

SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Draft MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, May 24TH, 2010

Present: Bertorelli, Pioch, Jessup, Stein, and DeGrandchamp.

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stein at 7:00 p.m.

A presentation was given on the proposed recreation authority by City of South Haven Manager Brian Dissette. Present in the audience were members of the South Haven Public School Board and Superintendent Black, City of South Haven Council, Casco Township Board, members of SHARP and interested residents.

The Articles of Incorporation for forming a South Haven Area Recreational Authority were explained in detail by City Attorney Scott G. Smith.

Questions were entertained from the audience.

We were informed that to adopt the Articles of Incorporation and officially form the Recreation Authority each jurisdiction would need to have a public hearing and publish the Articles of Incorporation in the local newspaper.

The City and the Townships have both previously agreed to contribute a \$1 per capita payment based on the last census of 2000 for an annual budget towards operation expenses.

Many of the concerns from the audience would be addressed when the Authority creates its agreements, and should not be part of the Articles of Incorporation.

The SHARP organization has managed to purchase the property for \$500,000.00, have completed a feasibility study, and have an additional \$50,000.00 already in the bank to put towards development. They are committed to continuing to do fundraising to facilitate construction of the park. They explained that South Haven is a rare community that uses school property exclusively for all community recreation needed. Many comparisons were made to the Allegan Sports Complex for answers to questions on annual budget, etc.

In conclusion no action was taken. Casco Township stated they would need another month for their board to review the information. The South Haven Public Schools, the City of South Haven and the South Haven Charter Township all agreed they are enthusiastic in moving forward.

Each jurisdiction was encouraged to review the document, forward any concerns to the City Manager and the City would strive to have a completed document by June 30th.

Motion by Jessup to adjourn, supported by DeGrandchamp. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

C.Ross Stein, Supervisor

