

**South Haven Area Recreation Authority**  
**Tuesday, November 25, 2014**  
**3:00 p.m., South Haven Charter Township Hall**  
**90 Blue Star Highway**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - A. May 27, 2014 Board Meeting
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Interested citizens in the audience will be heard on items not on the agenda
6. Financial Reports:
  - A. Approval of SHARA finance report
  - B. Authority Board will be updated on the SHARP financial statement
  - C. Authority Board will be updated on the SHARA/SHARP endowment account, held by the South Haven Community Foundation.
  - D. Approval of SHARA FY 2014 budget amendment
  - E. Authority Board will be updated on the proposed FY 2015 budget proposal
7. Authority Board will be asked to consider Resolution 2014-02, a resolution setting the SHARA meeting dates for 2015.
8. Authority will be provided an updated on the status of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (MDNR) grant applications for the proposed Pilgrim Haven park site.
9. Staff member comments
10. SHARA Board member comments
11. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brian Dissette  
South Haven City Manager

**South Haven Area Recreation Authority (SHARA)  
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 27, 2014  
3:00 p.m., South Haven Charter Township Hall**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting Opened at 3:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Members Present: Mr. Ross Stein, Mr. Dennis Fitzgibbon, Mr. Dana Getman, Dr. Robert Herrera, Mr. Mark McClendon

Absent:

Guests: Mr. Robert Burr, Mayor, City of South Haven  
Mr. Brian Dissette, City Manager, City of South Haven  
Mr. Paul VandenBosch, Asst. City Manager, City of South Haven  
Mr. Peter Ter Louw, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**March 26, 2014 Board Meeting: Motion by Getman, seconded by Fitzgibbon to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Getman to approve the amended agenda, adding agenda item 9A, to consider updated resolutions related to the Pilgrim Haven grant applications, of the May 27, 2014 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.**

**5. Interested Citizens in the Audience Will Be Heard on Items Not on the Agenda:**

**6. Approval of the SHARA Finance Reports:**

- a) The board discussed the SHARA Finance Report, noting the SHARA account now has a balance of \$106,355.81.

**Motion by Getman, seconded by McClendon to approve the SHARA finance report. All in favor, motion carried.**

- b) The board was updated on the SHARP account, which now has a balance

of \$24,391.32.

- c) The board received copies of the completed comprehensive annual financial report.

**7. SHARA Board received an update on the SHARP design work:**

The board was provided an update on the status of the SHARP construction planning from Midwest Civil Engineering (MCE.) MCE provided a written update on the construction planning for the SHARP site.

**8. SHARA Board received an update on the MDNR's property purchase in South Haven Charter Township:**

The board was provided an update on the status of the property purchase in South Haven Charter Township by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR.) Dissette noted that the MDNR has purchased the "Riverwoods" development on Blue Star Highway, between the Black River and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Dissette noted that MDNR officials met in South Haven on April 15, 2014 with city staff, Mayor Burr and Supervisor Stein to discuss the plan for the MDNR's property. Dissette noted the MDNR is desirous of developing the site into a state park, with camping sites for recreational vehicles, trailer units, and rustic camping. Stein described the MDNR's interest in partnering with SHARA for the development and management of the facility.

Burr noted that the site could have space for approximately 37 recreational vehicle camping sites, which could be rented on a seasonal basis. Burr noted that those sites could rent for up to \$3,000 per season. Burr and Stein described the MDNR's desire to have the park adjacent to the Kal-Haven Trail, and anticipated the site would attract cyclist to the trail and area. Stein noted the MDNR's property has water/sewer/electric/gas utilities in place and is ready for development. VandenBosch described a variety of options for partnering between SHARA and the MDNR. VandenBosch presented a draft letter that SHARA could use to state interest in partnering with the MDNR.

**Motion by Getman, seconded by McClendon to express support for continuing discussions with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) on a potential partnership for the development and management of the MDNR's park property in South Haven Charter Township. All in favor, motion carried.**

**9A. SHARA Board received an update on the grant applications for the Pilgrim Haven Project and was asked to consider updates to the resolutions of support for the project:**

The board was provided an update on the status of the Pilgrim Haven Park planning efforts by Mr. Peter Ter Louw, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (SWMLC.) Ter Louw noted that SWMLC and SHARA had submitted two grant applications to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund, for capital improvement work at Pilgrim Haven. Dissette noted that the MDNR had reviewed the SHARA grant applications for Pilgrim Haven. The MDNR's review of the applications had noted suggested changes to the SHARA approved resolutions of support for the grant

applications. Dissette stated the SHARA board should consider re-approval of the resolutions, with the local match more clearly stated. Ter Louw noted that SHARA could consider increasing the local match for the project, and that SWMLC had secured higher commitments for local matching funds. Dissette explained that Resolution 2014-03 and Resolution 2014-04 were prepared to satisfy the MDNR's concerns and increase the SHARA local matching amounts. Ter Louw stated he was confident that if the grant applications were successful, SWMLC could support the increased local matching amounts for the Pilgrim Haven project.

