

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Barbara Rogers, Terrance Augustine, Blake Mulder, Joe Brehler, and Brian Lautzenheiser.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Scott Hansen and Trevor Youngquist.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Jim Mott; Connie Sobie, Claudine Williams, Chris Garrison, Debbie Penfield, Travis Keeton, Logan Bailey, and Brandy Miller.

The October 11, 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 agenda as presented. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the September 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. None.

Construction Code, Planning and Zoning Director, Chris Garrison, presented the department's monthly report. He noted the department is looking at streamlining permitting processes and he will have more detail in the next month or two.

Commissioner Jim Mott presented a Resolution Opposing Any Legislation Preempting Local Control for Solar and Wind Developments. He stated Michigan House bills 5120, 5121, and 5123 were introduced on October 10, 2023 and would amend 2008 PA 295, entitled "Clean and renewable energy and energy waste reduction act." Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Mulder – yes, Augustine – yes, Brehler - no, Lautzenheiser – yes, Rogers – yes. Motion passed.

Debbie Penfield presented the department's monthly report.

A memo from the Recycling Workgroup recommending a new position, Environmental Sustainability Director, was presented and discussed. The Workgroup believes changes are necessary to meet community needs and to move Eaton County into the future in the area of

recycling and environmental sustainability. This position would work to accomplish the final steps to build and develop a program. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to recommend approval of the position to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Augustine supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks Director,St Travis Keeton presented the department's monthly report. He reported on the security gates at Lincoln Brick Park and gave an update storm damage clean up. There was also an update about Dyer Kiln. Discussion was held on the status of various parks projects.

Committee Appointments were discussed.

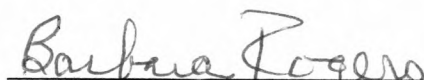
Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend the appointment of Lisa Lawitzke, Ed Kemp Jr., and Raymond Whitaker to the Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring on December 31, 2026, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner. Lautzenheiser supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend the appointment of Daren Beebe, Kyle Mack, and Chase Richardson to the Construction Code Board of Appeals for three-year terms expiring on December 31, 2026 and Dean Butler, Daniel Daly Jr. and Chad Guild to the Construction Code Board of Appeals for partial terms expiring on December 31, 2024; Ben Tirrell and James Garvey to the Purchase of Development Rights Selection Committee for two-year terms expiring on December 31, 2025; Branden Dyer and Bob Robinson to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board for three-year terms expiring on December 31, 2026; and Robert Kosinski to the Eaton County Transportation Authority for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2026. Commissioner Lautzenheiser supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. None.

Chairperson Rogers adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.



Barbara Rogers, Chairperson

