

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioners Barbara Rogers, Scott Hansen, Terrance Augustine, Joseph Brehler, Brian Lautzenheiser, Trevor Youngquist, and Blake Mulder

ALSO PRESENT:

Commissioner Droscha, Drew Marks, Claudine Williams, Travis Keeton, Debbie Penfield (virtual), Ruthann Clarke, Connie Sobie

The May 10, 2023 regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Rogers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the amended agenda to add the Veterans Voucher Program to Miscellaneous, Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the April 12, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Mr. Drew Marks spoke regarding previous Public Works and Planning Committee minutes content and stated the approved minutes had been altered. Mr. Marks also stated concerns the Zoning Board of Appeals procedures are were not followed in regards to his appeal application.

Eaton Conservation District Executive Director, Rachel Cuschieri-Murray spoke regarding ongoing Eaton County Collaborative Stream Monitoring program in partnership with Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps) and Olivet College. The monitoring program consists of sites in Eaton County within the Upper Thornapple River watershed. She spoke of upcoming projects and distributed a calendar of upcoming Eaton Conservation District events.

The Construction Code reports were presented.

Resource Recovery Program Assistant, Debbie Penfield (virtual) presented the department's monthly report. Ms. Penfield provided information regarding the Michigan Green Communities Silver status.

A resolution to approve the continuation of the Agricultural Plastic Film Recycling program for one (1) year was presented. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Board of Commissioners as presented. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

A resolution to apply for an EGLE Recycling Infrastructure Grant was presented. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of the resolution the Board of Commissioners as presented for an application to include a recycling trailer, a truck to transport the trailer, and a new baler. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Development Director, Claudine Williams, was present to provide the Department's monthly report.

A resolution to apply for a Public Art for Communities Grant was presented. Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Board of Commissioners as presented for a piece of art to be displayed at Crandall Park. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously. Staff was directed to work on a Public Art Policy for consideration at next month's meeting.

Parks Director Travis Keeton presented the department's monthly report.

An update of the Parks Millage Workgroup was given. Discussion was held in reference to the new parks grant program. Discussion was also held in reference to the Workgroup's budget and project recommendations. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend the Parks Millage recommendations as presented. Commissioner Mulder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A resolution to apply for a Spark Grant was presented. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Board of Commissioners as presented for infrastructure improvements to Crandall Park. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Drain Commissioner, Ruthann Clarke presented the department's annual report.

The Monsanto Class Action Settlement was discussed. Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend to Ways and Means the allocation of the \$27,000 received to the Drain Commissioner, specifically for the administration and testing to maintain our required State of Michigan MS4 permit. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Physical Plant Director, Chad Powers was present to discuss the landfill sampling report provided by Strata Environmental Services, Inc.

Community Development Director, Claudine Williams presented program guidelines for administration of the Veterans Services Meijer Voucher Program. Commissioner Youngquist moved to approve the guidelines as amended per discussion. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Rogers adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.



Barbara Rogers, Chairperson