CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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Bernice Lindke	Gregory Vessels

Superior Township Parks & Recreation Commission <u>MAY 2024</u>

Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 @ 6:30p.m.

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP HALL

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3040 N. Prospect Rd.
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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MAY 28, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M. AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) ROLL CALL
- 3) FLAG SALUTE
- 4) AGENDA APPROVAL
- 5) PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL
 - A) April 22, 2023
- 6) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
- 7) REPORTS
 - A) Chairperson
 - B) Director
 - C) Board Liaison
 - D) Board Meeting Attendee
 - E) Park Steward
 - F) Safety
- 8) COMMUNICATIONS
 - A) MDHHS Press Release; Staying Healthy During Poor Air Quality Days
- 9) OLD BUSINESS
 - A) Community Center Advisory Committee Update
 - B) Ypsilanti Township Community Center
 - C) Fireman's Park Improvements Update
 - D) Park Maintenance Staff Restroom Construction Update

10) NEW BUSINESS

- A) Resolution 2024-02; Rock Property
- B) Detroit Greenbelt Proposal
- C) Volunteers
 - Superior Day, Saturday, June 8th
 - Kite & Rocket Day/Fireman's Ribbon Cutting, Saturday, June 22nd
- D) Ypsilanti Juneteenth Celebration

11) BILLS FOR PAYMENT

A) April 23, 2024 - May 28, 2024

12) FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A) April 2024 Revenue & Expenditure Report

13) PLEAS AND PETITIONS

14) ADJOURNMENT

6 P.

Superior Charter Township Park Commission Regular Meeting April 22, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nahid Sanii-Yahyai at 6:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Park Commissioners present: Nahid Sanii-Yahyai, Greg Vessels, Martha Kern-Boprie, Riley Schofield, Curtis Freeman, Jack Smiley

Park Commissioners absent: Guy Conti – excused

Others present: Juan Bradford, Parks & Rec Director; Brenda Baker, Tom Freeman, Irma Golden, David Phillips

3. Flag Salute

Chair Nahid Sanii-Yahyai led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Curtis Freeman and supported by Greg Vessels to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business D. Rock Property Use. The motion carried.

5. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

A. March 25, 2024

It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Riley Schofield to approve the minutes of March 25, 2024 with the addition of the following text to 7.A Report of Chairperson: "Nahid also expressed concern about safety precautions for the roadside cleanup." The motion carried.

6. Citizen Participation

David Phillips asked for more detailed information about the agenda item "Rock Property Use" that was added to the agenda for today's meeting. Chair Nahid Sanii-Yahyai replied that would be provided when that agenda item is discussed.

7. Reports

A. Chairperson

Chair Nahid Sanii-Yahyai thanked all the Park Commissioners and members of Citizens to Promote Superior Township (C2PST) who helped with the Roadside Cleanup on April 20. Nahid suggested posting "No Littering" signs might reduce future littering. Signs with fines for littering would be most effective. She also suggested adding the words "Superior Twp Volunteer" on the back of safety vests.

B. Director

Juan Bradford submitted a written report. He added to this report an update on clearing ground for Clay Hill Community Farm & Garden. The Township Board approved a contract to clear the ground of remaining stumps and till the soil. Work is progressing well, and may be complete within a week. Juan expanded on the issue of incorrect wage rates paid to Park staff in 2024. Conflicting information was printed on the wages page of the 2024 budget sheets. As a result, two permanent part-time employees were underpaid. This will be corrected with the current pay period, and all back pay due to these employees will be paid to them. Two seasonal part-time employees were paid an additional \$0.40 per hour, and they will be kept at that pay rate.

C. Board Liaison

Trustee Bernice Lindke was not present at the Park Commission meeting, because she was attending a conference of the Michigan Township Association. She submitted a written report on Township Board meetings held on April 15, 2024 and April 18, 2024.

April 15, 2024 - Regular Meeting

Citizens Participation – TC Collins gave a timeline and progress report on clearing the land for Clay Hill Farm. John Parks, an AmeriCorps student and Eric Geiser spoke about their support of the Clay Hill Farm project.

Unfinished Business – There was discussion regarding farming 206 acres of the Rock Property by Steve Peach. A motion was approved to charge Mr. Peach approximately 5% of the annualized debt service on the municipal bond used to purchase the Rock Property.

New Business

The Master Plan for the Township was approved.

The resolution to approve a proposal from Carlisle Wortman Associates to rewrite the zoning ordinance passed.

The resolution to appoint Bill Balmes to the position of Zoning Administrator and Inspector passed. The resolution to approve the bid from Prosite Services, Inc for Clay Hill Farm site clearing failed. The resolution to approve the lowest bid to construct a bathroom for Parks and Recreation staff at Fire Station #2 passed.

The motion to approve the Transient and Amusement Enterprises Activity Permit Application for Dixboro Farmers Market passed.

April 18, 2024 – Special Meeting

Citizens Participation – TC Collins reported on the services provided by Prosite on the Clay Hill Farm property. He expressed concern about their ability to finish the project. Juan Bradford informed the board that he met with one of the new bidders and let them know what needed to be cleared from the farming site on Harris Road as well as the plot on MacArthur Blvd.

