

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
WITH PLANNING COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2008, 6:00 P.M.  
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL  
3461 BLUE STAR HIGHWAY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

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A special joint meeting between the Saugatuck Township Board and the Saugatuck Township Planning Commission to discuss the “Central Lakeshore Sub-area Master Plan” and to review proposed changes to the “Water Access and Dock Density Regulations” ordinance.

**Township Board Members Present:** Supervisor Bill Wester, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine, and Trustee Chris Roerig.

**Planning Commission Members Present:** Joe Milauckas, Sandra Rausch, Steve Darpel, Larry Edris, Bill Rowe, Jim Hanson.

Planning Commission Chairman Hanson opened the meeting and had no additions or deletions to the proposed agenda. He then opened public comments regarding the “Central Lakeshore Sub-area Master Plan” and the changes to the “Water Access and Dock Density Regulations” ordinance. Hearing no comment from audiences and having no correspondences, he closed public comment.

Hanson congratulated the Township Board upon their election results and opened discussion for the “Central Lakeshore Sub-area Master Plan.” The plan supplements aspects of Tri-Community Master Plan relevant to the washout areas and encourages the reconnection of Lakeshore Drive and improving access and emergency response. Roerig endorsed the plan and noted a potential financial concern for the Township and/or Allegan County Road Commission should Lakeshore Drive lose eligibility for federal funding for repairs. Discussion ensued on methods for repairing Lakeshore Drive and improving current access and emergency response. Roerig described the Allegan County Road Commission plans to repair new washout area and possible routes for reconnecting Lakeshore Drive.

Hanson then discussed the proposed changes to the “Water Access and Dock Density Regulations” ordinance formerly referred to as the “Anti-Funneling” ordinance. The Planning Commission has submitted the proposed changes for legal review and scheduled a public hearing to be held November 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall for feedback and public comment. Hanson then discussed water access comparisons with Laketown and Ganges Townships and the effect of the ordinance changes being a more defined permitted use along the river and the lakeshore. Hanson described the proposed changes as necessary in order to maintain a viable ordinance. Hanson then opened discussion for public comment again and heard none. Public comment was then closed. Milauckas then noted the Joint Planning Committee is examining the pros and cons of formulating a joint Tri-Community Planning Commission, pursuant to the Tri-Community Master Plan. This topic will be discussed at the next Joint Planning Committee meeting to be held November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Library Annex at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Aaron Sheridan, Recording Secretary

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Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

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