

Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Special Workshop Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, July 17, 2008

1. **Call to Order by Mayor Vettori at 4:00 p.m.**
2. **Attendance:**
Present: Spangler, Bekken, Hess, Verplank, Simon & Vettori
Absent: Johnson
Others Present: City Manager Harrier and City Clerk Looman
3. **Public Comment:** Steven Neumer, Saugatuck, LLC stated that he initially requested that today's meeting be closed session to discuss the terms of the lease since it is very difficult to negotiate the terms of the property lease with a large group of citizens but later accepted Mayor Vettori's request to keep the subject matter open to the public in order to keep conservations transparent.

Council Member Bekken entered into the workshop at 4:05 p.m.

The following individuals are in support of City Council suspending all property lease negotiations at this time with Saugatuck, LLC:

Marcia Perry, 642 Blue Star Highway,
Bonnie Wilkins, 439 Butler
Bonnie Greydanus, 6402 Palmetto Court
Fred Royce 144 Lakeshore Drive
Phil Miller, 966 Holland Street
Cynthia McKean, 1000 Mason Street
Barb Lucier, 1035 Park Street
Ms. Warnock, 636 Shorewood Road

4. **Workshop Items:**
 - A. **McClendon Property Lease:** Steven Neumer, Saugatuck, LLC was informed by Council that all formal negotiations with Saugatuck, LLC in regards to leasing the south portion of the McClendon property will be suspended for a period of 60-90 days. The reasoning being Council would like to gather some additional information before entering into an agreement with Saugatuck, LLC.
5. **Other Items of discussion:** None.
6. **Public Comment**

Harold Glasser, 1918 Grand Avenue, Kalamazoo, applauded the City for maintaining a beautiful beach and suggested that Mr. McClendon take the responsibility in managing his own property and not to place this burden on the City of Saugatuck.

April Schultz, Land Conservancy of West Michigan, ask for clarification as to which portion of the McClendon property will be leased to the City of Saugatuck.

Dayle Harrison, 3108 62nd Street, supports Council in suspending all negotiations at this time with Saugatuck, LLC.

7. **Adjournment** Mayor Vettori adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Looman
City Clerk