New Business

After reviewing bids from LaChance Brothers Excavating, LLC; Diversified Excavating and Site Utilities, LLC and from Prosite, the Twp Board voted to award the site clearing project to Diversified Excavating and Site Utilities, LLC for a total of \$18,700.

D. Board Meeting Attendee

Nahid Sanii-Yahyai was the board meeting attendee. She concurred with Trustee Lindke's report.

E. Park Steward

No report.

F. Safety

There were no accidents or injuries in the past month.

It was moved by Curtis Freeman and supported by Greg Vessels to receive the reports. The motion carried.

8. Communications

A. Resident email RE: basketball courts

It was moved by Riley Schofield and supported by Curtis Freeman to receive the communications. The motion carried.

9. Old Business

A. Community Center Advisory Committee Update

The contract between Washtenaw County and Ypsilanti Community Schools to purchase the land for the community center for approximately \$600,000 was approved.

B. Ypsilanti Township Recreation Facility use agreement

There are no updates in the initiative to allow Superior Township residents to use Ypsilanti Township recreation facility for the same cost as Ypsilanti Township residents.

C. Fireman's Park Improvements Update

Concrete for sidewalk, pavilion pad and playground equipment has been poured. The fitness track is underway. Completion of all planned improvements expected in about three weeks.

There is no good place for a basketball court in Fireman's Park. There is space in Community Park. A basketball court would have to be constructed there.

D. 2024 Parks and Recreation Unassigned Funds Budget

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Greg Vessels to assign the \$176,196.16 in Unassigned Funds on the Parks and Recreation Fund Balance to the following purposes:

Parks & Preserves Improvements and Maintenance Fund	\$ 80,000.00
Vehicle & Large Equipment Replacement Fund	\$ 60,000.00
Program Development Fund	\$ 20,000.00
Emergency Repairs	<u>\$ 16,196.16</u>
	\$176,196,16

The motion carried.

E. Park Staff Restroom Bid Award

The Park Commission was informed that the Township Board awarded the bid to construct a restroom for Park staff in Fire Station #2 to the low bid of \$29,268 from the Summit Company.

10. New Business

A. Dixboro Village Green: Tom Freeman

Tom Freeman of the Dixboro Village Green board addressed the Park Commission with an update on the effort to sell the village green and school building to Superior Township. A meeting will be held at the Dixboro United Methodist Church on April 28, to discuss this potential transaction. Several layers of authority in the United Methodist Church in the US have to approve the transaction. If the real estate does transfer to the township, the Village Green non-profit will continue to be active. Tom also distributed "Save the Date" cards about the Dixboro Bicentennial Celebration that will take place August 2 – 4, and encouraged Park Commissioners to participate.

B. Birdsong Nature Preserve

Land informally known as the Birdsong Nature Preserve lies south of Cherry Hill Road, immediately south of Cherry Hill Nature Preserve (CHNP). Rose Pahl-Donalsong of the Ann Arbor Greenbelt Program/Ann Arbor Parks & Rec department is working with Juan Bradford and Jack Smiley to secure this property. The property contains approximately 162 acres. One could hike from CHNP through this property and then through the Rock Property. Jack and Juan think the "Birdsong Preserve" would be a good place to construct a building and a parking lot. The parking lot could serve visitors to CHNP, Birdsong Preserve and the Rock Property.

C. Community Park Tennis Court Repairs Estimate

Juan Bradford informed the Park Commission that cracks are appearing in the tennis courts located in Community Park. He provided a memo with cost estimates, to repair the cracks from a vendor named Laser Striping and Sport Surfacing. This vendor will fill cracks for a cost of \$5.00 per foot with acrylic crack filler/sealer. The vendor estimates cumulative 1,000 feet cracks, and will fill and seal them for a total cost of \$5,000.00. The vendor also offered to let Superior Township Park Staff shadow the vendor staff, so they can learn the technique. This will allow township park staff to fill future cracks for just the cost of materials.

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Jack Smiley to authorize repair of cracks in the tennis courts located in Community Park by Laser Striping and Sport Surfacing per the terms of the

memo and estimate #1712 from Mike Laser dated 3/20/2024 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. The motion carried.

D. Rock Property Use

Nahid Sanii-Yahyai attended the Township Board meeting on 4/15/24. Discussion took place during that meeting about placing the Rock Property under Park Department management for Parks & Recreation activities. Nahid seeks clarification of this arrangement. She researched the history of the property transactions in township records. David Phillips spoke from the audience. He asked if the conservation easement has been obtained, and what entity holds the easement. He further asked what are the details and limits of the easement. He is concerned that if the easement is too restrictive, nothing can take place on the property. Jack Smiley responded that the easement draft has not been issued yet. Jack does not think the easement will hinder use of the Rock Property for recreational purposes. Building envelopes could be included in the easement to permit construction of structures and parking lots to facilitate recreational uses. Juan Bradford noted that the Township Board voted three months ago to have the Parks & Recreation Commission contribute to the easement verbiage. Jack emphasized that a conservation easement is to protect the property from sale by a future township board. We are waiting for a draft conservation easement from the county parks & recreation commission, and for a clarifying document from the Township Board.

11. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Greg Vessels and supported by Curtis Freeman to approve payment of the bills totaling \$32,131.07. During discussion on the motion, Juan Bradford informed the Park Commission a clerical error was made in the payroll transfer for pension/HCSP and the payroll fund was excessively reimbursed by \$5,173.67. The Payroll Fund transferred this excess back to the Park Fund, and that transfer will appear in the Bills for Payment at the May Park Commission meeting. The motion carried.

12. Financial Statements

It was moved by Riley Schofield and supported by Martha Kern-Boprie to receive the March 2024 Financial Statements. The motion carried.

13. Pleas and Petitions

Martha Kern-Boprie commented that the Roadside Cleanup had so much trash to collect because it was the first in a year or more. She suggested doing another cleanup at the end of summer, and this would keep our roadsides generally cleaner. We already own the safety vest and grabbers, and a lot of gloves. Juan Bradford said we also have a lot of orange trash bags left. Irma Golden spoke from the audience and supported a second cleanup at the end of summer.

Irma also spoke about movie nights, and needing more recreation opportunities targeted at teens and young adults.

Irma spoke about the walkway along Prospect Rd from Berkshire to Geddes. The asphalt is collapsing. She is concerned about vegetation near the bridge.

David Phillips spoke from the audience, stating there used to be basketball courts behind Sycamore Meadows apartments. The concrete for these courts may still be present. Curtis Freeman remembers playing on these courts as a child. Curtis also noted that the basketball courts in Harvest Moon Park are now far from the parking area. Before Harvest Moon Park was improved in the late 1990s, the basketball courts were close to the parking area.

14. Adjournment

It was moved by Curtis Freeman and supported by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. The motion carried.

Submitted by, Martha Kern-Boprie Park Commissioner and Secretary





- Next Board of Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 @ 7:00pm
 Parks & Recreation Commission Attendee: Commissioner Smiley
- I attended two meetings during the last month with OHM Advisors and All Star Excavating
 regarding the non-motorized path projects that ae currently underway. One is along
 Plymouth Road in Dixboro, and the other is along MacArthur Blvd. between Stamford and
 Harris Roads in front of Firemans Park. Both projects are currently scheduled to be completed
 in late July.
- The United Methodist Church officials have approved a proposal to sell the Dixboro Village Green and schoolhouse to Superior Township. The closing should be completed within the next thirty days. This is an amazing addition and will give us the opportunity to expand our programing to the west side of the Township. As part of the purchase, the Board of Trustees have agreed to make improvements to the schoolhouse including the installation of a restroom.
- Nancy Mason and I completed the federally mandated ARPA reporting earlier this month.
 This is done annually to ensure compliance with ARPA funding rules & regulations. All Funds must be allocated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026.
- Michigan Folk School will be holding an Orienteering Course at Cherry Hill Nature Preserve on Sat, June 8th, and Sat, July 27th. The course will teach people proper terminology, how to successfully utilize a compass and read a map. Complete a basic navigation course using a pace count to determine distance traveled while learning valuable lessons on what to do if you ever find yourself lost.
- We have hired a second seasonal park maintenance employee. This brings our maintenance staff total to six for the summer season.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juan Bradford

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To:

Superior Charter Township Park Commissioners

From:

Martha Kern-Boprie

Subject:

Board Attendee report on May 20, 2024 Township Board meeting

All township board members were present.

Citizen Participation

Juan Bradford addressed the board about three topics.

Roadside Clean-up date 4/20/24 was a success. 60 volunteers cleaned 6 miles of roadsides.

Bird Watching Event on 5/18/24 in CHNP was a success. 30 people, including 6 children attended. Jack Smiley was the leader.

Superior Day will take place June 8 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm in Oakbrook Park. Juan is collaborating with Treasurer Lisa Lewis. Plans are nearly complete.

Tom Brennan complained about GFL trash service. Trash was picked up today, but not the recyclables.

Ms. Foster also complained about GFL service.

Irma Golden spoke on two issues.

The walking path along the east side of N. Prospect between Berkshire and Geddes is not well maintained. Vegetation has over-grown to the point where Irma cannot pull the weeds. She recommends having a service maintain it.

She wants the Twp Board to re-affirm the sidewalk exemption.

Jerry Clifton thanked the twp board for finally acting to install speed bumps on Stephens drive. He also thanked the people who circulated petitions, and Sheriff Clayton for help in slowing down traffic.

Mr. Cobbs stated the Washington Square neighborhood is declining. Better upkeep on homes is needed. Grass is not mowed in many cases, garbage not put out on pick-up day.

Brenda Baker said the Committee to Promote Superior Township (C2PST) report is submitted.

Lisa Hoenig, Ypsilanti District Library (YDL) Director spoke, mentioned the 2023 YDL Annual Report is submitted. The downtown library branch should re-open in August.

Ramona Parker-Hayden, candidate for Twp Treasurer spoke. She requested clarification on the Controller's report, and questioned the treasurer's role in prep for the annual audit.

Zora Clifton thanked her husband Jerry and all the volunteers for help with petitions about installing speed bumps. She thanked the twp board for taking action to install the speed bumps.

Response to Citizen Participation

Treasurer Lisa Lewis responded to questions about her role in preparation for the annual audit.

Someone (I forget who) responded to concern about overgrown vegetation near the walkway along N. Prospect, and said the twp board plans to request bids for professional trimming of this area.

