – yes, Roerig – yes, Hanson – yes, Wester – yes.

Open session was suspended at 6:20 p.m.

Open session was reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

Wester stated having no further business to come before the Board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Jim Hanson, Recording Secretary

Date