

## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

### Approved Minutes

DATE: January 19, 2021

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Francisco Garcia, Matthew Fenske, Philip Kuyers, Allen Dannenberg , Gregory DeJong

STAFF & GUESTS: Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; John Shay, Deputy County Administrator; Jason Shamblin, Parks & Recreation Director; Karen Karasinski, Fiscal Services Director; Curt TerHaar, Coordinator of Park Planning & Development; Douglas Zylstra (by Zoom); Sherri Sayles, Chief Deputy Clerk (by Zoom)

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

PP 21-001 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and amended adding Discussion Item #1 – Letter to Governor and to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2020, Planning & Policy Committee meeting as presented.

Moved by: Philip Kuyers

UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

PP 21-002 Motion: To elect Matthew Fenske as Vice Chairperson of the Planning and Policy Committee for 2021.

Moved by: Allen Dannenberg

UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: 2021 OTTAWA COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

PP 21-003 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the Resolution adopting the 2021 Ottawa County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan as the official planning document for the Ottawa County Parks Commission and to recommend transmittal of the plan to the State of Michigan.

Moved by: Gregory DeJong

UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: SHORT-TERM LEASE WITH WEST MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CENTER

PP 21-004 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the short-term lease with the West Michigan Agricultural Education Center be extended by one year to allow farming activity in the 2021 season.

Moved by: Gregory DeJong

UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: IDEMA EXPLORER'S TRAIL –ALLENDALE SEGMENT – 60<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TRAIL

PP 21-005 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the trail easements from Robert and Harriet Austin at 12222 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue at the cost of \$2,000 and from Dale and Kathy Knoper at 11840 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue at a cost of \$1,215.45.  
Moved by: Gregory DeJong UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Letter to Governor – Gregory DeJong explained Douglas Van Essen drafted a letter to the Governor encouraging the reopening of restaurants. Chairman Bergman will sign and send the letter today.

PP 21-006 Motion: To have Chairman Bergman signed and send the letter supporting reopening Michigan restaurants to the Governor today and cc the Commissioners on it.  
Moved by: Matthew Fenske UNANIMOUS

2. 2021 Planning and Policy Committee Meeting Schedule – current: third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. – The Committee agreed to keep the same schedule for 2021.
3. Legislative Issues
  - a. Current Legislative Priorities – John Shay explained the new Legislative Session just started but interrupted due to security issues. The State budget is better than anticipated.
4. Francisco Garcia addressed concerns about the Commissioners addresses being on the County website due to the current atmosphere. The Administrator said this has always been done but that the Fillmore address could be listed instead and will try that. John Shay stated this issue has been raised in other communities across the State.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

PP 21-007 Motion: To adjourn at 9:01 a.m.  
Moved by: Philip Kuyers UNANIMOUS