Presentation

Rick Taylor, realtor, gave a presentation about the potential for selling a 1.70 acre parcel the township acquired via donation. The parcel is located on Plymouth Rd near the Dixboro community. Mr. Taylor clarified he is not selling the property, he is providing suggestions for actions that could help sell it.

Minutes

Minutes of April 15 and 18 were eventually approved. Concern was expressed that the Bldg Dept report indicated that building permits were still being issued to Infinity when the twp is in litigation with this company.

Old Business

- A. Establish Roads Committee
 - Consensus was to establish a four member committee with two twp board members and two private citizens to make recommendations about road projects for the next year.
- B. Steve Peach Lease of "Rock" property
 Steve Peach is a farmer who wishes to lease about 200 acres of the "Rock" property to farm. Board agreed to lease it for \$44.00 per acre.
- C. Ord #192-02 adopts the 2024 International Fire Code. Approved on second and final reading.
- D. Ord #174-24 Area Plan for Brookwood. Approved on second and final reading.
- E. Resolution 2024-28 Update the Twp Investment Policy. Approved.
- F. Post Audit Policy Board agreed to follow auditor's policy recommendations.

New Business

- A. Resolution 2024-3 Proposal from Allied Building Service Co. for Fire Station #2 remodeling tabled
- B. Resolution 2024-33 Sidewalk Ramp ADA Improvements Agreement approved
- C. Resolution 2024-34 Agreement with Washtenaw Co Road Comm for speed bumps on Stephens Dr approve
- D. Rescind Resolution 2024-24 that appointed Bil Balmes as Zoning Administrator and Inspector this resolution to appoint Bill Balmes as Zoning Administrator & Inspector was approved a few months ago when the job was offered to Mr. Balmes. He has since declined the job offer. The Twp Board now has to rescind the resolution that appointed him to the position.
- E. Appoint Carlisle Wortman & Associates as Twp Zoning Official at fee of \$6,000.00 per month for annual total of \$72,000.00 approved
- F. Appoint Wetlands Board members: David Zelisse, Jim McIntyre, Ellen Kurath approved
- G. Clay Hill Community Farm & Garden Proposal approved
- H. Clay Hill Farm & Garden Status and Missed Opportunities TC Collins thanked stakeholders and allies, and outlined the status of Clay Hill Farm & Garden. Seven raised beds are installed, three more coming soon. Fruit trees will be planted soon. Ground is ready for tilling.

TC also spoke about missed opportunities. In August 2023 an agreement was made with a company to clear the land. Nothing was done for months, and finally in April another company did clear the land. Because the land was not cleared, nothing could be planted in the fall, he was unable to meet the standards for an agricultural grant that could have funded \$50,000 worth of equipment and supplies. Because of this lost year, TC asked the board to extend his three year lease by one year.

Ken Schwartz responded that raised beds could have been installed to meet the planting requirement. TC responded with more detail about limits to working the ground until it was cleared.

The board voted to extend the lease to Clay Hill Farm & Garden by one year on a 6 to 1 vote. Ken Schwartz was the no vote.

- Transfer "Rock" Property to Parks & Recreation Authority tabled
- J. Ypsilanti District Library balance the deadline for payment of the first installment was extended by two weeks to 7/15/24.

K. Ordinance Enforcement

Blight

Dixboro residential property – a resident of the Dixboro community complained about a number of vehicles parked on a private residence near the Dixboro House residence. Discussion among twp board members grew very contentious about who took what action. I am not sure what, if any, final decision was made.

- L. IT Information from MTA Conference Trustee Lindke provided a detailed report on a Michigan Townships Association (MTA) conference she attended, and particularly information obtained about an IT vendor she spoke with named "VC3=IT". Board members agreed to hear a presentation by this vendor.
- M. GFL There have been many complaints about poor service by GFL. The consensus was to have GFL come to a board meeting this summer, and respond to the complaints.
- N. Sidewalk Repair Program there have been complaints about stamped messages in concrete. The concrete vendor was contacted, and stopped the practice. One of the stamped messages has been erased.
- O. Ben Carlisle email issue has been resolved
- P. H.R. Director Responsibilities discussion of whether a full time position is needed. Some board members noted that while there is a large backlog of work now, the workload may not warrant a full time position once the backlog is resolved. Those members suggested using a consultant firm might be preferable to hiring an employee for this reason.
- Q. Twp Controller Status Keith Lockie, current controller will probably remain in the position until the end of the term, or the end of the year. Questions were asked about the status of Alea's training. A possible vendor for the role of controller is Woodhill Group. This vendor also does HR consultation.

Pleas and Petitions

TC Collins spoke about the importance of growing milkweed to support butterfly populations.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Juan Bradford



From:

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

<MDHHS@govsubscriptions.michigan.gov>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 11:13 AM

To:

Juan Bradford

Subject:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS offers tips to stay healthy during poor air quality

days



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 21, 2024

CONTACT: Chelsea Wuth, 517-241-2112, WuthC@michigan.gov

MDHHS offers tips to stay healthy during poor air quality days

LANSING, Mich. – As the 2024 North American wildfire season continues and warmer weather increases the risk of higher ozone levels, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is providing Michigan residents steps to take to protect themselves from risks related to poor air quality.

