

Higgins Township

February 6, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Higgins Township Board was brought to order by Supervisor Curnalia at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 6th, 2023, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Supervisor Curnalia, Clerk Borgula, Treasurer Sullivan Trustee Jennette and Trustee Peters

Members absent: None

Interested persons in attendance: Sue Jock from RARA, Tracy Bosworth, Fred and Debra German.

Consent Agenda: Motioned by Treasurer Sullivan and Trustee Jennette to accept the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Fred German, resident of Higgins Township, spoke on the subject of the painting of the township hall that was done.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Tracy Bosworth- Resolution for the submission of a Spark Grant application for Gahagan Nature Preserve, inc., by the DNR. *Please see attached Resolution

Higgins Township hereby supports submission of a Spark Grant Application for Gahagan Nature Preserve, Inc., by the DNR. This Resolution was offered by Treasure Sullivan; supported by Trustee Jennette.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Supervisor Curnalia, Clerk Borgula, Treasurer Sullivan, Trustee Jennette, Trustee Peters

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved on February 6th, 2023

Sue Jock- DNR submission of an application titled, "Metro Park Renovation Project" to the Land and Water Conservation Fund. *Please see attached Resolution

Higgins Township hereby supports submission of the Land and Water Conservation grant by the DNR. This Resolution was offered by Clerk Borgula; supported by Trustee Peters.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Supervisor Curnalia, Clerk Borgula, Treasurer Sullivan, Trustee Jennette, Trustee Peters

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved on February 6th, 2023.

Lake Saint Helen Weed Control- Motion made by Treasurer Sullivan and Supervisor Curnalia to support the treatment of invasive weeds in Lake Saint Helen. All ayes. Motion granted. There is no fiscal responsibility of the township.

Roscommon County Road Commission: Motion made Supervisor Curnalia and Trustee Jennette to approve road work of Spink Road, Huffman Drive and Chipway Drive at \$1,632. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion made Clerk Borgula and Treasurer Sullivan to approve road work of Bennett Street at no cost for the township. All ayes. Motion granted.

Public Comment: None

Motion made by Clerk Borgula and seconded by Treasurer Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Curnalia, Supervisor

Maggie Borgula, Clerk

These minutes are subject to change/amendment at the next regular meeting of the Higgins Township Board on Monday, March 6th 2023 at 7:00 pm. Minutes written by Clerk Borgula

TOWNSHIP OF HIGGINS

SUBMISSION OF A SPARK GRANT APPLICATION FOR GAHAGAN NATURE PRESERVE, INC., BY THE DNR
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2

WHEREAS, Higgins Township supports the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) submission of an application titled, "Gahagan Trail and Recreation Enhancement Project" to the Spark Grant Program for the development of accessible trails, parking, interpretive signage and amenities, as well as renovation and improvements to the existing trail network at Gahagan Nature Preserve; and,

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed project is within the jurisdiction of Higgins Township; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project, if completed, will be a benefit to the community and its visitors; and,

WHEREAS, with this resolution of support it is acknowledged that Higgins Township is not committing any obligations, financial or otherwise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Higgins Township hereby supports submission of a Spark Grant Application for Gahagan Nature Preserve, Inc., by the DNR.

This Resolution was offered by Treasure Sullivan; supported by Trustee Jennette

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Supervisor Curnalia, Clerk Borgula, Treasurer Sullivan, Trustee Jennette, Trustee Peters

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved on February 6th, 2023.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by Higgins Township Board of Trustees at their regular meeting held on February 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, with a quorum present.

Dated: February 6th, 2023

Maggie Borgula, Higgins Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HIGGINS

DNR SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TITLED, "METRO PARK RENOVATION PROJECT" TO THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

RESOLUTION 2023-3

WHEREAS, the Higgins Township supports the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) submission of an application titled, "Metro Park Renovation Project" to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the development of accessible trails, parking, pump track, greenspace as well as renovation and improvements to the existing ground network at Metro Park, 208 George Street; and,

WHEREAS, the property of the proposed project is deeded to the Roscommon Area Recreation Authority, operated and maintained by and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project, if completed, will be a benefit to the community and its visitors; and,

WHEREAS, with this resolution of support it is acknowledged that the Roscommon Area Recreation Authority is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$410,000.00 matching funds, in cash and/donated or force account; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Higgins Township hereby authorizes submission of a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for \$820,000.00, and further resolves the Roscommon Area Recreation Authority make available its financial obligation amount of \$410,000.00 (50 %) of a total \$820,000.00 project cost, during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Higgins Township hereby supports submission of the Land and Water Conservation grant by the DNR.

This Resolution was offered by Clerk Borgula; supported by Trustee Peters

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Supervisor Curnalia, Clerk Borgula, Treasurer Sullivan, Trustee Jennette, Trustee Peters

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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