

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2011, 5:00 p.m.
SAUGATUCK HIGH SCHOOL
401 ELIZABETH ST, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and stated the reason for the special meeting is to hear and consider a proposed settlement of the litigation with Singapore Dunes.

Members Present: Supervisor Bill Wester, Clerk Jane Wright, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine, Trustee Chris Roerig and Trustee Jim Hanson.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Attorneys Ron Bultje and Craig Noland.

Hanson read the Notice of Public Hearing. Wester then read a statement which included a suggested set of rules to adopt for the meeting. **A motion was made by Wester and support given by Hanson for the Township Board to adopt the rules as given in the opening statement.** Wester asked for a voice vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Wester then asked the Saugatuck Dunes Coastal Alliance to make their presentation. Sheldon Wettack, Suzanne Dixon, and David Swan spoke until 5:25 p.m.

Wester opened the public comment portion of the meeting to Saugatuck Township residents, property owners, business owners, or renters that vote in the township. Statements were heard from Andrew Leach, 2897 64th St.; Patti Birkholz, 3413 64th St.; John Bauckham, Kalamazoo Attorney; Larry Sybesma, 4656 66th St.; Dick Waskin, 6576 Heron Ridge Rd.; John Peters, 3260 Lorrimar Ln.; W. Larry Hanlin, 6576 Heron Ridge Rd.; Terrie Schippa, 2750 Blue Star Hwy.; Doug Gritter, 3392 Maple Greens Dr.; Michael Allen, property at 66th & 135th; Dean Batchelor, 3247 Lorrimar Ln.; DeeDee Hanson, 6288 Riverside Rd.; RJ Peterson, 116 Riverside Dr.; Judith Schneider, 207 Maple St.; PG Walter, 6809 126th Ave.; Roy McIlwaine, 3466 Riverside Dr.; Patricia Denner, 3455 Clearbrook Ct.; Kirk Wingard, 3191 62nd St.; Jacqueline Carey, 6544 Bradley Rd.; Kay Smalley, 3423 ½ Park St.; Norm Deam, 3463 Park St.; John Clark, 3017 Lakeshore Dr.; Larry Edris, 2534 Lakeshore Dr.; Joe Milauckas, 2887 Lakeshore Dr.; Dayle Harrison, 3108 62nd St.; Peggy Boyce, 275 North St.; and Trudi Engelbrecht, 939 State St.

Wester then stated an hour and fifteen minutes has been dedicated to Saugatuck Township residents and he is now opening the public comment to everybody. Statements were heard from Cody Werme, 671 Spear St.; Roy Hebert, 3121 Indian Point Rd.; Lisa Werme, 671 Spear St.; Mary Ann Glane, 3412 Maple Gate; Charles Glane, 3412 Maple Gate; Lisa Lenzo, 6431 140th Ave.; Marty Hardy, 210 Lakeshore Dr.; Joyce Winter, 210 Lakeshore Dr.; Vicki Rosenburg, 445 Maple St.; Cynthia McKean, 1000 Mason St.; Bonnie Greydanus, 6402 Palmetto Ct.; Mitsy Murdoch, 2939 65th St.; Tracey Schaforth, 1014 Park St.; Kathy Roper, 2932 Peachcreek Ct.; Sandra Randolph, 3442 Riverside Dr.; Michelle Shaw, 6342 Riverside Rd.; Mike Shaw, 6342 Riverside Rd.; Mike O'Brien, 462 Summer Grove; Liz Engle, 3041 Indian Point Rd.; Phil Miller, 966 Holland St.; Dan Sheridan, 655 Spear St.; Alex Hitchcock, 2981 Lakeshore Dr.; Kathryn Birky, 139 114th Ave.; Will Gibbons, 6385 Pond Dr.; Rob Brink, 3322 Coppice Ct.; and Keith Charak, 938 Center St.

Wester then stated as promised this will be our last speaker; at 8:00 p.m. the Board will be starting the next portion of the meeting and public comment will end as per the agenda.

Statements were heard from Harold Glaften of Kalamazoo and Russ Harris, 3481 64th St. Hanson then stated we have a number of people that we have not heard from and we should continue taking public comment.

At 8:00 p.m. the court reporter asked for a recess. Meeting was suspended for a 5 minute recess.

At 8:05 p.m. the meeting resumed and statements were heard from Steve McKown, 2845 Lake Breeze Dr.; Mark Sneller, 3505 63rd St.; Stephanie Whitcomb, Laketown Twp.; Fritz Royce, 144 Lakeshore Dr.; Martha Petter, 110 Butler St.; Donna Leonard, 2924 Lakeshore Dr.; Sheldon Wettack, 2933 Lakeshore Dr.; Jim Schmeichen, Water St. Douglas; Jon Helmich, 3522 64th St.; James Cook, 3507 64th St.; Ricky Labien, 4579 66th St.; Michael Kramer, Holland; Lisa Wozniak, Ypsilanti; Damien Jarzembowski, 3293 Lorrimar Ln.; Andy Marks, 631 Lakeshore Dr.; Becky Rewar, Benton Harbor; Marcia Perry, 6248 Blue Star Hwy.; Phil Hoffman, 306 Mary St.; Rick Coral, 2315 Pier Cove; Dave Burdick, 385 Fremont; and Jim Limburgh, Washington DC.

Hearing no further public comment **a motion was made by Roerig and support given by Hanson to close public comment.** Motion carried unanimously and public comment was closed at 9:05 p.m.

Board asked various questions to the legal team of Bultje and Noland. Board offered to allow Planning Commission members to ask questions of the legal team. Bultje advised that the Planning Commission members should be treated like members of the public, since this was a Board meeting and not a Planning Commission meeting; he stated Planning Commissioners should not be allowed to comment after the meeting was closed to public comment. Hearing no further questions **a motion was made by Hanson and support given by Roerig to authorize the individual Board members to sign the Settlement and Release Agreement, last revised May 26, 2011; and to approve the Consent Judgment and Final Order, last revised June 27, 2011 with the addition of \$125,000 in paragraph 20, and to authorize township attorneys Craig Noland and Ron Bultje to sign that Consent Judgment and Final Order.** Wester asked for an alphabetical roll call vote: Hanson-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Roerig-yes, Wester-yes, Wright-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wester and support given by Roerig to adjourn the special board meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC; Township Clerk

Date