



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

October 5, 2022 – 4:00 pm

*This is an in-person meeting at Saugatuck City Hall, 102 Butler St, Saugatuck, MI 49453.
The meeting will also be available live, virtually on Zoom.*

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Agenda Changes** (*Additions/Deletions*)
4. **Guest Speaker:**
 - A. Dr. Eric Gollanek and Bill Hess- Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society
 - B. Bobbie Gaunt- Coastal Alliance
5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items Only** (*Limit 3 minutes*)
6. **Discussion Items:**
 - A. Zoning and Floodplain Administrator Appointment
 - B. Coastal Alliance
7. **Public Comments** (*Limit 3 minutes*)
8. **Correspondence:**
 - A. Saugatuck Art Club
 - B. Daniel Sheridan
 - C. Karen Sheridan
 - D. David & Janis Baker
 - E. Helen Klein
 - F. Diane Payne
 - G. Dani Meier
 - H. Ronna & Brian Alexander & Family
 - I. Jacqueline Bean
 - J. Vicki Rosenberg
 - K. Eddie Parach
 - L. Jennifer Rees
 - M. Charlotte Gardner
 - N. Anne Molenhouse
 - O. Sage Larsen
 - P. Jessica Richardson-Smaller

NOTICE:

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2698572603>

Join by phone by dialing:
**(312) 626-6799 -or-
(646) 518-9805**

Then enter "Meeting ID":
2698572603

Please send questions or comments regarding meeting agenda items prior to meeting to:
ryan@saugatuckcity.com

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- Q.** Stephen Oswald
- R.** Holly Anderson
- S.** Katie Motush
- T.** Cynthia Sorensen
- U.** Cathy Brockington
- V.** Kathryn Birky
- W.** Victor Bella Jr
- X.** Marjean Toledo
- Y.** Charles Rees
- Z.** Barbara Paxson
- AA.** Jane Underwood
- BB.** Kenneth Gold
- CC.** Robert Aardema
- DD.** Sandra Randolph

9. Council Comments

10. Adjourn (*Voice Vote*)



FROM: Ryan Heise
MEETING DATE: October 10th, 2022
SUBJECT: Appoint Zoning Administrator & Floodplain Manager

DESCRIPTION:

The City is required to have a Zoning Administrator and Floodplain Administrator; these duties belonged to Interim Zoning Administrator and Floodplain Manager Ryan Heise. I'm recommending to Council that Ryan Cummins be appointed as the Zoning and Floodplain Administrator for the City of Saugatuck.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED

N/A

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REVIEW

None

LEGAL REVIEW

Yes.

SAMPLE MOTION:

Motion to appoint Ryan Cummins as the Zoning and Floodplain Administrator.



P.O. Box 176, Saugatuck, MI 49453
www.SaugatuckDouglasArtClub.org
info@SaugatuckDouglasArtClub.org

September 20, 2022

City Council
City of Saugatuck
102 Butler St
PO Box 86
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Dear Council members,

The Saugatuck-Douglas Art Club thanks you for your generous donation of \$200.00. We were pleased with the number of our neighbors and visitors who came out to enjoy our 2022 Waterfront Invitational Art Fair.

The winner of the CITY OF SAUGATUCK MAYOR'S AWARD was Caroline Hahn for her paintings, drawings and on-the-spot portraits.

As a donor who has funded an award at the Waterfront Invitational Art Fair, the Executive Board of the Saugatuck-Douglas Art Club recognizes you as a Friend of the Art Club and accordingly will continue to have your name on the Art Club's Website for a period of one year.

With your faithful support our fairs provide the funding for our scholarship programs and contributions to our community's cultural and educational projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PAUL".