"Last summer, Michigan experienced unique levels of poor air quality due to smoke from neighboring Canadian wildfires," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive. "This year, in the event that wildfire smoke reaches Michigan again, we urge residents to be proactive in checking the <u>Air Quality Index online</u> regularly to determine if there are any actions they should take. Other than the risk of wildfire smoke, it is still helpful to monitor the Air Quality Index for poor air quality due to other hazards such as ozone."

The <u>Air Quality Index (AQI)</u>, which can be found on the <u>AirNow website</u>, is a color-coded way for residents to see what the levels of some types of air pollution are in their area. Higher AQI values indicate there is a higher concentration of pollutants in the air and a need for Michiganders to take steps to protect their health.

Residents can also sign up for alerts through the <u>EnviroFlash system</u>. This subscriber system allows you to choose the area you would like to get alerts for, and it will send them directly to your email or through a text message.

Before a wildfire smoke event, MDHHS recommends you:

- Familiarize yourself with your <u>forced air HVAC system or your window air conditioning unit</u>. If it has a fresh air intake or outdoor air damper, you will need to close it during a smoke event.
- Ensure you have replacement air filters that are rated MERV-13 or higher.
- Consider purchasing a <u>portable air cleaner</u>. If you do not have one, you can make a <u>do-it-yourself air filter</u>.
- Help neighbors and family members make a plan for possible wildfire smoke.
- If you have asthma or other respiratory illnesses, heart disease, diabetes or another health condition that may make you more sensitive to wildfire smoke, talk to your health care provider ahead of time to make a plan.
- Children under the age of 18, pregnant people, outdoor workers and older people (age 60+) are also more at risk. Talk to your health care provider ahead of time to make a plan.
- Check your <u>local fire risk</u> and read tips from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for <u>preventing wildfires</u> in Michigan.

During a poor air quality day, take action to protect your health based on the AQI Index. Some recommendations may include:

- Reduce the time you are active outdoors.
- Consider less intense activities that require less physical exertion.
- If ozone levels are unhealthy, schedule outdoor activities for the morning or evening when ozone levels are usually lower.
- In the event of wildfire smoke, avoid activities that create more fine particles indoors, including smoking cigarettes; using gas, propane or wood-burning stoves and furnaces; frying or broiling food; and burning candles or incense.
- In the event of wildfire smoke, <u>create a clean air room</u>. If you can't stay cool at home, the electricity goes out or too much smoke is still getting in your home, it may be best to seek shelter elsewhere. Call Michigan 211 information on cooling centers.

For additional guidance on protecting your health during poor air quality visit the MDHHS Health and Wildfire webpage.

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MDHHS Air Quality Release.pdf



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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND THE "ROCK PROPERTY" BE PLACE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2024-02

MAY 28, 2024

WHEREAS, The Superior Township Board of Trustees previously purchased 301 acres in the township commonly known as the "Rock Property" for \$2.4 Million; and

WHEREAS, The Superior Township Board of Trustees purchased the property with the intent of preserving the land, woods, and cropland for environmental conservation and public recreation; and

WHEREAS, The Superior Township Parks & Recreation Commission shares the Board of Trustees' vision of preserving precious green space for future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Superior Township Parks & Recreation Commission identifies preserving, improving, and protecting valuable natural resources green spaces as part of its Mission Statement; and

WHEREAS, one of the main goals of the 2023-2027 Superior Township Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan is to encourage the conservation and preservation of natural areas which includes the protection of natural corridor networks for human users, wildlife, and vegetation; and

WHEREAS, two Open Houses where held in preparation of the 2023-2027 Superior Township Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan in which 81% of participants identified preservation of natural resources as "very important"; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Commission will work with a local land conservation entity to establish a conservation easement on the "Rock Property" to ensure the property is maintained and protected in perpetuity by utilizing best practices.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superior Township Parks and Recreation Commission request that the Superior Township Board of Trustees place the 301 acres in the Township know as the "Rock Property" under the authority of the Superior Township Parks & Recreation Commission via resolution at the June 18, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, Martha Kern-Boprie, Secretary of the Charter Township of Superior Parks & Recreation Commission, 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 Superior Charter Township Parks & Recreation Commission held on May 28, 2024 and that public notices of said meeting were given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

Martha Kern-Boprie, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission

Date Certified

Roll call:
Riley Schofield
Curtis Freeman
Guy Conti
Martha Kern-Boprie
Greg Vessels
Nahid Sanii-Yahyai
Jack Smiley

Juan Bradford

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From:

Jack Smiley <jackrsmiley@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2024 4:57 AM

To:

Juan Bradford

Subject:

Agenda Item for May Meeting - Detroit Greenbelt Proposal

Attachments:

Detroit Greenbelt Proposal.pdf

Hi Juan,

I'm trying to get a number of groups to sign-on to the attached letter so that it can be presented to a number of state legislators. I understand that the state budget for next year is already being worked on so time is of the essence. I'd like to add this to this month's agenda to see if the Parks & Recreation Commission would be willing to endorse this letter and send it to our state legislators. As part of this proposal, it would be great if the state would appropriate \$35 million to Superior Charter Township. That would match what the state gave to Salem Township to promote urban sprawl (for the benefit of one particular developer). I propose a cover letter be included with that specific request.

