**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting was called to order in the Class Room at the Oceana County Services Building by Chairperson Sebolt on Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 10:01 a.m.

Present: Ms. Meyette, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gustafson, Mr. Byl, Mr. Powers, and Mr. Walker. Mr. Sebolt attended via Zoom. Absent: Mr. Brown.

Also present were: Mr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator, Ms. Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; and Mr. John Wilson, Oceana County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2020 meeting as prepared.

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Public participation was provided via teleconference using Zoom. The online meeting ID was 870 4758 6525.

No public comment on agenda items at this time.

Mr. Wilson, Oceana County Parks and Recreation Commission, requested consideration of a resolution supporting a ballot proposal to amend the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

The Trust Fund has helped acquire land throughout the state and has helped develop parks, trails, and conservation areas. Oceana County has been the recipient of three different Trust Fund Grants for Crystal Valley Park, Gale’s Pond, and Mill Pond.

This Trust Fund would be supported from royalties from oil, gas, and mining industries. The proposal would allow the flexibility needed to continue updating recreational areas, while being dedicated to conservation.

Ms. Meyette expressed that her main concern is that the money is mandated to be spent in a particular manner. It does not give any leeway for legislature to appropriate the money for expenditures that would be deemed more critical in times of need. Ms. Meyette is also concerned that the wording in the proposal creates confusion in relation to what it specifically means when it mentions land acquisition and protection.

Mr. Walker wondered if it meant that 70% of the funds would be designated to infrastructure and/or acquisition of land and that the remaining 30% of the funds would be discretionary.

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Sebolt adjourned the Health and Human Services and Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson

Oceana County Clerk