Paul Burdick
SDAC Board

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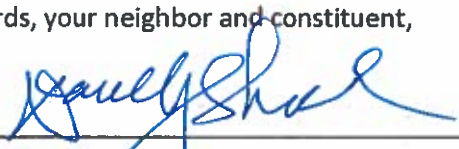
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With best regards, your neighbor and constituent,

Signature



Name

DANIEL J. SHERIDAN

Address

655 SPEAR ST

City, State, ZIP

SAUGATUCK, MI 49453

Hi folks,

9-29-22

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER INTO THE MEETING MINUTES.

THE PROPOSED MARINA IS WRONG, IN MY OPINION. IT CREATES UNSAFE CONGESTION AT THE RIVER MOUTH, AS A LIFE-LONG SAUGATUCK BOATER, I STRONGLY FEEL THAT THE CITY SHOULD PASS A RESOLUTION AGAINST THIS, THE TOWN WILL SUFFER ECONOMIC DAMAGE, EVEN THOUGH THE SITE IS IN THE TOWNSHIP. PLEASE DO NOT REMAIN SILENT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE LIVING AND VISITING THE AREA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR CITY.

BEST REGARDS DAN SHERIDAN

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Signature Karen L Sheridan

Name Karen L Sheridan

Address 655 Spear St

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Signature Janis Baker
 Name David & Janis Baker
 Address 650 Manchester Drive
 City, State, ZIP Saugatuck, MI 49453

Hello,

The following is a letter that I have copied from another proponent of stopping the development of a marina that would eliminate a good portion of the dunes around the Kalamazoo River as it enters Lake Michigan. The letter says it all and there is no reason I should rewrite it to make it original. Rather, I send it to let you know that another citizen of West MI who greatly enjoys Saugatuck and all that it has to offer is opposed to these drastic changes to our lakes shore and its ecology. Let's stand up protect the nature around us and not give in to monied interests.

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With best regards,



Helen Klein
1234 Waukazoo Drive
Holland, MI 49424

Jamie Wolters

From: Ryan Heise
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 1:25 PM
To: Jamie Wolters
Subject: Fwd: Save the Saugatuck Dunes

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Diane Payne <dianepayne76@gmail.com>
Date: October 3, 2022 at 12:56:11 PM EDT
To: jdonovan@douglasmi.gov, cnorth@douglasmi.gov, amiller@douglasmi.gov, rnaumann@douglasmi.gov, nseabert@douglasmi.gov, ptoepper@douglasmi.gov, mvanloon@douglasmi.gov, rlabombard@douglasmi.gov, Garnet Lewis <glewis@saugatuckcity.com>, Scott Dean <sdean@saugatuckcity.com>, mbekken@saugatuck.com, Holly Leo <hleleo@saugatuckcity.com>, Russ Gardner <Russ@saugatuckcity.com>, Lauren Stanton <lstanton@saugatuckcity.com>, ktrestor@saugatuckcity.com, Ryan Heise <Ryan@saugatuckcity.com>, abigford@saugatucktownship.org, jhelmrich@saugatucktownship.org, saldrich@saugatucktownship.org, BMarcy@saugatucktownship.org, risraels@saugatucktownship.org, ddefranco@saugatucktownship.org
Subject: Save the Saugatuck Dunes

To Whom It May Concern:

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I love the Saugatuck Dunes and hope you will do everything in your power to protect this pristine area. So little land along the lake has been preserved and that's tragic.

Best,

Diane Payne
311 West 21st
Holland, MI 49423

Jamie Wolters

From: Ryan Heise
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 1:25 PM
To: Jamie Wolters
Subject: Fwd: OPPOSE the proposed Marina Development & Degradation of Saugatuck Dunes

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "D. Meier" <dani.i.meier@gmail.com>
Date: October 3, 2022 at 1:02:13 PM EDT
To: Ryan Heise <Ryan@saugatuckcity.com>
Subject: OPPOSE the proposed Marina Development & Degradation of Saugatuck Dunes

Good Afternoon,

I am writing as your neighbor to ask you to protect the natural beauty and critical environment of Saugatuck by passing a resolution OPPOSING the proposed mining, excavation, and removal of 250,000 tons of dune sand within Michigan's Critical Dune Boundary at the Kalamazoo river mouth. This development would be contrary to the public interest detailed in the Tri-Community Master Plan.

The proposed sand dune mine, excavation, and removal of a quarter million tons of sand from Michigan's Critical Dune Boundary to add 3,200-feet of waterfrontage to develop a private marina would forever change the essential nature of the Saugatuck-Douglas lakefront and community.

Moreover, this would set a dangerous precedent for permitting other marina developments in the river mouth area, potentially including Pine Trail Camp, Ox-Bow School of Art, even Saugatuck's northeast parking lot at Oval Beach.

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With appreciation,

Your neighbor and constituent,



Dani Meier, PhD, MSW, MA 
3242 Lorrimar Lane
Saugatuck, MI 49453
dani.i.meier@gmail.com
(517) 914-5814

Jamie Wolters

From: Ryan Heise
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 1:41 PM
To: Jamie Wolters
Subject: Fwd: For Monday's Council Meeting - A Request to Protect and Preserve

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ronna Alexander <ronna@ronnaalexander.com>
Date: October 2, 2022 at 9:47:03 PM EDT
To: jdonovan@douglasmi.gov, cnorth@douglasmi.gov, Aaron Miller <amiller@douglasmi.gov>, rnaumann@douglasmi.gov, nseabert@douglasmi.gov, ptoepper@douglasmi.gov, mvanloon@douglasmi.gov, Rich LaBombard <rlabombard@douglasmi.gov>
Cc: Jennifer Pearson <Douglas@douglasmi.gov>, Garnet Lewis <glewis@saugatuckcity.com>, Ryan Heise <Ryan@saugatuckcity.com>, abigford@saugatucktownship.org, ddefranco@ddefranco@saugatucktownship.org
Subject: For Monday's Council Meeting - A Request to Protect and Preserve

To Officials of the City of Douglas, Saugatuck and Saugatuck Township:

Please read the attached letter during your October meeting so it becomes part of the public record.

Many Thanks,
Ronna ✨

Ronna Alexander
(she/her/hers)

Alexander Ink
w: ronnaalexander.com
c: 616-610-4348
e: ronna@ronnaalexander.com

DATE: October 1, 2022
TO: Mayor Donovan and City Council Members
FROM: Ronna and Brian Alexander
265 Water Street, Douglas
RE: A Request to Protect and Preserve

To Mayor Donovan and all members of the Douglas City Council:

We are writing to you as Douglas residents for the past 25 years, hoping that you will do your part in helping protect The Wild Heart of Saugatuck from the sand mining and development within Michigan's Critical Dune Boundary at the Kalamazoo River Mouth. From our perspective, it is not an advantage to the general population of tourists nor residents of the 3 municipalities and most importantly, the environment. A project of this magnitude risks substantial, negative long term effects of disrupting and removing entire ecosystems that support countless wildlife, land and water habitats, and the historic site of Singapore.

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This proposed mining and excavation is utterly contrary to the Public Interest as expressed in the Tji-Community Master Plan and we ask that you uphold what is clearly stated within it. We must continue to protect sensitive environments. While the mining would only take place on private land, the negative effects reach into the public lands beyond it. It will increase congestion at the exact point in the river that is already dangerous and while we're sure it is attractive in the way of increased tax revenue for the City, it is at a compromise to other boaters, long term residents and most of all the land and history that it will erase.

We are grateful for your work on this. The earth's environment is already unstable from climate change but luckily, this is one instance where you can clearly help keep sacred lands and the environments around them, intact for local residents, visitors and all of those who come after us.

Best Regards,



Ronna & Brian Alexander & Family

"If anyone has a right to say what happens to these lands, it should be those who have had the longest connection and intimate knowledge of it." - Dr. Nicole Anderson

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Name JACQUELINE BEAN
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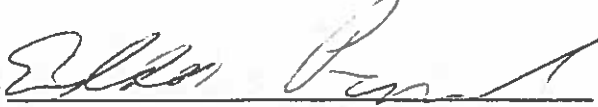
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Name Eddie PARATCH

Address 445 NO. ^{maple} ~~Maple~~ ST.