FYI, I'm just starting to line up support, but so far the Detroit Bird Alliance (formerly Detroit Audubon), Michigan Land Conservancy, Wayne County Conservation District, and Holliday Nature Preserve Association have endorsed the letter as signatories. Friends of the Rouge and Friends of Rouge Park will likely do so soon. It would be nice if we could add our name to the list. Thanks.

Jack

For several decades, the State of Michigan has actively subsidized urban sprawl in the Detroit Metropolitan region. These outward development patterns have negatively impacted the agricultural and natural landscape, leading to disinvestment in our urban communities, particularly Detroit and the surrounding inner-ring cities. It's time to reverse these trends and promote needed reinvestment in communities with existing infrastructure.

Establishing a greenbelt around the urbanized Detroit Metropolitan area is a crucial step towards curbing these harmful development patterns. A Detroit Greenbelt will:

- **Protect water quality** by preserving wetlands, forests and natural lands that purify water in the headwaters of local rivers.
- Prioritize the protection of forests and wetlands to reduce flooding and mitigate the impacts of climate change.
- Safeguard vital wildlife habitats essential for the survival of numerous at-risk species, including many migratory birds.
- Create more public parks and nature preserves in the part of the state with the greatest need for increased recreational opportunities.
- **Promote local food production** and sustain agricultural activities on some of the best soils in the state.
- Channel necessary development back into communities with existing infrastructure, providing a significant economic boost to the region.

The initial focus should be on the area between Detroit and Ann Arbor, where local conservation efforts have already protected five square miles. Concurrently, there should be increased emphasis on creating more green spaces within the urban environment to ensure that everyone has access to ample parks and natural areas.

We urge the Michigan legislature to appropriate \$100 million towards the creation of a Detroit Greenbelt. This would be one of the best investments ever made by state government on behalf of the people of Michigan. Creating a contiguous Greenbelt around Metro Detroit is long overdue.

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Check Date	Bank	Check #	Invoice	Payee	Description	Account	Dept	Amount
Fund: 508 PP 04/23/2024	PARKS & GENL	RECREATION 47776	MAY 24	DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL INSURANCE - MAY 2024	123.050	000	57.06
04/23/2024	GENT	47786	42524	SUPERIOR TWP PAYROLL FUND	CASH TRANSFER 4/25/24 PAYROLL	214.704	000	11,925.69
04/23/2024	GENT	47787	MAY 24	VSP INSURANCE CO	VISION INSURANCE - MAY 2024	123.050	000	15.73
04/30/2024	GENL	47796	11894324	SPARTAN DISTRIBUTORS INC	TORO MOWER BLADES	934.000	770	104.22
04/30/2024	GENT	47798	INV254085210	SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP CREDIT CAF	CARDZOOM -APRIL 2024	214.101	000	15.99
05/07/2024	GENT	47804	96903801	WEX BANK	FUEL - APRIL 2024	754.000	770	517.46
05/07/2024	GENT	47812	APRIL 24-P	DTE ENERGY	ELECTRIC - PARKS BARN - APRIL 2024	920.000	770	25.87
05/07/2024	GENT	47814	5021043	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	TRAILER REPAIR SUPPLIES	934.000	770	137.54
05/07/2024	GENT	47819	MARCH-APRIL	JUAN BRADFORD	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT 3/5-4/30/24	860.000	752	210.38
05/07/2024	GENT	47822	1311	LASER STRIPING AND SPORT SUF	SURFCRACK REPAIR @ TENNIS COURTS	934.000	770	5,000.00
05/07/2024	GENL	47823	3434417157 3434417157	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	TRUCK/TRAILER SUPPLIES TRUCK/TRAILER SUPPLIES	752.000	770	25.17
				CHECK GENL 47823 TOTAL FOR F	FU		I	39.42
05/07/2024	GENT	47826	2024 -A	SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP CREDIT CAR	CREDIT CARD2024 ANNUAL CREDIT CARD FEES	214.101	000	7.56
05/07/2024	GENT	47827	I042324-02	SUPERIOR TWP UTILITY DEPARTWECELL PHONE	MECELL PHONE - JUAN APRIL 2024	850.000	752	49.87
05/07/2024	GENL	47828#	23973	TAZ NETWORKS, INC	NETWORK FLAT FEE -MAY 2024 NETWORK FLAT FEE -MAY 2024	806.000	752	43.76
				CHECK GENL 47828 TOTAL FOR F				87.52
05/07/2024	GENT	47830		SUPERIOR TWP PAYROLL FUND	/HCSP - APRIL	214.704	000	786.26
			APRIL 24-GBP APRIL 24-GBP		PENSION /HCSP - APRIL 2024 PENSION /HCSP - APRIL 2024	214.704	000	1,110.22
					ANSFER 5/9/24 1	214.704	000	12,882.70
				CHECK GENL 47830 TOTAL FOR F	FU			15,079.18
05/14/2024	GENL	47831	30484526 30710766	ABSOPURE WATER COMPANY	COOLER RENTAL - JAN 2024 COOLER RENTAL - APRIL 2024	752.000	770	12.00
				CHECK GENL 47831 TOTAL FOR F	FU			24.00
05/14/2024	GENL	47837	100-1003529	BOULLION SALES, INC.	CHAIN SAW SUPPLIES	752.000	770	210.91

