

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott and Brian Droscha; Claudine Williams, Chris Garrison, Travis Keeton, Debbie Penfield, Rachel Cuscheri-Murray, and Connie Sobie

The June 14, 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.

Controller/Administrator Connie Sobie requested to add a resolution for Public Art Policy under Miscellaneous. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the May 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Eaton Conservation District Executive Director, Rachel Cushieri-Murray, announced they are working on a five (5) year plan. Director Cushieri-Murray gave a brief District update and informed the committee of upcoming events.

Resource Recovery Program Assistant, Debbie Penfield, presented the department's monthly report. Discussion was held in reference to the Agricultural Film Plastic Program (AG Plastic) and program participant EJ USA. Ms. Penfield requested to modify the AG Plastic Program to exclude AG Plastic materials dropped off from EJ USA due to a change in the marketability of the materials from this participant. Materials from EJ USA would instead be considered marketable commodities much like cardboard and other forms of plastics.

Commissioner Augustine moved to waive the Agricultural Film Plastic Program Fee for EJ USA and move forward with the program. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Penfield noted she is working on updating the SWAG grant applications and will have recommendations for awards next month.

The Construction Code reports were presented. Discussion held.

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

The Construction Code/Community Development Restructure request was presented by Ms. Williams and Mr. Garrison. Ms. Sobie added Mr. Garrison is working on classes/training for builders and homeowners to explain processes, building codes, etc. Discussion held. Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend the Restructure request to the Ways and Means Committee for budgetary considerations. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks Director Travis Keeton presented the department's monthly report. Discussion was held in reference to the new Eaton County Parks Community Grant Program. Commissioner Augustine moved to approve the grant application and process. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

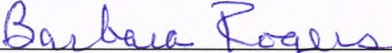
Mr. Keeton indicated that there has been difficulties hiring and keeping Parks Department Seasonal Staff. Commissioner Augustine moved to raise the Parks Department Seasonal Staff wages from \$12-\$14 per hour to \$15-\$18 per hour. Commissioner Youngquist seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Williams presented the Public Art Policy. Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend the Policy to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Mr. Keeton gave an update on the issue of goats and a separate vandalism issue at Crandell Park occurring last week.

Chairperson Rogers adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.



Barbara Rogers, Chairperson