

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Jane Whitacre

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jeremy Whittum and Brian Droscha; Claudine Williams, Troy Stowell, Morgan Feldpausch, and John Fuentes

The December 8, 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 Augustine moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2021 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

An update on the remaining citizen appointments to the Parks Commission, Eaton County Transportation Authority (EATRAN), Purchase of Development Rights Selection Committee and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and report of interested individuals was provided. Chris Arndt and Mark Sands discussed their interest in serving on the Parks Commission.

Commissioner Rogers moved to recommend the appointment of David Thomas to the Parks Commission to the Board of Commissioners. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend the appointment of Chris Arndt to a three year term expiring December 31, 2024 on the Park Commission to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved to recommend the appointment of Vicky Beers to a three year term expiring December 31, 2024 on the Eaton County Transportation Authority (EATRAN) to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mulder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend the appointment of Ellen Lambright and James Garvey to two year terms expiring December 31, 2023 on the Purchase of Development Rights Selection Committee, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend the appointment of Roger Sepeter, Timothy Cattron and Charamy Cleary to three year terms expiring December 31, 2024 on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mulder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Troy Stowell, Parks and Recreation Director, was present to provide the Department's monthly report. It was reported that there were non-profit funds available for a feasibility study for a regional trail connecting Eaton Rapids and Charlotte. There was discussion on the need to include and involve all affected local jurisdictions and elected officials in these discussions.

It was also reported that the Parks Department is working to renew the contractual agreement to provide mowing services for the City of Grand Ledge parks.

Mr. Stowell also reported that a city water main replacement construction project at Fitzgerald Park is currently underway.

It was also reported that the public opinion polling being conducted on behalf of the Friends of Eaton County Parks is scheduled to begin Monday, December 13, 2021.

The monthly reports for the Construction Code Enforcement Department were included in the meeting materials for review.

Morgan Feldpausch, Resource Recovery Coordinator, was present to provide the monthly update for the Designated Implementing Agency. It was reported that the 2022 annual waste hauler licensing process is underway.

It was also reported that MI EGLE has notified the County of eligibility to extend its current FY 2020-21 Scrap Tire Collection Grant to December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval of the resolution to extend the County Scrap Tire Collection Grant to December 31, 2022, as presented, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was recommended that the County enter into a one-year extension with its current battery recycling vendor.

Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval of the resolution to approve the contract for battery recycling through December 31, 2022, as presented, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mulder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A resolution approving DCA 12-21-6, as recommended by the Planning Commission was distributed and reviewed. The text changes included in DCA 12-21-6 were individually reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend the approval of the resolution approving DCA 12-21-6, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was reported that the Purchase of Development Rights Selection Committee met on December 6, 2021 to review and score applications for submission to the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Board for PDR grant funds. A summary of the scoring was presented and discussed.

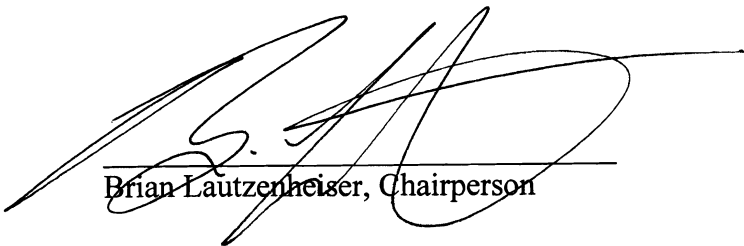
Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of a resolution to prioritize property for submission to Michigan Agricultural Preservation Board for PDR grant funds, as presented, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was also reported that the Planning Commission approved a conditional use permit for the operation of an agricultural hemp processing operation on a property in Hamlin Township at its meeting on December 7, 2021. Discussion held, including consideration to expand the definition currently within the zoning ordinance to improve clarity. Staff will discuss this consideration with the Zoning Ordinance subcommittee at its upcoming meeting on December 15, 2021.

Dan Bailkowski spoke on behalf of his neighbor Michael Brady in support of changes to the temporary housing/camping sections of the zoning ordinance.

Chairperson Lautzenheiser adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held in January 2022 on a date to be determined by the Board of Commissioners at its Organizational Meeting scheduled for January 3, 2022.



Brian Lautzenheiser, Chairperson