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Fund: 508 P	PARKS & 1	RECREATION						
05/14/2024	GENT	47850	JUNE 24	MEDMUTUAL LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE - JUNE 2024	123.050	000	11.35
05/14/2024	GENL	47861	1050924-01	SUPERIOR TWP UTILITY DEPARTMEDIESEL FUEL	EDIESEL FUEL	754.000	770	356.11
05/21/2024	GENL	47866	1WL9-4KQF-GHPT	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	KIDS BINOCULARS	752.000	756	199.90
				CHECK GENL 47866 TOTAL FOR FU		0000:		259.87
05/21/2024	GENL	47872	JUNE 24-GBP	DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL INSURANCE - JUNE 2024	123.050	000	57.06
05/21/2024	GENT	47874	APRIL 24	DON WALIGORE	CELL PHONE STIPEND - APRIL 24	850.000	770	40.03
05/21/2024	GENL	47878	1161372	PARKWAY SERVICES	PORTAJOHN @ SHOP	806.000	770	130.00
05/21/2024	GENL	47881	21-58233	SIGNS BY TOMORROW	FIREMAN PARK FITNESS SIGNS	752.000	771	372.80
05/21/2024	GENL	47883	52324-GBP	SUPERIOR TWP PAYROLL FUND	CASH TRANSFER 5/23/24 PAYROLL	214.704	000	11,497.31
05/21/2024	GENT	47885	JUNE 24-GBP	VSP INSURANCE CO	VISION INSURANCE - JUNE 2024	123.050	000	15.73
					Total for fund 508 PARKS & RECREATION	ION		46,248.66

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YTD BALANCE	1,279.64 4,960.23 40.00 107,969.68			1,020.71	118,332.59	00.00	00.0	15,788.70 2,947.62 2,947.62 5,519.29 7,577.55 6,778.66 1,200.00 1,602.62 1,602.62 1,602.62 45.40 1,99.13 427.07 410.00 1,96.50 500.00 3,255.56 6,000.00 6,000.00
AVAILABLE RATANCE	118.80 12,249.03 (1,027.25) 265,067.36	2,609.	80	00.0	299,698.44	100.00	00	57,437.15 13,801.68 0.00 15,144.78 19,651.80 9,260.55 2,480.00 1,200.00 3,261.00 3,261.00 273.04 456.76 126.08 90.60 1,300.00 1,300.00 1,300.00 1,000.00
ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 04/30/24	0.00 0.00 300.00 33,133.42 0.00	33,433.42		00.00	33,433.42	0000		6,757.30 1,773.82 0.00 1,719.49 1,896.48 676.10 0.00 0.00 59.75 0.00 59.75 11.35 49.87 210.38 11.005.75 0.00 0.00 1,005.75
% BDGT	97.03 18.34 185.60 33.33 25.00	33.41				00.0		34.62 31.84 0.00 29.26 428.02 43.33 51.62 0.00 6.83 8.99 8.99 8.99 33.38 33.38 19.84 10.77 36.49 0.00 0.00
YTD BALANCE	3,881.20 2,750.97 2,227.25 132,533.64 5,400.50	146,793.56	•		146,793.56	00.0		30,407.85 6,446.32 0.00 6,263.22 7,648.20 9,042.45 1,200.00 239.00 228.92 45.40 199.54 357.11 0.00 70.00 655.00 4,023.05 0.00 655.00
2024 AMENDED BUDGET	4,000.00 15,000.00 1,200.00 397,601.00 21,602.00	439,403.00	,089.		446,492.00	100.00 500.00 200.00	00	87,845.00 20,248.00 0.00 21,408.00 28,300.00 1,000.00 1,200.00 3,500.00 3,500.00 1,800.00 1,800.00 1,400.00 1,000.00
2024 ORIGINAL BUDGET	4,000.00 15,000.00 1,200.00 397,601.00 21,602.00	439,403.00	00.		444,403.00	100.00	00	87,845.00 20,053.00 0.00 21,300.00 16,344.00 1,000.00 1,200.00 3,500.00 3,500.00 1,200.00 1,200.00 1,200.00 1,200.00 1,200.00 1,000.00 1,400.00 1,400.00 1,000.00 1,000.00
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GL NUMBER	Fund 508 - PARKS & REDept 000 - REVENUE Account Type: Revenue 508-000-669.000 508-000-674.000 508-000-691.101 508-000-692.101	Total Revenue: Account Type: Trans 508-000-699,999	Total Transfers-In: Account Type: Expenditure	Total Expenditure:	Net - Dept 000 - RE	Dept 751 - PARK & REC. AD Account Type: Expenditure 508-751-728.000 POS; 508-751-930.000 REP; 508-751-999.000 MISG	Dept 751 -	Dept 752 - PARK & REC ADM Account Type: Expenditure 508-752-703.000 SALL 508-752-703.001 COMM 508-752-703.001 COMM 508-752-703.002 FIG. 508-752-705.000 FENGLED FOR 508-752-725.000 FENGLED FOR 508-752-840.000 FROIS 508-752-840.000 FENGLED FOR 508-752-910.000 FENGLED FOR 500-752-910.000 FENGLED FOR 500-752-910.

