

Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Workshop Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, April 10, 2008

1. **Call to Order by Mayor Vettori at 4:00 p.m.**
2. **Attendance:**
Present: Spangler, Bekken, Johnson, Hess, Verplank & Vettori
Absent: Simon
Others Present: City Manager Harrier and City Clerk Looman

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Proposed Discussion Items:**

A. McClendon Property: Council met with Phil Miller from Save our Shoreline and John Legge from the Nature Conservancy to discuss the direction in which the City of Saugatuck should proceed with leasing a portion of the McClendon Property that is north of the Oval Beach. City Council discussed the future direction and manner in which the City of Saugatuck should proceed with the possible lease of the south McClendon Property. City Council members stated they would like Saugatuck LLC to submit a proposed draft lease document to the City for review and comment. Any future negotiations or discussions related to the lease of the property will need to be held with the entire Council as this is an important and sensitive issue that all Council members want to be involved in as elected officials representing the public. City Council is requesting the Land Conservancy be involved in the lease process as they feel that organization has knowledge that could assist the Council in making informed decisions.

To formalize the City Council's direction on this matter the City Council instructed the City Manager to place this item on the next Council meeting agenda for a formal vote.

B. Griffith Street-End Docks: The City Manager notified Council that a management agreement and survey is in process for the transient boat slips at Coghlin Park. Council members have been approached that the boats docking in the slips interfere with the view in the park and the new gazebo. Once the survey is complete City Manager Harrier will bring the survey to Council for discussion.

C. Park Maintenance: Council instructed the City manager to have the City's Department of Public Works maintain the City parks for the 2008 summer season. The Saugatuck Garden Club has volunteered to assist the DWP with the selection and planting of flowers in the parks to beautify the City.

D. Douglas Dutchers Financial Request: City Manager Harrier asked Council for direction in regards to the Douglas Dutchers financial request. Council suggested a resolution be placed on the April 14, 2008 regular meeting to donate \$200 to this organization.

E. Police Committee Report: Council Member Johnson informed Council of a cost increase for the City of Saugatuck's share of police protection. Mr. Johnson suggested that a police authority be created for the tri-communities.

F. City Council 04/14/08 Agenda Review: City Manager Harrier announced the following items will be on the April 14, 2008 City Council agenda: Ordinance amendments to Park Street zoning, Board of Review appointment, RFP for refuse, Blue Star Bridge, FOIA appeal, Resolution for Douglas Dutchers, and Resolution for Partners for Change.

5. **Other Items of discussion:** None

6. **Public Comment:** Marcia Perry of Saugatuck Dunes Coastal Alliance, announced that the Coastal Alliance is willing to assist the City in any possible way with the McClendon property lease issue.

7. **Adjournment** Mayor Vettori adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Looman
City Clerk