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1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Charter Township of Superior Board was called to order by the Supervisor Ken Schwartz at 12:00 p.m. on March 31, 2023, at the Superior Township Hall, 3040 North Prospect, Superior Township, Michigan.

2. ROLL CALL

The members present were Supervisor Ken Schwartz, Clerk Lynette Findley, Treasurer Lisa Lewis, Trustee Caviston, and Trustee Bernice Lindke.

Absent: Trustee Rhonda McGill and Trustee Bill Secret.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Caviston supported by Trustee Lindke to adopt the agenda.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Schwartz opened the Public Hearing at 12:06 p.m.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Juan Bradford, Parks and Recreation Department, spoke briefly about the MNRFT grant.
- Jack Smiley spoke about the MNRFT grant, as well as the land and habitat the Township would acquire with the grant.

Supervisor Schwartz closed the public hearing at 12:12 p.m.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 2023-21, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND (MNRFT) GRANT APPLICATION

The following resolution was moved Treasurer Lewis by supported by Trustee Caviston.

Trustee Lindke asked for a friendly amendment for the addition of “whereas, should this application be awarded, the property will be maintained, operated, and reflected as part of the inventory of the Charter Township of Superior’s Parks and Recreation Department; and,”

Treasurer Lewis second the amendment.

The amendment passed by unanimous vote.

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WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2023-21

DATE: MARCH 31, 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A MICHIGAN NATURAL
RESOURCES TRUST FUND (MNRTF) GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the preservation of open spaces in Superior Township enjoys wide public support and is critical to the survival of sensitive ecosystems in the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Superior Greenway is a regionally significant land conservation effort which is supported by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, the City of Ann Arbor's Greenbelt Program, the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, the Charter Township of Superior and many other groups and individuals; and,

WHEREAS, the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, titled Superior Greenway Nature Preserve Acquisition, if awarded, would enable the purchase of 162 acres which will protect important woodland, wetland and grassland habitats and connect the Cherry Hill Nature Preserve with the Township's Rock Superior properties, consolidating 659 acres of natural habitat and open space; and,

WHEREAS, this key acquisition would provide significant public recreation and wildlife viewing opportunities and provide habitat for numerous species of wildlife, many of which are rare or endangered including Short-eared Owl, Blanding's Turtle, and Massasauga Rattlesnake; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by Superior Township's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (2023-2027) and would allow for the creation of a public hiking trail from the Cherry Hill Nature Preserve to Geddes Road, as proposed in the Township's Non-motorized Pathway Plan; and,

WHEREAS, should this application be awarded, the property will be maintained, operated, and reflected as part of the inventory of the Charter Township of Superior's Parks and Recreation Department; and,

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WHEREAS, the Michigan Land Conservancy has agreed to donate the local match requirement by donating 33% of the land's value, which will exceed the 25% local match requirement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Charter Township of Superior hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for \$1,020,000.00 and further resolves to accept the Michigan Land Conservancy's land value donation of \$520,000.00 as the local match, which represents 33% of the total project cost of \$1,540,000.00.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, Lynette Findley, the duly qualified Clerk of the Charter Township of Superior, Washtenaw County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Superior Board held on March 31, 2023, and that public notices of said meeting were given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

Lynette Findley, Township Clerk

Date Certified

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Supervisor Schwartz
Trustee Lindke
Treasurer Lewis
Clerk Findley
Trustee Caviston

Nyes:

None

Absent:

Trustee McGill
Trustee Secrest

The resolution with the amendment passed by unanimous vote.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Caviston supported by Treasurer Lewis that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Findley, Clerk

Kenneth Schwartz, Supervisor