

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

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
SAUGATUCK HIGH SCHOOL
401 ELIZABETH ST, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated the reason for the special meeting is to hear and consider a proposed settlement of the litigation with Singapore Dunes.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Bill Wester, Clerk Jane Wright, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine, Trustee Chris Roerig and Trustee Jim Hanson.

Planning Commission Members Present: Chairman Larry Edris, Members Joe Milauckas, Bill Rowe, Maggie Conklin, Sandy Rausch, Jim Hanson, and Dayle Harrison.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Attorneys Ron Bultje and Craig Noland.

Wester read a statement which included a suggested set of rules to adopt for the meeting. **A motion was made by Wester and support given by Wright for the Township Board to adopt the rules as given in the opening statement.** Wester asked for a voice vote and the motion carried unanimously. **A motion was made by Rausch and support given by Hanson for the Township Planning Commission to adopt the rules as given in the opening statement.** Milauckas verified that the rules state public comment would be stopped at 9:00 p.m. Harrison stated he felt it is important that individuals who are not able to be present in the room due to capacity restraints be allowed an opportunity to speak and asked to adjourn the meeting for another time or allow people to exchange their position in the room to one outside once their questions or comments are heard. Edris recognized that request would have to be part of a different motion as the motion on the table is one to accept the rules as presented. Harrison suggested that the Planning Commission adjourn to another time to allow people to have their comments, or allow people to come in from the hallway to be part of public comment. Attorney Bultje suggested that any motion be specific and agreed it would be reasonable to have people exchange their position in the room to one outside once their questions or comments are heard as long as time allows. **A motion was made by Rausch and support given by Hanson to revise the original motion to state that the Planning Commission adopt the rules as stated by Wester with every attempt made to allow people in the hall to enter the room to make their comments and request people in the room vacate after making their comments to allow for the exchange.** Harrison asked for a point of order stating the previous motion was clear and the current motion is not comparable enough to move forward. Hanson suggested discussion as to whether or not to adopt the rules is simply cutting off the ability to allow people to speak tonight and added if the Planning Commission wishes to adjourn the Board will continue taking public comment tonight. Milauckas stated he wants everybody to have a chance to address the Planning Commission on the issue and if it can be accommodated by replacing people that would be fine. He added he would support reopening public comments at another date and place. Edris stated Hanson is correct and the Board has adopted the rules and will proceed with public comment. Edris added the issue on the table is if the Planning Commission will adopt the rules or amend the rules. Bultje noted a valid motion is on the table that had support and restated the motion. Edris asked to vote on the motion. Harrison stated the previous motion gave an opportunity to allow everyone an opportunity to speak beyond 9:00

p.m. or 10:00 p.m. and it is only fair to allow them that opportunity and asked how to allow that as a friendly amendment to the motion. Bultje suggested voting on the motion as it stands as the Board has adopted the rules and will ultimately control the meeting as well as making any decision on the litigation. Edris asked for a vote by show of hands. Motion carried 5 to 2 with Milauckas and Harrison voting against the motion.

Wester stated during public comment once an individual is done speaking it would be polite if they would exit the room to allow for a new individual to enter. He then asked Hank Byma of JJR to make his presentation. At 6:32 p.m. Byma concluded his presentation.

Wester then asked the Saugatuck Dunes Coastal Alliance to make their presentation. Members of the Alliance made several statements but a disruption in the hall caused Police Chief Ken Giles to request the meeting be adjourned due to safety concerns.

Motion by Wester, seconded by Roerig to adjourn the special board meeting. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion by Edris, seconded by Hanson to adjourn the special planning commission meeting.** Motion carried 6 to 1. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC; Township Clerk

Date