

PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: March 21, 2001

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex, West Olive

PRESENT: Roger Rycenga, D. Dale Mohr, Cynthia Visscher, Edward Berghorst, Philip Kuyers

ABSENT: Joseph Haveman

STAFF: Robert Oosterbaan, Administrator; Mark Scheerhorn, Administrative Services Director; Linda Brown, Deputy Drain Commissioner; Paul Geerlings, Drain Commissioner; John Scholtz, Parks and Recreation Director; Greg Rappleye, Corporate Counsel; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk

MEDIA

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

Approve by consent the Minutes of January 17, 2001, February 7, 2001, and March 13, 2001 as presented and amended to correct PP 01-013 (3/13/01) which should state MOTION PASSED, Yeas: Rycenga, Haveman, Kuyers, Mohr and Nays: Berghorst.

Approve by consent the agenda of today as presented and amended to add Discussion Item #7 - Per Diem with No Quorum.

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEM

1. Present Drain Commission's 2000 Annual Report - Linda Brown, Chief Deputy Drain Commissioner, presented the 2000 Annual Report.

Joseph Haveman arrived at 8:36 a.m.

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION HONORING THE "LAKESHORE SAFE KIDS COALITION".

PP 01-012 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board a Resolution honoring the Lakeshore Safe Kids Coalition.

Moved by: Visscher Supported by: Rycenga UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: GRAND RIVER ACQUISITION

PP 01-013 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board by resolution the Grand River Ravines Acquisition.

Moved by: Berghorst Supported by: Haveman UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: GRANT REQUEST TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE ROSY MOUND NATURAL AREA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS.

PP 01-014 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board the resolution authorizing submittal of a grant request to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Rosy Mound Natural Area Improvements Project.

Moved by: Rycenga Supported by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: GRANT REQUEST TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE PIGEON RIVER GREENWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

PP 01-015 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board the resolution authorizing submittal of a grant request to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Pigeon River Greenway Improvement Project.

Moved by: Visscher Supported by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: GRANT REQUEST TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE UPPER MACATAWA ACQUISITION PROJECT.

PP 01-016 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board the resolution authorizing submittal of a grant request to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the upper Macatawa Acquisition Project.

Moved by: Rycenga Supported by: Visscher UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY THROUGH THE PARK 12 PROPERTY.

PP 01-017 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board the Right-of-Way agreement with Semco Energy Gas Company through the Park 12 property.

Moved by: Berghorst Supported by: Visscher UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: ADD SPARTA TOWNSHIP AS A MEMBER OF THE GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL, AND AN EXPLANATORY LETTER.

PP 01-018 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board the addition of Sparta Township as a member of the Grand Valley Metro Council, and an explanatory letter.

Moved by: Rycenga Supported by: Haveman UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Building Project Update - Mark Scheerhorn explained the Grand Haven/Jail Project is moving slowly. The planning phase will be continuing over the next three or four months. Holland District Court Project has been narrowed down from seven to three proposals. The James Street project is well on its way. Renovation is being done at the Fillmore Complex. There is some master planning being done.

2. Closed session to discuss property acquisition. - John Scholtz

SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION

PP 01-019 Motion: To move into Closed Session at 9:18 a.m. to discuss property acquisition.

Moved by: Rycenga Supported by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rycenga, Visscher, Mohr, Kuyers, Berghorst, Haveman (6)

PP 01-020 Motion: To rise from Closed Session at 9:32 a.m.

Moved by: Haveman Supported by: Visscher UNANIMOUS

3. De-Authorization of Positions Policy - Much discussion on monitoring role and support role. Administration explained its rare that positions are pulled out since this policy went into effect. Rich Schurkamp will be asked to come in at a later date and speak to the committee regarding monitoring and support.

Joseph Haveman left at 9:50 a.m.

4. Driver License Validity Review Policy - There have been some problems with employees who lost their driver's license and they do not report this to the County. Administration to revise policy with implementation changes and bring it back to committee next month.

5. Use of Electronic Mail and Privacy Policy - No changes.

6. Silent Observer - Corporate Counsel handed out a number of Attorney General opinions stating the County cannot make donations to Silent Observer. Much discussion on this issue. Administration stated County did give a donation to Red Cross ten years ago but this was flagged by the auditors because the County cannot do this. Discussion regarding if the County can contract with the Sheriff's Department to issue rewards on a case by case basis if a crime is committed. Referred to a Work Session for discussion on Voluntary Services.

Cynthia Visscher left at 10:14 a.m.

7. **Piem Diem with No Quorum** - At this time, Committee members receive mileage but no per diem if quorum is not met. Consensus is not to change the policy. The Chairman of the Board sent out a memo informing Board members to contact Sharon Cihak if they would not be present at meetings. Consensus of the Committee is this should take care of the problem.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

PP 01-021 Motion: To adjourn at 10:28 a.m.

Moved by: Kuyers Supported by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS