

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, March 19th, 2014, 5:00p.m.
3461 Blue Star Highway, Saugatuck, MI 49453

MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Bill Wester, Clerk Brad Rudich, Treasure Lori Babinski, Trustee Jonathan Phillips

Members Absent: Trustee Roy Mcllwaine

Also Present: Acting Township Manager Aaron Sheridan

Public Comments

Wester opened to public comment.

There were no comments from the public at this time.

Approval of Agenda (additions, deletions, removal of items from consent)

Remove consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

None

Correspondence

None

New Business

A. Proposed extension of non-motorized trail way along the Blue Star Corridor in Saugatuck Township.

B. 2014 Grant Application of Saugatuck Township to Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Developmental Fund.

Sheridan reviewed Jeanne Van Zoeren's memo, then reviewed the proposed location of the motorized trail. Sheridan wanted to know when we would start construction. Van Zoeren said the design would start soon (not developed yet) and construction would start next year. In the Township this project will extend from the corner of Holland Street & Blue Star to Maple Street (1.5 miles, section 1), from 129th to 126th Avenue (1.5 miles, section 2), and then 126th to 124th Avenue (1.0 miles, section 3) – with total construction estimated at 4.0 miles.

Jeanne Van Zoeren stated that she is delighted that the states recreation plan calls for exactly what we are doing with this trail. She feels like we are in a very good position staying consistent with meeting statewide conditions. This trail promotes lakes, tourism and sand dunes, which is what the state is looking for to fund these projects. We would use the transportation alternative programs(TAP) to request money from MDOT as well (in addition to state grant, DNR Match application.) She also stated they are hoping to raise \$200,000-\$300,000 thru fundraising. This will be about a 2.1 million dollar project. The DNR makes decisions on the application and we should know by Dec 14th. The TAP money is different and can be approved sooner (maybe as early as September). She met with City of Douglas this past Monday and they will be done with their section this fall, and Casco Township will start this fall.

Public Comments

Wester opened to public comment.

There were no comments from the public at this time.

Adjourn

Wester adjourned meeting at 5:15p