

**Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, June 9, 2008**

The City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 102 Butler Street, Saugatuck, Michigan.

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Vettori at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Attendance:**
Present: Spangler, Bekken, Johnson, Hess, Verplank, Simon & Vettori
Absent: None.
Also Present: City Manager Harrier and City Attorney Jim Brown.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Simon, to approve the May 27, 2008 regular meeting minutes as amended. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.
5. **Mayor's Comments:** An expression of sympathy for the family members of the recent drowning victim and storm related deaths on Lakeshore Drive. Congratulations to the Saugatuck High School graduates and to the City for its receipt of another top 25 best places to visit award.
6. **City Manager's Report:** Council received the City Manager's report.
7. **Agenda Changes:** Addition of agenda items 16 E, F, and G (letters re: Tallmadge Woods Conservation Easement.) Agenda was accepted as amended.
8. **Guest Speakers:**
A. April Scholtz – Land Conservancy of West Michigan: Council received information on the Tallmadge Woods Conservation Easement and the do's and don'ts of Land Conservancy. Ms. Scholtz applauded the City and Oxbow for its efforts to preserve this area. Other speakers included the Executive Director of Land Conservancy.
9. **Public Comment:**
Philips/6402 Palmetto Ct.: Spoke in support of the preservation and urged Council to adhere to the Tri-Community plan.
Feenstra/83 River Hills Dr.: Thanked Council for their efforts.
Shuman/296 Lake Shore Dr.: Spoke in support of the preservation and thanked Council.
Underwood/130 Perryman: Expressed support for the easement.
10. **Request for Payment:** A motion was made by Bekken, 2nd by Hess, to approve the accounts payable for \$54,403.31. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.
11. **Public Hearings:**
A. Tallmadge Woods Conservation Easement: A public hearing was scheduled on this date for the proposed Tallmadge Woods Conservation Easement.

Mayor Vettori declared the public hearing open for comment at 7: 25 PM.

City Attorney Brown presented a summary of the document.

Public Comments:

In support: Rachel Hood/1007 Lake Shore Dr; Dale Harrison/President of Kalamazoo Lake Protection Association; Dave Swan/345 Griffith St; Marsha Perry/6248 Blue Star Hwy; Bonnie Gradonis/6402 Palmetto Dr.

A general discussion was held a possible lease between Oxbow and the Art Institute. Attorney. Brown stated he found no lease of this nature recorded between Oxbow and the Art Institute. Ken Gold/439 Griffith questioned if the easement would grant additional ingress/egress to the property.

Mayor Vettori declared the public hearing closed at 8:15 PM

Council discussed the use of "authorized vehicles" in item I, the possibility of a monument dedicated to the land donor, and a Thank you was extended to all who made this possible.

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. New Business:

A. Tallmadge Woods Conservation Easement Resolution No. 080609-A: A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd Hess to approve resolution no. 080609-A with Section 4, item I of the Conservation Easement revised as stated below. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

"I. Off Road Vehicles – Motorized and non-motorized off road vehicles (other than authorized emergency vehicles) such as snowmobiles, dune buggies, mountain bikes, all terrain vehicles and motorcycles may not be operated on the property or in wetlands."

B. City Council Schedule of Meetings Resolution No. 080609-B: A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Hess , to approve Resolution No. 080906-B to adopt the regular City Council schedule of meetings for fiscal year 2008-2009 as presented. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

C. City of Saugatuck Planning Commission and Joint Planning Committee Resolution No. 080609-C: A motion was made by Spangler, 2nd by Simon, to approve Resolution No. 080906-C supporting the efforts of the Joint Planning Committee and the City of Saugatuck Planning Commission in their efforts to implement the terms of the Tri-Community Comprehensive Plan as presented. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

D. Tri-Community Comprehensive Plan Ordinance Conformity Resolution No. 080609-D: A motion was made by VerPlank, 2nd by Hess, to approve Resolution No. 080609-D directing the City of Saugatuck Planning Commission to review current City ordinances for conformity with the Tri-Community Comprehensive Plan as presented. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

E. Contract Negotiations for Refuse Collection and Disposal Services Resolution No. 080609-E: A motion was made by Hess, 2nd by VerPlank, to approve Resolution No. 080609-E selecting Chef Container, LLC to begin contract negotiations to provide refuse collection and disposal services as presented. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

F. Furnace/Air Condition Proposal: A motion was made by Bekken, 2nd by Simon, to accept the low bid submitted by Hobbs Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$3,600 for the replacement of the second floor furnace and air conditioner units at City Hall contingent upon insurance assessment. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

G. Historic District Commission Preservation Guidelines: A motion was made by VerPlank, 2nd by Hess, to approve the Saugatuck Historic Preservation Guidelines as amended to state the following: (B-1) to state: Colors that are historically associated with the period of the resource shall not be considered for existing structures; however, the commission may recommend a broad palette of colors as being compatible with the overall character of the district. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

14. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Simon, 2nd by Johnson, to approve the following consent agenda items. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

A. Special Events Permit – Fireworks Display Permit: For fireworks to be held on June 12, 2008 for the celebration of the 10th Annual Waterfront Film Festival.

B. SABA – Music in the Park: To hold the annual Music in the Park Live Concert Series in Wicks Park every Wednesday evening from 6:00-9:30 p.m. beginning June 11, 2008 to September 3, 2008.

15. Public Comment: Planning Commission Chairperson Harold Thieda spoke on the communications received regarding Tallmadge Woods.

16. Communications:

A. Saugatuck Township Fire Board Minutes: Accepted as information.

B. Citizen Communication – Proposed Conservation Easement: Accepted as information.

C. Citizen Communication – Proposed Conservation Easement: Accepted as information.

D. Citizen Communication – Proposed Conservation Easement: Accepted as information.

17. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports: City Council heard reports from the following boards and commissions: Planning Commission, Kalamazoo Lake Sewer Water Authority

18. Council Comments: None.

19. Adjournment: Mayor Vettori adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Alderink
Recording Secretary