

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012, 5:00 p.m.
SAUGATUCK HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
401 ELIZABETH ST, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and read the Notice of Public Hearing of the Saugatuck Township Board on a proposed settlement with Singapore Dunes, LLC.

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

Members Absent Excused: Trustee Chris Roerig.

Also Present: Attorney Ron Bultje.

Adopt Rules of Public Comment: Wester stated there would be a limit of 2 minutes per person and speakers would be asked to proceed in an orderly fashion from left to right with township employee Aaron Sheridan identifying the next speaker. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Wright to adopt the rules of public comment as proposed by the Supervisor.** Motion carried 4 to 0.

Attorney Address of Proposed Settlement: Ron Bultje commented on the proposed settlement agreement until 5:16 p.m. at which time public comment was opened.

Public Comment: Comments were heard from John Huyge who approved of the agreement, P.G. Walter who approved, Lisa Werme who was opposed to the agreement, Cynthia McKean opposed, Lisa Lenzo opposed, Larry Dickie opposed, Jane Dickie opposed, Dick Waskin approved, Tim Leach approved, Vicki Rosenberg opposed, Doug Gritter approved, Francis Mervau opposed, Charles Glane opposed, MaryAnn Glane opposed, Pat Denner opposed, Steve McKown opposed, Fritz Royce opposed, Kathy Roper opposed, Lawrence Stearns a land planner concerned over the responsibilities the agreement would place on the ZBA, Mark Sneller approved, Scott Howard attorney for the SDCA opposed, Larry Sybesma approved.

At 6:08 p.m. Wester called for a 10 minute break and the public hearing was suspended.

Public hearing was reconvened at 6:18 p.m. and comments were taken from R.J. Peterson who approved the agreement, Melissa Haas opposed, Mary Schaf opposed, Jon Helmich opposed, Janet Rund opposed, Marcia Perry opposed, John Latini approved, James Cook opposed, Laurie Goshorn opposed, Allison Swan opposed, Brad Kline attorney for the SDCA opposed, David Swan opposed, Steve Darpel opposed, Dayle Harrison opposed, Russ Harris opposed, Roy McIlwaine opposed, Dave Burdick opposed, Keith Charak opposed.

Hearing no further public comment Wester closed that portion of the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Communication: Wester read the names of individuals that had submitted written communication to the Board.

Board Discussion and Action: Bultje clarified the ZBA process. Hanson asked to consider a motion tonight but would be willing to table the issue. Wester stated he will not compromise the township's financial position and relayed a need to move forward. Knikelbine stated she did not feel a need for more meetings. Wright had no comment. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Hanson to accept the settlement agreement with Singapore Dunes LLC and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the same.** Discussion took place and Hanson read a statement. Knikelbine stated if individuals feel the board is doing a bad job all of our terms end this year. Wright agreed stating nominating petitions for township office are due May 15th. Wester suggested residents become more involved in normal township business and asked to call the vote. Roll call vote: Hanson-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Wester-yes, Wright-yes. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Wester stated having no further business to come before the Board I declare us adjourned.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC; Township Clerk

Date