

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL
3451 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MI 49453**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Conklin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Members Present – Conklin, Rausch, Welk, Rowe, Rudich, Milauckas, Harrison.
Members Absent – None
3. **Review and Adopt Agenda:**
Addition of agenda item (4A) Approval of November 25, 2013 minutes.
Addition of agenda item (9A) Tri-Community Plan Update Process.
The agenda was approved as amended by voice vote.
 - A. Minutes of November 25, 2013
Spelling corrections were made in the November 25, 2013 minutes.

Motion by Milauckas, with support from Rowe, to adopt the November 25, 2013 minutes as amended.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Milauckas noted that although the October 21, 2013 minutes had been approved, additional information was added; therefore the minutes should be reviewed again. The October 21, 2013 minutes will be brought back for review by motion and will appear on the next meeting agenda.

4. **Public Comments:**
Written: None
Oral: None
5. **Continuation of Discussion: Hydraulic Fracturing (“Fracking”) possible Ordinance**
Members received written recommendations from Sherry Batzer, Cooley Law Professor. (Correspondence by way of email dated November 25, 2013). Rudich reiterated to members present that by law a Township cannot go against fracking. Harrison feels uncomfortable with the suggestions he has seen to this point, although he believes Batzer is taking an innovative approach, he would like to see a Fracking Ordinance. Discussion took place regarding various Ordinance additions. Milauckas would like to have packet items labeled for easier reading. Members requested Rudich ask Batzer to attend the next meeting.

Motion by Rowe, with support from Welk, to table further discussion and to instruct Rudich to invite Batzer to attend the next meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. **Continuation of Discussion: Readdress the Private Roads Amendments**
Amendments were sent back to Planning Commission by the Township Board with instructions to review the list of trees. Milauckas stated he had concerns with the 66’ swap out, the intent was to preserve and allow the Township the ability to avoid clear cuts. Rudich suggested Milauckas present the Township Board with a little history.

Motion by Rowe, with support from Rausch, to send the Private Road Amendments back to the Township Board with comments that PC would like to see the Amendments stand, also that a brief history be supplied by Milauckas. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. Continuation of Discussion: Revert Remaining R-4 Area to R-3B and R-2

Motion by Rowe, with support from Harrison, to table any discussion (including the memorandum from Bultje, dated December 16, 2013) until the next regular meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

***A five minute break was called by Chair Conklin.**

8. Review Budget Reports and Info.

Sheridan had requested an agenda line item be added to the Planning Commission agendas. The agenda line item should be Approval of Bills & Escrow Balance. Discussion entailed regarding the need to add this as a line item and the balance of funds available to the Planning Commission. Members requested a detailed print out of where the funds have been dispersed. Sheridan will provide a copy to members and suggested Harrison visit the Township office for further discussion.

9. Township Board Updates and Planning Commission Comments: None

A. Tri-Community Plan Update Process – Milauckas provided an update report. Committee members are compiling their recommended changes and will present them to their respected Planning Commissions for review.

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Conklin at 9:10 p.m.

Approved minutes 3/24/14.