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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD Special Meeting

Wednesday September 27, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Saugatuck High School
401 Elizabeth St., Saugatuck, MI 49453

APPROVED MINUTES

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Jon Phillips, Lori Babinski, Brad Rudich, Doug Lane, Roy McIlwaine.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Approval of Agenda: Phillips asked for any additions or deletions. Rudich made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by McIlwaine. Agenda approved 5-0.

New Business:

- A. Public Hearing on Lakeshore Drive Washout. Phillips opened the public hearing and asked for public comment. Jim Pitcher 2737 Lakeshore Dr. suggested a bike path, and a frontage road, Chuck Huber 2836 Lake Breeze Dr., liked less traffic. Kay Clements, 6908 Shore Dr. did not want additional traffic or biking, was in favor of emergency access. Marcia Tucker, 6948 Colver St. was in favor of emergency access East of the washout with plans from Allegan County. Barbara O'Brien was in favor of bike path with emergency access. Dennis Dreyer questioned emergency time, and was not in favor of repairing old washout. Steve McKown suggested less traffic. Suzanne Dixon, Center St. was concerned about safety of traffic, wanted emergency access, was against adverse possession of ROW. Todd Needham, Shore Dr. was concerned about emergency access. Cathy Needham Putnam supported emergency access. Joe Milauckus, Lakeshore Dr, was concerned about traffic and asked for emergency access only. Jim Robillard, 2335 Forest Trail Crl., agreed with biker, walker and emergency access. Patty Birkholz, 64th St., asked if the Drain Commission should be involved. David Stanley, Lakeshore Dr., did not want more traffic, and agreed with emergency access. Liz Stanley, agreed with emergency access. Steven Blackwell, Lakeshore Dr., opposed opening the road, agreed with bike and emergency access. Rick Vandenbosch, Old Owl Dr., questioned increased emergency response time, and traffic increase. Fire Chief Greg Janik asked for emergency access. Wayne Kidder, of Lakeshore Dr., agreed with bike, and emergency access. Lynn Kirkaldy was concerned about

traffic and asked about ambulance coverage from Fennville. Larry Edris, Lakeshore Dr., favored emergency access, and questioned response time. Chief Janik explained response time was an additional four minutes. Dan Keller, Lakeshore Dr., agreed with emergency access. Richard Donovan, Lakeshore Dr., asked what the Township would do to the County Road. Manager Sheridan stated access road would possibly include Township Road funds. Donovan asked who would like the road rebuilt. Donovan did not support a rebuild, only emergency access. Dennis Malinowski, Lakeshore Dr., was concerned about additional erosion. Several other residents supported bike and emergency access only. Fritz Royce, Lakeshore Dr., suggested easements with property owners, to get bike and emergency access. Interurban Director Phylliss Yff, stated the Interurban service was not greatly affected by the washout. Dana Burd, Wiley Rd., stated that there were grants available with the State that could help with emergency access. Scott Tyler, Lakeshore Dr., would like bike, and emergency access. Supervisor Phillips closed the public comment, and stated that there seemed to be an agreement with direction. Trustee McIlwaine asked County Commissioner Dean Kapenga to comment. Kapenga explained the cost to rebuild the existing ROW would be very expensive, and might be impossible, but the County had not abandoned the ROW. Clerk Rudich asked Chief Janik about having a Fire Truck stationed on the south side. Janik stated that would require a building to house the truck and land. Question as to time table for solutions. Phillips stated that the Board would present a plan in 60 days.

Phillips declared the hearing adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk