

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Barbara Rogers, Joe Brehler, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, and Scott Hansen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Trevor Younquist and Brian Lautzenheiser

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, and Ben Youngs

The June 12, 2024 regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Rogers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the May 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment. None.

Brandy Miller, Planning and Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement, gave the monthly report for Construction Code and Planning & Zoning. Two District Change Amendments were also presented, DCA-5-24-3 & DCA-6-24-4, for proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval of both amendments, DCA-5-24-3 and DCA-6-24-4, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resource Recovery Director, Jarod Bogdanov-Hanna, presented the department's monthly report. An update of all recycling events was given, noting all of the goals were met for the May 18 Spring Clean-Up event in Delta Township. The EGLE Infrastructure Grant for an electronic recycling trailer was discussed.

Connie Sobie, Controller/Administrator reported on the vacant Parks Director position. Facilities Director Chad Powers and Claudine Williams, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs will filling in and assisting in Parks operations until the position is filled. Mr. Powers, presented the department's monthly report and introduced Ethan Jacobs, Parks Naturalist, and Ben Youngs,

Operation Supervisor. Mr. Jacobs gave an update on the different camps taking place over the summer. Mr. Youngs reported on various projects at the different parks. Discussion was held.

Ben Dawson, Human Resources Director/Deputy Administrator spoke about the status of the Junior Parks Program. This will have to be delayed until the summer of 2025 due to staffing changes.

Director Williams presented a Resolution to Approve a County Veterans Services Grant Application to the MVAA. Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to the Board of Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Williams reported on the survey results for the Public Art Grant for Crandall Park. Commissioner Mulder moved to return the grant. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Discussion was held. Commissioner Augustine proposed a friendly amendment to ask for a further extension. Commissioner Mulder agreed. Ms. Williams will contact LEAP to see if an extension was possible and to see if the piece can be moved to another location.

Limited Public Comment. Jackie Blanc spoke in reference to a trail at Fox Park and noted her concern with trails being closed and/or inaccessible. She also spoke about the Grand Ledge Garden Club and an issue with damaged hoses at Fitzgerald Park.

Chairperson Rogers adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 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