

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Terrance Augustine, Joseph Brehler, Blake Mulder and Jane Whitacre

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Barbara Rogers

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Jeremy Whittum; Claudine Williams, Troy Stowell, Morgan Feldpausch, Gene Bryan and John Fuentes

The October 13, 2021 regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Lautzenheiser.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Whitacre moved to approve the agenda, with the removal of the waste hauler hearings item within the DIA Update, as requested by the Controller/Administrator. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mott moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Troy Stowell, Parks and Recreation Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly report. It was reported that construction has begun on a 2.5 mile trail at Crandell Park. Discussion held.

Gene Bryan, Construction Code Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly update. The monthly permit, inspection and housing start reports were presented and reviewed. Discussion held.

Morgan Feldpausch, Resource Recovery Coordinator, was present to provide the monthly report for the Designated Implementing Agency. The monthly report included annual material volume data for the Sunfield location and four year county-wide collection event material volume and participant data.

A proposal to conduct an analysis of the current recycling services and programs in the County and provide recommendations for steps toward cost effective county-wide recycling programs was presented and discussed. The proposal was requested based on several factors; including funding limitations for the local grant programs. Discussion held.

Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend to the Ways and Means Committee a budget amendment, to fund the cost of the proposed analysis. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Claudine Williams, Community Development Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly report. The Zoning Ordinance Committee continues to develop a text amendment, which may be introduced for consideration in December. There was also discussion regarding the differences in statutory regulatory authority between industrial hemp and marihuana. Industrial hemp is considered an agricultural commodity and is regulated as such. Discussion held.

An update on the current expiring citizen appointments was provided. A slate of candidates is expected to be presented at the Committee's next regular meeting.

An executive summary of the semi-annual groundwater sampling event at the closed landfill site was provided and discussed. Sampling results are consistent with past events and have been submitted to the Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy for review. Based on the results it is expected that the semi-annual frequency will continue. Discussion held.

Chairperson Lautzenheiser adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813.



Brian Lautzenheiser, Chairperson