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## REVISED Minutes

The Saugatuck Township Planning Commission met on October 22 2018 at the Township Hall on Blue Star Highway, Saugatuck, Michigan

Present: Israels, Lozano, Prietz, Lane, Conklin  
Absent: Rowe, Welk  
Also Present: ZA Kushion

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by chairperson Prietz.

### Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Agenda-** Motion by Lane to approve agenda; seconded by Conklin. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

**Discussion of August 27, 2018 meeting minutes.** Add motions at the bottom of the last page. Motion by Israels to approve amended minutes; Conklin seconds. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

### Public Comment –

Linus Starring, 6508 Island Lake Rd- stated that he didn't have much notice about the discussion and wanted to be involved with the planning process of the intersection.

Dave Ihle, 6518 Sanctuary Trail- Stated that he'd like to see the Township look at potential future uses on the corner before making any decisions.

### New Business-

#### **A. Discussion of intersection traffic control "Options" at 65<sup>th</sup> Street/Blue Star Highway/135<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

There was discussion about the 3 options presented from the Road Commission, Israels noted these options were not drawn or reviewed by an engineer. It was discussed that the option with the 2 cul-de-sacs be thrown out because it would present traffic problems elsewhere. There was discussions about the ability of larger trucks to get through a roundabout, and how roundabouts serve as a traffic calming measure. Future uses and impacts on the corners affected were discussed.

Israels cited many studies and read from the report "Eight key points to roundabouts":

1. Carmel, Indiana; 95 roundabouts planned, 60 currently in place. Drive for miles without stopping.
2. Safety: Nearly impossible to have a head-on collision or T-bone accident.
3. Lowers fuel consumption, lowers idling time.
4. Lowers costs compared to approximately \$150,000 cost per traffic light.
5. Although considered new in our country, projections indicate there will be thousands within 3 years.
6. An attractive entry to communities.

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7. Allows for softer lighting.
8. Approved by "Smart Cities" movement.

Motion by Conklin to recommend the Township form a committee to address the intersection with the recommendation that Linus Starring and Dave Ihle be involved with the committee; Israels seconds. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Board Discussion–**

There was discussion about Steve Kushion's resignation.

**Public Comments- None**

**Motion to adjourn by Conklin, seconded by Lane.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

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Steve Kushion, Recording Secretary

Maggie Conklin Recording Secretary of revision

1. Motion by Israels to approve agenda; Conklin seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
2. Motion by Lane to approve amended minutes; Conklin seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. Motion by Conklin to recommend the Township form a committee to address the intersection with the recommendation that Linus Starring and Dave Ihle be involved with the committee; Israels seconds. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
4. Motion to adjourn by Conklin; Seconded by Lane. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.