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JUST MINUTES FROM BEAUTIFUL LAKE MICHIGAN IN SAUGATUCK/DOUGLAS

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City of Saugatuck
Village of Douglas
Managers and Council Members

Council Members and Managers,

An unsigned letter was recently sent to you alleging that we, the owners of Douglas Dunes Resort, "are part of the making and in association with 3 explicit sex movies..." featuring various Saugatuck locations.

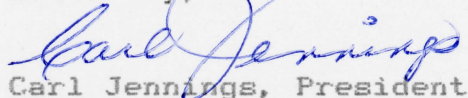
We wish to state for the public record that we have absolutely no financial interest in, nor did we have anything to do with the filming or creation of these films.

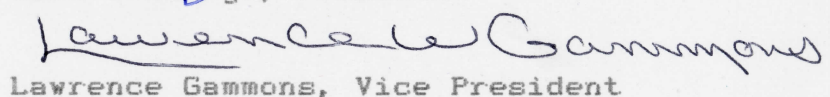
It also should be noted, that pornography is certainly not a "gay phenomenon". A walk through any local or national video store will show a much larger selection of straight pornography than gay pornography. This attempt to link the gay community with pornography is simply another attempt to tar and feather us. This crudely written letter with its' false allegations, by someone so embarrassed by his own opinion that he cannot sign his name to it, is exactly the reason that we are requesting that the city of Saugatuck enact the Human Rights Ordinance.

The fact that these films exist may confirm what this anonymous letter writer states when he says "... this area is an open gay resort." Whether this is good or bad is a matter of personal opinion. Many local businesses both gay and straight owned have chosen to spend large amounts of money advertising to attract gay clientele. These efforts have been highly successful and account for a large portion of the area's tourist revenues, tax base and jobs.

These legitimate businesses and the customers that support them and our community deserve a statement from you that their support is appreciated and their rights as citizens are protected, whether you agree with them or not. The proposed Human Rights Ordinance would be a good way for you to do that.

Sincerely,


Carl Jennings, President


Lawrence Gammons, Vice President