

**Muskegon County
Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee
January 22, 2015
4:00 p.m.
990 Terrace, Hall of Justice
Muskegon, MI**

Robert Scolnik, Chair

Benjamin Cross, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Scolnik at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Terry J. Sabo, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Engle, supported by Wilkins, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2014, meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CD/SP15/01 – 01 It was moved by Cross, supported by Mahoney, to accept the \$1.00 per year lease agreement with Downtown Muskegon Now (DMN) for a perpetual period for the County of Muskegon-owned property commonly referred to as the Carpenter Brothers Lot, for the express purpose of DMN developing and operating the property as a community Dog Park and authorize the Board Chair to sign and execute the contract and lease agreement. Motion carried.

CD/SP15/01 - 02 It was moved by Cross, supported by Mahoney, to approve the salary range adjustments within the Parks Department for the Senior Parks Ranger (NO220) and Parks Maintenance Supervisor (NO180) to NO245 (\$18.577 - \$23.52/hour) effective January 27, 2015. Motion carried.

CD/SP15/01 - 03 It was moved by Cross, supported by Engle, to approve the sale of alcohol at the County Fairgrounds during 2015 at the Hero Mud Run (May 2-3), a wedding reception (June 27) and at the County Fair (July 24-25) contingent upon the Fair Board securing all necessary permits and/or licenses and producing the appropriate insurance certificates.

Discussion took place regarding wedding receptions and if approval would continually come to the Board or if a friendly amendment could be made allowing for the alcohol sale during any wedding reception through the 2015 calendar year. That amendment was approved by both Commissioner Cross and Commissioner Engle.

Discussion ensued regarding the alcohol sale during the County Fair. Board Chair Sabo noted his opposition to the motion as he was unsupportive of alcohol sale during the County Fair, which he noted was the County Youth Fair. Commissioner Hughes also was in opposition to the alcohol sale during the County Fair.

The Call of the Question was requested by Commissioner Engle and a roll call vote was given to either Yes (meaning to end discussion) or No (to continue discussion).

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Cross, Engle, Mahoney, Nash, Scolnik, Wilkins

No: Hughes, Lohman, Sabo

Motion carried.

CD/SP15/01 - 03 It was moved by Cross, supported by Engle, to approve the sale of alcohol at the County Fairgrounds during 2015 at the Hero Mud Run (May 2-3, 2015), wedding receptions (through 2015) and at the County Fair (July 24-25, 2015), contingent upon the Fair Board securing all necessary permits and/or licenses and producing the appropriate insurance certificates. [Friendly Amendment]

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Cross, Engle, Lohman, Mahoney, Nash, Scolnik, Wilkins

No: Hughes, Sabo

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bob Lukens, Community Development Director, shared the 2015 Visitors Guide with Commissioners and noted it contains 54 pages and has a pull out map. He noted 75,000 guides were printed and an additional 20,000 maps were printed.

Commissioner Scolnik requested monthly revenue numbers on the Parks and Mr. Lukens noted he would provide that information during the summer months at the Parks highest utilization period. Mr. Lukens also noted Wi-Fi was now available at Meinert Park and will be available in the near future at Pioneer Park.

Commissioner Scolnik thanked all involved in the development of the Recreation Plan. Mr. Lukens apprised those present that many comments were received by the Commissioners and the public that were incorporated into the plan. He also noted Ms. Brenda Moore, Drain Commissioner, provided much assistance on the Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.