

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

**Wednesday, March 26, 2014  
7:00 p.m., South Haven Charter Township Hall**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting Opened at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Members Present: Mr. Ross Stein, Mr. Dennis Fitzgibbon, Mr. Dana Getman,

Absent: Dr. Robert Herrera, Mr. Mark McClendon

Guests: Mr. Brian Dissette, City Manager, City of South Haven  
Mr. Ken Peregon, OCBA Landscape Architects  
Mr. Peter Ter Louw, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy  
Mr. Geoff Cripe, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**January 21, 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 agenda of the March 26, 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 \$89,089.22. Dissette noted that the report illustrates bank interest has been paid.

**Motion by Getman, seconded by Fitzgibbon 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 \$24,382.26.

**7. SHARA Board will be asked to consider a series of actions related to the Pilgrim Haven site, and potential grant applications for the site:**

**Motion by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Getman to open a public hearing regarding the Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant applications for the Pilgrim Haven site. All in favor, motion carried.**

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 the planning efforts, including habitat planning, for the Pilgrim Haven site had occurred over many months, and featured a series of meeting sessions at the Pilgrim Haven site. Ter Louw noted that one of the site planners, from OCBA Landscape Architects was in attendance to explain the design. Mr. Ken Peregon, OCBA Landscape Architects, explained the site plan to the board members. Peregon noted that the design is split into phases, and that the MDNR grant applications seek to construct the improvements described in Phase 1. Peregon noted that the Phase 1 plans include the development of a parking lot, with space for up to fifty cars, the development of barrier free access to Lake Michigan, and the placement of a gate to control access to the parking lot. Peregon noted that the Phase 1 plans are a small portion of the overall site development plans. Peregon described the overall plans as having space of potential campsites, restrooms, a pavilion, and barrier free walking paths. Peregon noted that those plans are not being sought as part of the current grant application.

The following individuals expressed concerns about the grant application for the Pilgrim Haven site:

- Mr. Jim Bridelstein
- Ms. Genie Insidioso
- Mr. John Mooy
- Mr. Jerry Portman
- Mr. Bruce Cyrus
- Mr. Jim Wilschke
- Ms. Julie Portman

The following individuals expressed support for the grant application for the Pilgrim Haven site:

- Mr. Dick Brunvand
- Ms. Maureen Lewandowski
- Mr. John Lewandowski
- Ms. Maureen Moravec
- Ms. Gail Ohnsman
- Mr. Mark Odland
- Mr. Mike DeGrandchamp
- Ms. Mary Lynn Buggee

Mr. Tom Martin, Police Chief, South Haven Police Department, addressed questions related to police enforcement within South Haven Charter Township. Martin noted that the South Haven Police Department provides police services in South Haven Charter Township. Martin expressed a commitment to provide police services at Pilgrim Haven and other public spaces in South Haven Charter Township.

**Motion by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Getman to close the public hearing regarding the Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant applications for the Pilgrim Haven site. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Getman, seconded by Fitzgibbon to approve Resolution 2014-01, 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 Getman, seconded by Fitzgibbon to approve Resolution 2014-02, a motion to authorize Chairman Stein to apply for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant for Pilgrim Haven. All in favor, motion carried.**

#### **10. Adjourn**

**Motion by Fitzgibbon, seconded by Getman to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Brian Dissette  
City Manager, City of South Haven