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GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION		2024 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 04/30/2024	% BDGT USED	ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 04/30/24	AVAILABLE BALANCE	YTD BALANCE 04/30/2023
Fund 508 - PARKS & RECREATION						3		
Net - Dept 752 - PARK & REC ADMINISTRATION	ATION	(207,700.00)	(209,789.00)	(67,431.46)		(14,533.08)	(142,357.54)	(59,611.38)
Dept 754 - RECREATION Account Type: Expenditure 508-754-717.000 TAXABLE BENEFITS 508-754-860.000 TRANSPORTATION 508-754-930.000 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	S NANCE	2000.00	200.00 100.00 500.00	00.00	00.00	000.0	200.00 100.00 500.00	00000
Total Expenditure:		800.00	800.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	800.00	00.00
Net - Dept 754 - RECREATION	1	(800.00)	(800.00)	00.00		00.00	(800.00)	00.00
Dept 755 - PARK MAINTENANCE Account Type: Expenditure 508-755-740.003 HERBICIDE (NON-S 508-755-860.000 TRANSPORTATION Total Expenditure:	(NON-SELECTIVE)	\$00.00 100.00 600.00	500.00	00.0	00.00	00.00	500.00	0.00
Net - Dept 755 - PARK MAINTENANCE		(000.009)	(600.009)	00.00		0.00	(600.00)	00.00
Dept 756 - RECREATION Account Type: Expenditure 508-756-703.000 SALARIES 508-756-740.004 SAND-GRAVEL-BARK-SOIL 508-756-752.000 OPERATING SUPPLIES 508-756-806.000 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 508-756-955.000 SIGNAGE	K-SOIL IES RVICES - OTHER	14,177.00 8,000.00 4,200.00 8,000.00 2,000.00	14,177.00 8,000.00 4,200.00 8,000.00 2,000.00	273.30 0.00 701.44 1,540.03	1.93 0.00 16.70 19.25 3.60	273.30 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	13,903.70 8,000.00 3,498.56 6,459.97 1,928.00	6,245.61 0.00 927.24 120.00 0.00
Total Expenditure:		36,377.00	36,377.00	2,586.77	7.11	273.30	33,790.23	7,292.85
Net - Dept 756 - RECREATION		(36,377.00)	(36,377.00)	(2,586.77)		(273.30)	(33,790.23)	(7,292.85)
Dept 770 - PARK MAINTENANCE Account Type: Expenditure 508-770-703.000 SALARIES 508-770-752.000 TAXABLE BENEFITS 508-770-752.000 OPERATING SUPPLIES 508-770-764.000 UNIFORMS 508-770-805.000 UNIFORMS 508-770-805.000 CONTROLLED BURNS 508-770-805.000 TELECOMMUNICATIONS 508-770-910.000 TELECOMMUNICATIONS 508-770-934.000 TELITIES 508-770-934.000 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE 508-770-986.000 TOTAL EXPENDITURE: 508-770-986.000 TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	S IES S RVICES - OTHER ONS NANCE K-SOIL \$5,000	141,711.00 1,803.00 5,775.00 6,825.00 800.00 2,500.00 1,800.00 13,112.00 5,500.00 13,112.00 5,500.00 13,112.00 192,126.00	141,711.00 1,803.00 5,775.00 6,825.00 800.00 2,500.00 1,800.00 700.00 13,112.00 5,500.00 4,500.00 4,500.00 192,126.00	35,039.91 1,574.35 2,543.91 1,392.84 173.00 695.00 695.00 6,696.40 0.00 1,211.52 50,274.89	24.73 87.32 87.32 87.32 87.32 87.32 87.32 87.32 87.32 87.32 88 87.32 88 87.32 88 88 88 92 11.68 88 92 11.68 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 8	13, 199 111 0.00 61.34 517.46 0.00 0.00 173.76 40.03 0.00 25.87 5, 256.01 0.00 0.00 19, 273.58	106,671.09 228.65 3,231.09 5,432.16 627.00 5,800.00 1,894.77 55.00 407.31 6,415.60 5,500.00 3,288.48 141,851.11	33,663.67 984.73 1,231.73 1,039.10 (144.99) 4,500.00 625.00 81.24 4,147.47 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 1,6,652.31
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Fund 508 - PARKS & RECREATION Dept 771 - PARK DEVELOPMENT/I Account Type: Expenditure 508-771-951.000 PROJECT	Fund 508 - PARKS & RECREATION Dept 771 - PARK DEVELOPMENT/IMPROVEMENT Account Type: Expenditure 508-771-951.000 PROJECTS	6,000.00	6,000.00	00.0	0.00	00.00	00.000,9	0.00
Total Expenditure:		6,000.00	6,000.00	00.0	00.00	00.00	6,000.00	00.00
Net - Dept 771 - PA	Net - Dept 771 - PARK DEVELOPMENT/IMPROVEWENT	(6,000.00)	(6,000.00)	0.00		00.0	(6,000.00)	00.0
Fund 508 - PARKS & RECREATION:	RECREATION:							
TOTAL REVENUES TOTAL EXPENDITURES	•	444,403.00	446,492.00	146,793.56 120,293.12	32.88 26.94	33,433.42 34,079.96	299,698.44 326,198.88	119,353.30
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	00.00	00.0	26,500.44	100.00	(646.54)	(26,500.44)	4,776.05