**Motion by Fitzgibbon, seconded by McClendon to approve Resolution 2014-03, a motion to authorize Chairman Stein to apply for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant for Pilgrim Haven. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by McClendon, seconded by Herrera to approve Resolution 2014-04, a motion to authorize Chairman Stein to apply for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant for Pilgrim Haven. All in favor, motion carried.**

## **9. Adjourn**

**Motion by Fitzgibbon, seconded by McClendon to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Brian Dissette  
City Manager, City of South Haven

# South Haven Area Recreational Authority (SHARA)

ID # 45-2387500

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	<u>Balance</u>
30-Nov-13	Deposit	Chemical Bank November Interest	7.51		91,426.54 91,434.05
12-Dec-13	1115	Midwest Civil Engineers Phase 1 Construction Plans		3,500.00	87,934.05
12-Dec-13	1116	Midwest Civil Engineers Revised Phase 1 Construction Plans		7,672.50	80,261.55
31-Dec-13	Deposit	Chemical Bank December Interest	7.77		80,269.32
			15.28	11,172.50	
23-Jan-14	Deposit	City of South Haven SHARA Support	8,806.00		89,075.32
31-Jan-14	Deposit	Chemical Bank January Interest	7.07		89,082.39
28-Feb-14	Deposit	Chemical Bank February Interest	6.83		89,089.22
			8,819.90	0.00	
25-Mar-14	Deposit	City of South Haven SHARA Support	17,250.00		106,339.22
31-Mar-14	Deposit	Chemical Bank March Interest	7.85		106,347.07
30-Apr-14	Deposit	Chemical Bank April Interest	8.74		106,355.81
			17,266.59	0.00	
22-May-14	1118	Vredeveld Haefner, LLC Inv#3055/Audit 12/31/13		2,100.00	104,255.81
31-May-14	Deposit	Chemical Bank May Interest	9.03		104,264.84
30-Jun-14	Deposit	Chemical Bank June Interest	8.58		104,273.42
			17.61	2,100.00	
31-Jul-14	Deposit	Chemical Bank July Interest	8.86		104,282.28
31-Aug-14	Deposit	Chemical Bank August Interest	8.86		104,291.14
			17.72	0.00	
30-Sep-14	Deposit	Chemical Bank September Interest	8.57		104,299.71
7-Oct-14	1119	U.S. Liability Insurance Co. May Interest		340.00	103,959.71
31-Oct-14	Deposit	Chemical Bank October Interest	8.84		103,968.55
			17.41	340.00	

City of South Haven  
SHARP Cast Receipts & Expenditures

	Donations	Bank Int or Fee	Expenses	Applied to Land Purchase	Administrative Assistant	Cash Balance
Nov-02	2,650.00	2.57				2,652.57
Dec-02	100.00	2.52				2,755.09
Jan-03		1.55				2,756.64
Feb-03		1.88				2,758.52
Mar-03		1.20				2,759.72
Apr-03		1.47				2,761.19
May-03	200.00	2.04				2,963.23
Jun-03	644.00	2.84				3,610.07
Jul-03		2.46				3,612.53
Aug-03		2.13				3,614.66
Sep-03		2.67				3,617.33
Oct-03		2.85				3,620.18
Nov-03	1,000.00	5.08				4,625.26
Dec-03		2.89				4,628.15
Jan-04	10,605.00	6.91	849.00			14,391.06
Feb-04	1,933.48	11.33	290.33			16,045.54
Mar-04	5,037.00	12.53	110.35			20,984.72
Apr-04	220.00	12.21	36.25			21,180.68
May-04	1,779.35	10.66	191.91			22,778.78
Jun-04	300.00	18.75	300.00			22,797.53
Jul-04	6,170.00	20.47	4,000.00			24,988.00
Aug-04	200.00	20.55	5,250.00			19,958.55
Sep-04	98.60	22.56	1,250.00			18,829.71
Oct-04	200.00	20.74	10.35			19,040.10
Nov-04	662.00	24.38				19,726.48
Dec-04	5,000.00	24.53				24,751.01
Jan-05	5,315.51	31.65	4,522.08			25,576.09
Feb-05		34.06				25,610.15
Mar-05	4,307.93	40.80	60.00			29,898.88
Apr-05		38.93				29,937.81
May-05		67.53				30,005.34
Jun-05	1.59	41.81				30,048.74
Jul-05		40.18				30,088.92
Aug-05		40.74				30,129.66
Sep-05	426.59	49.54				30,605.79
Oct-05		85.37		7,500.00		23,191.16
Nov-05		43.30	800.00			22,434.46
Dec-05	1.59	46.81	3,000.00			19,482.86
Jan-06		46.60	2,141.50			17,387.96
Feb-06		36.99	962.24			16,462.71
Mar-06		35.94	21.00			16,477.65
Apr-06	1.65	36.51	9.85			16,505.96
May-06		23.02	296.26			16,232.72
Jun-06	351.65	18.20		7,500.00		9,102.57
Jul-06		15.18				9,117.75
Aug-06		16.99				9,134.74
Sep-06	1.65	43.09				9,179.48
Oct-06		27.12	1.35			9,205.25
Nov-06		20.69				9,225.94

