

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on August 20, 2003 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Clerk Wright, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Wright, Knikelbine, and Shanahan.

Absent: Gudith, Roerig.

Also Present: Manager Quade.

AUDIENCE

None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 8/6/03. **Motion by Knikelbine/Wright to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS

Motion by Wright/Knikelbine to accept general fund, road fund and cemetery fund bills in the amount of \$125,136.21. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

MANAGERS REPORT

- A. River Bluff Park Project Progress. Quade updated Board on the soon to be completed River Bluff renovations, suggesting one and all visit the new park.
- B. Developers-Water/Sewer. Quade informed the Board as to his working with 5 new developers within the township that are interested in creating 81 new residential lots. All would be serviced with water and 2 would be serviced with sewer.

Roerig arrived at 7:25

- C. Irrigation at Riverside & Douglas Cemeteries. Quade suggested extending municipal water within Riverside cemetery, and drill a well on the North side of Douglas cemetery to allow for underground sprinkling. He stated he will get prices and request approval for the expense in the future.
- D. Cemetery Grave Prices. Quade informed the Board of some families purchasing a large number of lots, all at the lower residential price, and suggested a resolution to adopt a graduated price list for lot sales. Board discussed the resolution which would allow for the sale of two graves per taxpayer family at \$120 each, an additional four graves at \$240 each, and graves in excess of six at \$1,500 each. **Resolution offered by Wright and supported by Shanahan.** Roll call vote: Roerig-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Shanahan-yes, Wright-yes. Resolution declared adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

Dog Park Proposal. Linda Roerig, representative of the Parks Commission, and Laurie Collins, Dog Park Chairwoman, updated Board on fund raising efforts for the dog park construction. They submitted a proposal requesting \$10,000 of the township's 911 tower revenue to kick start the park and allow for construction of the first phase. Board discussed the proposal and other volunteer efforts. **Motion by Wright/Shanahan to approve \$10,000 expenditure for phase one Tails 'N Trails dog park construction to be taken from the \$50,000 revenue received for 911 tower lease.** Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig reported on the public hearing for resurfacing 131st, 62nd, Indian Point and Silver Lake roads. He stated based on the input, people are in favor of improving the roads.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine confirmed the grant approval for a new bus to be delivered in the Spring.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright reported two applicants are going on to firefighter school, and the problem with the new fire boat was a failed water pump that will be repaired.
- E. Web Site Update. No report.

AUDIENCE

Rep Fulton Sheen spoke from 8:00 to 8:37 and updated the Board on a bill he will be introducing. Board discussed bill #5010 and asked for Sheen's position on several issues.

There being no further business, **Motion by Wright/Knikelbine to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.** Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC
Township Clerk