

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and noted the reason for the special meeting is to address a request from West Michigan Lakers, Inc. for a resolution recognizing them as a nonprofit organization for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses.

Members Present: Supervisor Bill Wester, Clerk Jane Wright, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine, and Trustee Chris Roerig (via teleconference).

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Applicant Kevin Tringali, and PC Chairman Jim Hanson.

Wester opened the special meeting and asked for public comment. Hearing none, public comment was closed.

Wester brought forth several concerns regarding the resolution:

- Time constraint. He stated the request to address the resolution within such a limited time frame and to cause the need for a special meeting presents a level of discomfort to him.
- Precedence. He voiced a concern that if one gaming license is approved, the need to approve others if presented with them would be necessary.
- Promoting gambling. He noted the cause might be worthy but questioned if there was a better way to raise funds.

Knikelbine stated the need to address the resolution so quickly is that the applicant was unaware of the resolution requirement until only recently and the event date is before the next regular meeting. She added that Wester consulted the township attorney twice with the resolution and the attorney has no concerns over adopting it. Roerig noted Wester's concerns were valid but stated he looked over all the applicants paperwork and it is in order. Wester verified Administrative Assistant Aaron Sheridan reviewed the applicant's organization paperwork and all required information is included. **Motion by Knikelbine, supported by Roerig to approve the resolution recognizing West Michigan Lakers, Inc. as a nonprofit organization operating in Saugatuck Township for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses.** Voice vote showed Wright, Knikelbine, and Roerig voting in favor of the motion with Wester voting against. Resolution declared adopted.

Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wright to adjourn the special meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date