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	Donations	Bank Int or Fee	Expenses	Applied to Land Purchase	Administrative Assistant	Cash Balance
Dec-06		33.55	2,500.00			6,759.49
Jan-07		76.90	2,500.00			4,336.39
Feb-07	1.65	32.17				4,370.21
Mar-07		29.94	2,897.58			1,502.57
Apr-07	101.71	20.95				1,625.23
May-07	1,923.00	18.83	2,500.00			1,067.06
Jun-07	1.71		2,594.28			(1,525.51)
Jul-07	100.00		2,541.77			(3,967.28)
Aug-07	1,050.00		2,509.65			(5,426.93)
Sep-07			2,540.34			(7,967.27)
Oct-07	1,001.71		2,552.20			(9,517.76)
Nov-07	1,000.00		2,566.53			(11,084.29)
Dec-07	106,434.00	96.05	5,115.31			90,330.45
Jan-08	5,566.12	157.92				96,054.49
Feb-08	2,600.00		4,459.77	95,896.57		(1,701.85)
Mar-08	4,515.00		2,770.16	42.99		(0.00)
Apr-08	1,380.47		2,500.95			(1,120.48)
May-08	5,500.00	1.66		4,381.18		0.00
Jun-08	1,239.27	33.38	36.47		1,076.13	160.05
Jul-08	11,700.00	35.93				11,895.98
Aug-08	100.00	2.20	42.91	9,000.00	1,285.67	1,669.60
Sep-08	5,500.00	48.75	43.68	5,000.00	905.65	1,269.02
Oct-08	650.00	2.77	74.91		976.68	870.20
Nov-08		0.49	36.93		216.65	617.11
Dec-08	10,000.00	38.28	2,318.72		198.89	8,137.78
Jan-09	90,686.47	9.26	32.24	90,000.00	799.10	8,002.17
Feb-09	350.00	6.21	68.30		699.66	7,590.42
Mar-09	1,000.00	6.70	28.14		720.97	7,848.01
Apr-09	11,090.00			10,000.00	703.21	8,234.80
May-09	2,285.00		28.12		443.95	10,047.73
Jun-09	57,601.89	11.08	1,637.29	60,245.77	287.68	5,489.96
Jul-09	62,300.00		29.92	65,000.00		2,760.04
Aug-09	71,998.00	0.43	772.50	70,000.00		3,985.97
Sep-09	7,036.66	2.45	507.50			10,517.58
Oct-09	27,906.00	1.54	446.25			37,978.87
Nov-09		9.92	473.15			37,515.64
Dec-09	3,333.34	1.91	2,780.00			38,070.89
Jan-10	5,060.00	3.86				43,134.75
Feb-10	360.00	3.44	376.26			43,121.93
Mar-10		6.81	136.32			42,992.42
Apr-10	6,435.12	3.93	581.88			48,849.59
May-10		2.62	365.00			48,487.21
Jun-10		3.63	1,956.95			46,533.89
Jul-10	1,000.00	2.33				47,536.22
Aug-10	1,000.00	2.65	827.25			47,711.62
Sep-10	105.00	3.17				47,819.79
Oct-10		5.90				47,825.69
Nov-10	100,500.00	5.03				148,330.72
Dec-10	1,666.67	9.15	40,062.29			109,944.25

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SHARP Cast Receipts & Expenditures

