

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jeremy Whittum and Brian Droscha; Bill Hendrian, Travis Keeton, Chris Garrison, Morgan Feldpausch, Claudine Williams, and John Fuentes

The April 13, 2022 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 Mott moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Hendrian, MSU Extension District Coordinator, was present to provide the agency's semi-annual update. It was reported that all course offerings have returned to traditional in-person format. It was noted that due to increases in participation through on-line alternatives, the agency has continued to make available on-line virtual participation options. An overview of the activities and educational opportunities in the four program areas: Agricultural and Agribusiness; Children and Youth Development; Health and Nutrition; and Community, Food and Nutrition was provided. Discussion held.

Chairman Lautzenheiser introduced Parks Director, Travis Keeton, who began employment March 21, 2022.

The Parks Director provided a brief update on the preparations for the summer recreation season, including; facilities preparation and seasonal staff recruiting and hiring. Discussion held.

Chris Garrison, Construction Code Enforcement Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly update. It was reported that a temporary plumbing inspector has been identified to provide inspection coverage two days a week while efforts continue to recruit and hire a long-term employee.

A proposed inter-local agreement with Delta Township to provide short-term or emergency mutual aid coverage during staff vacancies or other was presented and reviewed. Discussion held.

Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend approval of the inter-local agreement for building and trade inspection services, to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Morgan Feldpausch, Resource Recovery Coordinator, was present to provide the monthly report for the Designated Implementing Agency. It was reported the Recycling Workgroup will be receiving a presentation in the near future on the consultant's assessment of the current county recycling program model and recommendations. It was also reported that the current agricultural plastic film pilot project is scheduled to end May 1, 2022. The Department is recommending the program be extended through May 1, 2023 to continue to evaluate its effectiveness. Discussion held.

Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval of a resolution continuing the agricultural plastic film recycling program through May 1, 2023, as presented. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Claudine Williams, Community Development Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly update. Updates were provided on the CDBG program income emergency repairs funds which must be expended by June 30, 2022 or returned to the State. Updates were also provided on the regional EPA and Michigan Veteran's supplemental grants. Discussion held.

A proposed timeline for the update to the County Master Plan was presented and discussed.

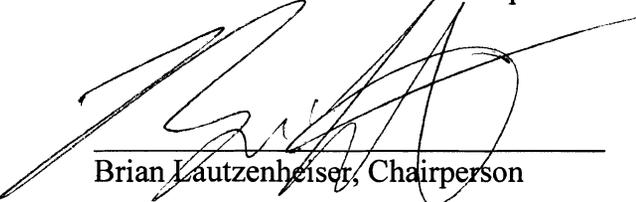
Commissioner Mulder discussed his position that the Board of Commissioners should consider dissolving the Parks Commission. Discussion held. Commissioner Mulder requested that the Controller/Administrator research the possibility of, and procedures required to consider this action. Further discussion held. Commissioner Droscha, a Board of the Commissioners representative on the Parks Commission discussed his opposition to such consideration. Further discussion held.

Commissioner Augustine, Board of Commissioners representative on the EATRAN Board of Directors, provided an update on the continuation of discussion to improve public transportation on a regional basis. It was reported that representatives of the three county executive boards have begun meeting to discuss this matter.

Commissioner Augustine reported that the Controller/Administrator, Parks Director and he met with representatives of the City of Grand Ledge to begin discussion related to the renewal of the lease for Fitzgerald Park which expires September 30, 2022.

Chairperson Lautzenheiser adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held at 9:00am on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.



Brian Lautzenheiser, Chairperson