

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Community Development & Strategic Planning Committee

February 11, 2021
4:00 p.m. via Zoom

Doug Brown, Chair
Susie Hughes, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Kim Cyr (Twin Lake), Marcia Hovey-Wright (Muskegon), Susie Hughes (Muskegon Township), Zach Lahring (Muskegon), Charles Nash (Grand Rapids), Bob Scolnik (Norton Shores), Rillastine Wilkins (Muskegon), Malinda Pego (Norton Shores), Doug Brown (Muskegon)

Also Present: Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Kathy Tharp, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021, meeting as written.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash, Malinda Pego, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Kim Cyr, Doug Brown

No: None Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Mahoney addressed the Board regarding his support of the resolution in for Item No. 5.
Margo Haynes addressed the Board regarding her support of the resolution in for Item No. 5.
Tanya Cabala the Board regarding her support of the resolution in for Item No. 5.
Pete Bosheff the Board regarding his support of the resolution in for Item No. 5.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CDSP21/03 - 03 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to adopt the revised Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Bylaws.

Roll Call:

Yes: Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash, Malinda Pego, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Kim Cyr, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Doug Brown

No: None Motion carried.

CDSP21/02 - 04 It was moved by Commissioner Scolnik, supported by Commissioner Nash, to adjust the Heritage Landing rental fees for one year only, from \$2,500 per festival day to \$1,500 per festival day, to provide relief to our festivals, all of which have been adversely affected by the Covid-19 crisis.

Roll Call:

Yes: Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes,

No: Zach Lahring, Malinda Pego, Kim Cyr, Doug Brown Motion carried.

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CDSP21/02 - 05 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to approve the resolution authorizing the Muskegon County Parks Department to apply for a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the Nugent Sands Property Acquisition North Project located in Norton Shores.

Roll Call:

Yes: Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Kim Cyr, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Doug Brown

No: Malinda Pego, Zach Lahring Motion carried.

CDSP21/02 - 06 It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to accept the Right of First Refusal Agreement between the County of Muskegon and Jackson-Merkey Contractors, Inc. for the property bordering the Nugent Sand “North Lake,” which is Phase II of the planned Dune Harbor Park acquisition. This document will be included in the MDNR Trust Fund Grant application for Phase II acquisition.

Roll Call:

Yes: Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Kim Cyr, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Doug Brown

No: Malinda Pego, Zach Lahring Motion carried.

CDSP21/02 - 07 It was moved by Commissioner Wilkins, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Muskegon and Jackson-Merkey Contractors, Inc., regarding the terms and conditions of both parties upon the acquisition of the Nugent Sand “North Lake” property, also known as Phase II of the Dune Harbor Park project.

Roll Call:

Yes: Bob Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins, Kim Cyr, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash,

No: Zach Lahring, Malinda Pego, Doug Brown Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FINAL BOARD COMMENT

Commissioner Scolnik commented that the City of Norton Shores wants this park and the community wants this park. He doesn't understand why anyone would be against it.

Commissioner Lahring stated who wouldn't want someone else to pay for a \$50m park? He also stated Norton Shores can't even keep up their own parks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Community Development & Strategic Planning Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.