

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021

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: Commissioner Jeremy Whittum, Claudine Williams, Troy Stowell, Morgan Feldpausch, and John Fuentes

The June 9, 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, as presented. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Sue Spagnuolo, Eaton Conservation District proved an update on the agency's Arbor Day programming activities. It was also noted that the agency applied for a habitat game to be used at the State Game Area located in Benton Township.

Troy Stowell, Parks Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly update. Updates were provided on schedule and planned improvements of Crandall Park, upcoming events scheduled at Fitzgerald Park and summer recreation camps at Lincoln Brick Park. Discussion held.

An update was also provided on county and regional grant activities. It was also reported that there is a memorial bench dedication scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on June 23, 2021 at Crandall Park for former Commissioner Roger Harris.

The monthly report for the Construction Code Enforcement Department were presented and reviewed. It was reported that approximately half of the 97 open permits transferred from the City of Charlotte were closed out and invoiced to the City as agreed. There was discussion regarding the utilization of the customer satisfaction survey. An update will be provided at an upcoming meeting.

Morgan Feldpausch, Resource Recovery Coordinator, was present to provide the monthly update for the Designated Implementing Agency. It was reported that Ms. Feldpausch was invited to

attend an upcoming City Council meeting in Eaton Rapids to discuss material contamination concern with the current drop-off site in the city. Discussion held.

A resolution to approve a grant application through the Department of Environment Great Lake and Energy (EGLE) to expand electronics recycling capacity within the county in partnership with Delta Township, was presented as discussed.

Commissioner Mulder Moved to recommend approval of the Rural Electronics Collection and Infrastructure grant application to the Board of Commissioners, a presented, Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

It was reported that the Planning Commission recommended the approval of DA 4-21-1, to amend the text of the ordinance to allow for licensed massage therapists to operate as a home business. Discussion held.

Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of DCA 4-21-1, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was reported that the Planning Commission recommended the approval of DCA 6-21-3 to change the zoning classification for a parcel of land in Eaton Rapids Township. Discussion held.

Commissioner Mott moved to recommend approval of DCA 6-21-03 to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was reported that the 2020 Planning Commission annual report will be provided to the Board of Commissioners as required. It was also reported that the Zoning Ordinance Committee is discussing the development of language for consideration to regulate wind energy facilities.

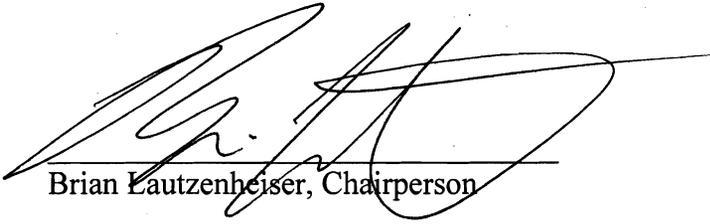
It was also reported that the department had requested approval for a 30-day extension to expend the remaining balance of the MEDC Housing Grant Funds.

An update was provided on the Committee's discussion regarding the development of language for the zoning ordinance to regulate legal commercial marijuana activities. At present all local units under County zoning jurisdiction have passed resolutions opting out of allowing these activities. The process for local units to modify or rescind its earlier action was discussed. The Committee discussed developing language to be included in the County Zoning Ordinance should any local unit take such action, as opposed to being in response to such a decision. Discussion held.

Commissioner Whitacre moved to direct the Planning Commission through its Zoning Ordinance Committee to develop a text amendment for consideration to regulate legal commercial marijuana activities within the County Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Lautzenheiser adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 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