	Donations	Bank Int or Fee	Expenses	Applied to Land Purchase	Administrative Assistant	Cash Balance
Jan-11	40,500.00	9.71	8.50			150,445.46
Feb-11		8.91	40,000.00			110,454.37
Mar-11	40,100.00	5.08	15.87			150,543.58
Apr-11	14,640.00	4.34				165,187.92
May-11		4.94	14,640.00			150,552.86
Jun-11	375.00	3.90				150,931.76
Jul-11		0.95				150,932.71
Aug-11		0.53	5,000.00			145,933.24
Sep-11	100.00	1.20	4,019.03			142,015.41
Sep-11	-375.00 *					141,640.41
Oct-11			100,000.00			41,640.41
Oct-11		5.00				41,645.41
Oct-11			700.00			40,945.41
Nov-11	100.00	2.29	500.00			40,547.70
Dec-11		2.61	2,856.00			37,694.31
Jan-12	1,666.67	0.68	1,837.83			37,523.83
Feb-12		0.37	1,763.21			35,760.99
Mar-12		1.25	1,408.14			34,354.10
Apr-12			4,137.31			30,216.79
May-12			3,359.15			26,857.64
Jun-12		1.33	2,020.09			24,838.88
Jul-12		0.13	1,400.00			23,439.01
Aug-12			1,436.03			22,002.98
Sep-12		1.40	1,400.36			20,604.02
Oct-12		-0.17	-3,782.50 **			24,386.35
Nov-12		-0.09				24,386.26
Dec-12		-0.16	1.26			24,387.36
Jan-13						24,387.36
Feb-13						24,387.36
Mar-13			1.26			24,388.62
Apr-13						24,388.62
May-13						24,388.62
Jun-13						24,388.62
Jul-13						24,388.62
Aug-13						24,388.62
Sep-13			1.32			24,389.94
Oct-13						24,389.94
Nov-13						24,389.94
Dec-13						24,389.94
Jan-14						24,389.94
Feb-14						24,389.94
Mar-14			1.38			24,391.32
Apr-14						24,391.32
May-14						24,391.32
Jun-14			1.38			24,392.70
Jul-14						24,392.70
Aug-14						24,392.70
Sep-14			1.44			24,394.14
Oct-14						24,394.14

City of South Haven  
 SHARP Cast Receipts & Expenditures

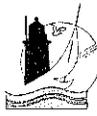
Donations	Bank Int or Fee	Expenses	Applied to Land Purchase	Administrative Assistant	Cash Balance
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- \* June contribution from Entergy made in error ( they requested money be refunded)
- \*\* Reimbursement for audit & fee expenses

Donations	Interest Earnings	Expenses	Applied to Land Purchase	Administrative Assistant	Cash Balance
756,393.05	1,906.81	301,041.05	424,566.51	8,314.24	24,378.06

Land Purchase Price 424,566.51

<b>Loan Balance Remaining</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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**South Haven**

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October 30, 2014

SHARP/SHARA Board of Directors  
c/o Brian Dissette  
City of South Haven  
539 Phoenix St.  
South Haven, Mi. 49090

Dear SHARP/SHARA Board,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the South Haven Community Foundation, we are very pleased to inform you that a donation has been made to the SHARP/SHARA Endowment Fund by the South Haven Area Resource Council (SHARC). This donation, in the amount of \$3587.54 has placed the SHARP/SHARA Endowment Fund over the \$10,000.00 threshold to be eligible for grants.

We are very excited as SHARC's donation to the foundation endowment helped drive us over the \$500,000 minimum to begin granting in 2015. You will hear more about this in the coming months, In December of this year you will receive a statement indicating the value of your endowment, its performance thru September 30, 2014 and it's grant making value for 2015.

Again, we are very pleased to bring this good news to you and look forward to continuing to work with you.

Very Truly Yours,

  
Jim Marcoux  
Executive Director

Cc: SHARC Board of Directors

**SOUTH HAVEN AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY  
AMENDED BUDGET  
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**REVENUES:**

CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN	\$2 Per Capita	\$ 8,806
SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TWP	\$2 Per Capita	\$ 7,966
FARM LEASE REVENUE	\$160 X 96	\$ 15,360
INTEREST INCOME		\$ 100
FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION FOR PROF FEES		\$ 17,250
	TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 49,482</u>

**EXPENSES:**

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS		\$ 5,000
INSURANCE		\$ 850
AUDIT		\$ 2,100
PROFESSIONAL FEES - CONSULTING	MCE	\$ 12,000
PROPERTY TAXES & MAINTENANCE		\$ 5,860
ANNUAL LEASE PAYMENT		\$ 1
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 25,811</u>
	SURPLUS	\$ 23,671

**SOUTH HAVEN AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY  
PROPOSED BUDGET  
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**REVENUES:**

CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN	\$2 Per Capita	\$ 8,806
SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TWP	\$2 Per Capita	\$ 7,966
FARM LEASE REVENUE	\$160 X 96	\$ 15,360
INTEREST INCOME		\$ 100
	TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 32,232</u>

**EXPENSES:**

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$ 5,000	
INSURANCE	\$ 500	
AUDIT	\$ 2,200	
PROFESSIONAL FEES - CONSULTING	\$ 18,671	
PROPERTY TAXES & MAINTENANCE	\$ 5,860	
ANNUAL LEASE PAYMENT	\$ 1	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 32,232</u>
	SURPLUS	\$ -

**SOUTH HAVEN AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02**

**A RESOLUTION SETING MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Haven Area Recreation Authority, Van Buren County, State of Michigan, held in the South Haven Township Hall, 09761 Blue Star Highway, South Haven, Michigan, on November 18, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., local time.

Present, Boardmembers:

Absent, Boardmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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The following preamble and resolution were offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_ .

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The regular meetings of the South Haven Area Recreation Authority are hereby scheduled to occur at the South Haven Charter Township Hall on the following dates:

January 13, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.  
March 17, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.  
May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
July 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
September 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
November 17, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

AYES:

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Dissette, City Manager

**CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN)

I, Brian Dissette, the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Haven Area Recreation Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting held on November 18, 2014, the original of which is on file in the office of the South Haven Area Recreation Authority. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my official signature this November 18, 2014.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Dissette, City Manager

DRAFT

**November 10, 2014**

**To: SHARA Board**

**CC: Geoff Cripe, Peter Ter Louw**

**From: Brian Dissette**

**Re: Pilgrim Haven Grant Applications**

In an effort to provide the SHARA Board an update on the status of the Pilgrim Haven funding applications, Mr. Geoff Cripe, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (SWMLC) was contacted, and an information update was requested. Mr. Cripe provided the following information:

Hey Brian, Pete forwarded me your request for an informational update to SHARA; here are a few updates applicable to 2014 with specificity regarding the active NRTF applications:

- In spring of 2014, SWMLC completed the MDEQ- funded master plan for the site and got very positive feedback and an invitation to apply again in upcoming rounds which I hope SHARA/SWMLC will take advantage of.

- In the summer of 2014, SWMLC completed a 1/3 mile trail through the woodlands on the east part of the site with help from over 40 volunteers, many South Haven residents.

- The trail is now accessible to the public through a pedestrian opening donated by Cottage Home created in the fence along 77th Street. The trail connects with the former dining hall and gymnasium openings on-site, areas planned for potential future events and possibly some primitive camping areas.

- The MDNR staff visited Pilgrim Haven as part of the NRTF site review and gave a positive review per Brian.

- The NRTF applications were finally submitted October 10th after finally reaching an agreement with MDNR on site-control. The current approach gives SHARA the right to develop and manage improvements proposed in Phase I in step with the approved master plan. We will find out in December how we fared.

NRTF scores- The preliminary scores released in September show that we almost maximize the points within our control, and thus score very well. We did miss 10 points because most, but not all of the proposed facilities meet universal design. The ramp down to the beach and parking lot meet barrier-free qualifications, but could not achieve universal access qualification because of the costs and due to physical limitations of the site in constructing a universally accessible beach ramp. Universal design specs would have required that the ramp extend along most of the dune face, which would detract enormously from the conservation values associated with the beachfront.

Other areas we missed points are out of our control and include 1) not being in a metropolitan statistical area 2) not in an area with average household incomes in the bottom 1/3 statewide (South Haven is actually \$1,500 too rich per household on average), 3) the 1,500 too rich gets us again as the match category includes an income multiplier. We also lose points on the development grant app because we are not renovating existing recreation structures/facilities.

Obstacles in the Process- SWMLC and SHARA faced enormous difficulty reaching a workable solution for the site control. Typically the NRTF staff/board see applications directly from a municipality that owns the site and thus our public/private arrangement seemed to create unexpected and head-scratching challenges for the NRTF staff. SWMLC spent over a year working with legal counsel and in several conference calls and face-to-face meetings with MDNR staff to help them understand inherited limitations we have and that the approach, though unorthodox fully met their requirements. Not to mention we were creating a new publicly accessible natural area on Lake Michigan. We also faced some challenges with the new MiRec system, frustrations that all NRTF applicants this round likely shared. In many cases we had to redo work or duplicate prior efforts because of errors in their system. To be fair, they have been very apologetic all along the way and at least tried to resolve issues quickly.

-Geoff