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Signature Jennifer Rees

Name Jennifer Rees

Address 245 Spear St

City, State, ZIP Saugatuck, MI 49453 (PO Box 1077)

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The natural environment surrounding us is beyond exceptional and should be protected and preserved.

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Thank you. Jen

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Signature Charlotte Gardner

Name Charlotte Gardner

Address 245 Spear St.

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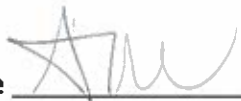
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Name Anne Molenhouse

Address 525 south maple street

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Name Sage Larsen

Address Resident of Fennville

City, State, ZIP attends SHS and friend and community member

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Signature JKS

Name Jessica Richardson-Smaller

Address 510 South Maple Street

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Name STEPHEN J. QUINN

Address 190 HERBERT ST PO 436

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Signature 
Name Holly Anderson
Address 567 Weirich Dr.
City, State, ZIP Saugatuck MI 49453

Garnet -
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and hope you can and your administration
can help protect & preserve our land
from devastating destruction of dunes,
wetlands.

Thank for all you do!
Holly

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Signature 

Name Katie Motush

Address 3435 Rupprecht Way / PO Box 628

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Signature Cynthia A. Sorensen

Name CYNTHIA SORENSEN

Address 550 CAMPBELL RD P.O. BOX 81

City, State, ZIP SAUGATUCK MI 49453

C. A. Brockington
989 Singapore Dr
Saugatuck, MI 49453
October 3, 2022

Dear Saugatuck City Council

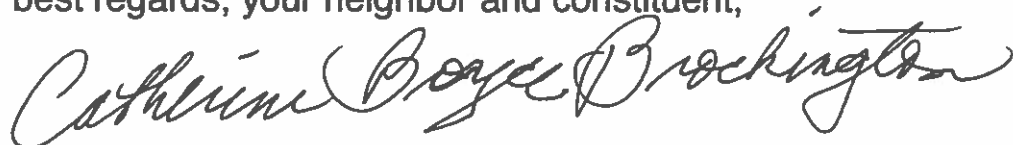
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Signature Kathryn Birky
Name Kathryn Birky
Address 7139 11th Ave
City, State, ZIP Fennville, MI 49408

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Signature Victor Bella, Jr.

Name VICTOR BELLA, JR.

Address 799 Simonson Dr. PO Box 1333

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Having been coming to Saugatuck as a "wild college kid" in the 60's, then as a sailor and Tower Marina slip renter for 25+ years in the '80's and 90's and then as a permanent resident since 2000, I've experienced many challenges and changes here. This latest completely illegal proposal is the worst!

Please support and pass this resolution.

Thanks,
Vic

And please include my comments in Council minutes.

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Signature Margaret M Toledo
Name Margaret M Toledo
Address 7178 Windcleft Dr.
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I don't believe that sand should be mined and the natural beauty of the area should be preserved

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Signature Charles Rees

Name CHARLES REES

Address 295 SPEAR ST.

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I am an avid kayaker and one of my favorite destinations is the cove at the mouth of the River. This proposed Marina & mine will, in my opinion, destroy the natural beauty at the Mouth of the river.

And as an artist who enjoys outdoor painting, plein air. The natural beauty of this area (dunes, river, lake) is special and needs to be preserved.

Charles Rees
9.27.22

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Name BARBARA K. PAXSON

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City, State, ZIP KALAMAZOO, MI. 49009

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Signature Sandra Randolph

cell 616-990-5671

Name Sandra Randolph

Address 3442 Riverside Drive

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We lived in the city for 7 years and moved to our current location
on the Kalamazoo river in 1974, residing here for the past 48 years.
We chose this tri community because of its natural beauty, its
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