

Minutes
Saugatuck City Special Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, August 6, 2008

1. Call to Order by Mayor Vettori at 4:00 p.m.

2. Attendance:

Present: Spangler, Bekken, Johnson, Verplank, Simon & Vettori

Absent: Hess

Others Present: City Manager Harrier and City Clerk Looman

3. New Business:

A. McClendon Property Possible Negotiations Regarding the Purchase of Property North of Oval Beach: City Manager Harrier announced to Council that the City of Saugatuck has been notified by Saugatuck, LLC (current owners of the property north of Oval Beach) that they may be interested in selling property currently in their ownership. A proposed meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2008 and participants from the Nature Conservancy of Michigan (Helen Taylor), Saugatuck Township, City of Saugatuck, Saugatuck S.O.S in conjunction with the Land Conservancy of West Michigan (Phil Miller) and other key individuals have been asked to participate. In order for the "City of Saugatuck" to attend this preliminary meeting, City Council direction is needed to identify the negotiation discussion process as it relates specifically to the City of Saugatuck in order to proceed in a legal and ethical manner. It is proposed that the City Manager and the Mayor attend these preliminary discussions regarding the sale of property currently held by Saugatuck, LLC.

A motion was made by Spangler, 2nd by Simon, Motion to give authority to the City Manager and the Mayor to attend preliminary discussions with Saugatuck, LLC regarding the sale of property currently in their ownership that is adjacent to the City of Saugatuck's Oval Beach and apprise City Council of progress as appropriate. Upon roll call the motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment: Dawn Schumann, 296 Lakeshore Drive, announced she is pleased with the shift in direction Council has taken with the negotiations with Saugatuck, LLC.

Dave Burdick, 385 Fremont, asked Council to keep in mind while negotiating with Saugatuck, LLC on the possible development of the south portion of the McClendon Property the following concerns: Additional Police and Fire Coverage; Additional Vehicle Traffic on Park Street; Water and Sewer Capacity.

Katherine Smalley, 3423 ½ Park Street, asked Council to consider a land management policy for the south portion of the McClendon property.

Jane Underwood 130 Perryman Street, added that the dunes, beach and natural wood setting is what lures tourists to Saugatuck and asked Council to take advantage of local organizations help.

Alexander Fink 781 Manchester, thanked Council for suspending negotiations with Saugatuck, LLC.

David Swan 345 Griffith, applaud McClendon on finally realizing how important the Denison property is to our economy, culture, history, tourist based economy and applaud Council for suspending negotiations with Saugatuck, LLC.

5. August 11, 2008 City Council Agenda Items: City Manager Harrier announced the following items will be on the August 11, 2008 regular City Council agenda: Public Works Committee Resolutions; Resolution for Truck Chassis Purchase and Truck Equipment for the DPW; Proposed Ballot Language for Road Project; Proclamation; FOIA Appeals; Special Event Permits;

6. Council Comments: Council Member Verplank announced that the SABA kiosk will be delivered on Friday, August 8, 2008.

7. Adjournment: Mayor Vettori adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Looman
City Clerk