

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
WITH PLANNING COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2007, 6:00 p.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and noted the reason for the special meeting was to discuss zoning and potential litigation from the former Denison property owner.

Members present from the Board: Supervisor Bill Wester, Clerk Jane Wright, and Treasurer Pat Knikelbine.

Members absent from the Board: Trustee Chris Roerig, and Trustee Damien Jarzembowski.

Members present from the Planning Commission: Jim Hanson, Brent VanOss, Larry Edris, Joe Milaukas, and Sandy Rausch.

Members absent from the Planning Commission: Steve Darple and Damien Jarzembowski.

Wester opened the special meeting to public comment. Hearing none, Wester closed that portion of the meeting at 6:05.

Wester then turned the meeting over to PC Chair Jim Hanson. Hanson stated the attorney representing Aubrey McClendon, the new owner of the former Denison property, is continuing to threaten a lawsuit against the Township. Attorney Steven Neumer is claiming a "taking" due to the re-zoning, and has filed a tax tribunal lawsuit due to the new lower density zoning. Discussion took place with the decision being to have Wester write a letter to Neumer, and to pursue a re-notification for another public hearing on the R4 zone.

Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Wright to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date