

# BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

## REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021

BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP OFFICES, 14212 NORTHLAND DR.

BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307

7:00 PM

APPROVED

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. ROLL CALL: Stanek, Saez, Currie, Everett, Geib, Teceno, present. Bean, absent.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

**SPECIAL APPEARANCE: Crusted Creations:** A motion was made by Geib to approve of the recommendation for Crusted Creations to obtain their Class C Liquor License. Seconded by Currie. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**White Pine Trails:** A motion was made by Currie to approve of Resolution 2021-06 Regarding improvements to the White Pine Trails. Seconded by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. **September 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes:**
2. **August Treasurers Report:**
3. **September Financial Report:**
4. **Building Department Report:**
5. **Cemetery and Grounds Report:**
6. **Fire Department Report:**
7. **Sewer Department Report:**
8. **Water Department Report:**
9. **Fire Committee Minutes:**
10. **Supervisor's Report:**

A motion was made by Currie to approve of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Other:** Fire Department Basement leakage discussion with Jim. Working out other options to save money fixing the issue. Supervisor to look over options/prices and for them to get started before cold weather hits. Will try to have experienced helpers on the day chosen.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Mecosta County Development Corporation Invoice:** A motion was made by Saez to approve of the MCDC invoice for their services in 2021. Seconded by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **Fire Department Request for purchasing a Drone:** A motion was made by Everett to approve of the \$329.57 purchase of a drone from DJI company including the \$5,000 grant awarded. Seconded by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
3. **Next month meeting date, no elections so we can move to the 2<sup>nd</sup>:** A motion was made by Saez to move the November board meeting date to Tuesday, November 2. Supported by Currie. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Other:**

### FINANCIAL:

1. **Payroll:** A motion was made by Geib to approve Payroll in the amount of \$20,022.91. Seconded by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **Accounts Payable:** A motion was made by Geib to approve of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$54,729.85. Seconded by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

### 2022 Budget Work Session:

1: **Recommendation for public hearing:** A motion was made by Geib to set the public hearing for the Budget on November 2, 2021. Seconded by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.

### Review of 2022 budget held.

### ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 pm.

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**Big Rapids Township  
Resolution No 2021-06**

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP  
IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE PARKS AND TRAILS**

**WHEREAS**, on June 10, 2021 as part of Governor Whitmer’s plan for the allocation of American Recovery dollars, she proposed a significant and essential investment of \$250 million for infrastructure improvements to State Parks and Trails to boost local economies and enhance tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, the 92-mile Fred Meijer White Pine Trail Linear State Park passes through Big Rapids Charter Township and would be a prime candidate for these proposed funds; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty-three years ago in 1998, the first 13-mile section of the White Pine Trail was paved from Big Rapids to Reed City and since then fifty additional miles of the Trail have been paved; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty-nine miles remain unpaved from the City Big Rapids south to the Village of Sand Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, while visitors to State Parks and Trails continue to grow in Michigan, there is an opportunity to enhance and promote the access for all types of non-motorized trail use, specifically the bicyclists who struggle to ride the trail in its current state of mixed dirt/gravel surface; and

**WHEREAS**, this unimproved or varying surface portion of trail results in many local and regional residents and visitors choosing not to use this community trail for their recreational, physical and mental health needs (i.e. motorized and non-motorized wheel chair users, parents with baby strollers, individuals who rely on walkers, roller bladders, skate boarders, young children riding their bikes, etc.); and

**WHEREAS**, Big Rapids Charter Township recognizes how vital to the local economic health this trail would be if paved the entire length; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Big Rapids Charter Township encourages our Governor and Michigan Legislators to designate enough funding of the proposed \$250 million investment in modernizing State Parks and Trails in the effort to enhance tourism, boost local economies and increase the quality of life for surrounding communities, by paving the remaining 29 miles of the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail Liner State Park from the City of Big Rapids south to the Village of Sand Lake.

The foregoing resolution offered by Currie, and supported by Saez.

Ayes: Currie, Saez, Teceno, Everett, Geib, Stanek. Bean, absent.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Hannah Saez, Clerk

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Big Rapids Township, Mecosta County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board at a Regular Board meeting on October 5, 2021 at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976 as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed by official signature on this

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Hannah Saez, Clerk  
Big Rapids Township