

**MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Special Community Development & Strategic Planning Committee**

February 11, 2021  
3:30 p.m. via Zoom

Doug Brown, Chair  
Susie Hughes, Vice-Chair

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brown at 3:30 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), Malinda Pego (Norton Shores), Doug Brown (Muskegon)

Rillastine Wilkins (Muskegon) – had technical difficulties and joined the meeting late

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Chairman Scolnik, supported by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the agenda as written.

Roll Call:

Yes: Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Malinda Pego, Bob Scolnik, Kim Cyr, Doug Brown  
No: Zach Lahring Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to open the public hearing.

Roll Call:

Yes: Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Malinda Pego, Bob Scolnik, Kim Cyr, Marcia Hovey-Wright,  
No: None Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following made public comment in support of Muskegon County's Consideration to Apply for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant to Acquire Phase Two north property of Nugent Sand's 377 acres of potential park land: 1) Aaron Bodbyl-Mast, 2) Eric Seifert, 3) Kenneth Mahoney, 4) Pete Bosheff, 5) Roger Morgenstern, 6) Ashley Podein, 7) Tanya Cabala, 8) Andrea Riegler, 9) Jack Page, 10) Michael Ramsey, 11) Christine Robere

The following made public comment against the Muskegon County's Consideration to Apply for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant to Acquire Phase Two north property of Nugent Sand's 377 acres of potential park land: 1) Charles Ritchard

## **FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

Commissioner Marcia Hovey-Wright commented that the money from the trust fund at the state level is from oil and gas money. It is not government money in any way. The total cost of acquisition will be done by the owner and the grant from the state. The parks will also provide minimal maintenance through park funds.

Commissioner Zach Lahring commented that the idea that the grant money is not tax dollars is absurd. Kruze Park was brought up. If you want to see how the park is in disrepair, go out there. The other parks are in disarray. We can't manage the parks that we have.

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to close the public hearing.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Community Development & Strategic Planning Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.