

# Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board

Community Center  
Grand Marais, Michigan  
August 17, 2004 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Lois Leavenworth

**Board Members Absent:** Rose Benmark

**Public Attendance:** Fifty (50) Visitors.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to approve agenda. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

**Current Business:**

Referendum Request for Downtown Property Purchase (Greenspace)

**Savage explained that after researching the request for a referendum – she found that a township can not hold a referendum and that it is not legal to put an advisory question on the ballot. Savage went on to say that a Township is allowed to send out an opinion poll of the residents/voters. Durrwachter asked for a vote of those in the audience. The majority of the audience voted against the purchase of the property. Following the vote, several people who had raised their hand as a no spoke up and said that they might change their vote if they had more information. Based on those comments, it was decided by the board to send a mailing to all registered voters and all property owners in Burt Township. Lois Leavenworth volunteered to schedule a crew of volunteers from the audience who would be responsible for sending out the ballots.**

**Adjournment:** Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

*Lori Savage*

Lori Savage, Township Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2004

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Lee Durrwachter, Township Supervisor

These minutes are unapproved until approved by the board and signed by the Township Supervisor.