

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024
9:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Barbara Rogers, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, TJ Youngquist, Brian Lautzenheiser, and Scott Hansen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Joe Brehler

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott and Brian Droscha; Connie Sobie, Claudine Williams, Ben Dawson, Brandy Miller, Debbie Penfield, Jarod Bogdanov-Hanna, Chad Powers, Ethan Jacobs, Ben Youngs, and Rachel Cuschieri-Murray

The July 10, 2024 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 Lautzenheiser moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Youngquist seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Youngquist moved to approve the June 12, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment: Rachel Cuschieri-Murray, Executive Director Eaton Conservation District, announced funding from the State of Michigan has been restored to all Conservation Districts. She stated the calls and meeting attendance from the Board of Commissioners made a difference in the State's decision. Additionally, she added a legislative study has been approved to determine if Conservation Districts should actually receive an increase in funding. Michigan provides \$3 million in annual funding and neighboring states allocate between \$12 and \$18 million.

Brad Funkhouser, Executive Director of EATRAN, updated the Committee on their three-year pilot program which is now half way through. He reported the pilot program is working well. He said one of their newer services includes a second connector in Grand Ledge which is an hourly service connecting to Delta Township allowing riders to connect directly to Lansing and back. Mr. Funkhouser said the Charlotte connector reached an all-time high of 80 riders last week, almost double from January and the new Grand Ledge route has about 45 riders per week. He announced EATRAN received a new MDOT grant for \$1.6 million to look at micro transit which they call first and last mile and works like a public Uber live on demand. Discussion was held.

Brandy Miller, Planning and Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement, was present to answer questions in reference the Construction Code/Planning and Zoning monthly report.

Resource Recovery Director, Jarod Bogdanov-Hanna, presented the department's monthly report. He reported on current educational programs the department is hosting and gave an update on recycling events. Director Bogdanov-Hanna said the new recycling trailer should be delivered any day and they are preparing and completing the paperwork so it is ready for its first even on Thursday, July 18th in the Village of Vermontville. An update on the MMP was given. The Department will be presenting a resolution next month to establish members for the required Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC). Once this Committee is formed, planning efforts can officially begin for the creation of the MMP. Discussion was held regarding freon, scrap material, and hazard waste disposal regulations.

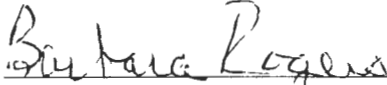
Chad Powers, Facilities Manager, presented the Parks Department monthly report. Updates on individual parks and their various projects was given.

Ben Youngs, Operations Supervisor, gave an update on general park operations and Ethan Jacobs, Parks Naturalist, gave an update on upcoming events and programming projects. Discussion was held.

Miscellaneous: Controller/Administrator Sobie presented a list of committee appointments with expiring appointments identified.

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 on Wednesday, August 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioner Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813.


Barbara Rogers, Chairperson