

VILLAGE OF SARANAC
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 29, 2016

The Saranac Village Council Special Meeting was called to order by President Darby at 6:00 p.m. at the Saranac Municipal Building, 27 N. Bridge Street.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Darby, Smith, Straubel, Trustees – Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley
Absent: Doll, Klutman, Ricket, DPW Simmons
Guests: None

Motion was made by Mulnix, supported by Simmons, to approve the Special Agenda. All yeas.

Public Comments – None.

Mulnix, Parks & Recreation Committee Chair, reported on the committee's meeting with Rick Stout, Fleis & VandenBrink Engineer. The committee met to review and discuss the MDNR's preliminary review of the Village of Saranac's grant application for the addition of a Trailhead and Park Improvements at the Boat Launch Park.

The Village scored 330 points, out of a maximum of 520. Stout and committee members discussed areas where the Village might be able to gain additional points by submitting supplemental materials. The supplemental materials must be submitted to the Grants Management Section of the DNR by October 3 at 3:00 p.m.

Per Mulnix, Stout and committee members identified "Collaboration" (15 or 30 additional points), "Universal Access Design" (10 additional points) and "Applicant Match" (10, 20 or 30 additional points), as areas where additional points could be gained.

Straubel will work to identify and document "Collaboration" and Stout will address the area of "Universal Access Design."

Mulnix reported that the committee is recommending to council, that the Village increase their "Applicant Match" from 26% (\$67,500) to 30% (\$78,000), which would guarantee an additional 10 points.

Due to the fact that they were unable to attend this Special Meeting, Straubel asked Doll, Klutman and Ricket if they would like to voice their opinion on the committee's recommendation to increase the Village match by \$10,500.

Doll stated the following, via text message: "I am not real excited to put more cash into the project."

Klutman stated the following, via email: "I am in favor of it for sure...hate to lose out by a few points."

Ricket stated the following, via email: "I unfortunately will not be able to attend the meeting Thursday. I do however want to voice my support for the increase in fund contributions to the trailhead project. I believe the added economic activity created will outweigh the relatively small addition in funds. This project when completed will also create a fundamental centerpiece to the community, tying in the existing nature park and trails to the downtown businesses and bringing it all to a highly visible corridor. It is my opinion the benefits of this type of work over time will far outweigh the short term increase of costs now."

Motion was made by Whorley, supported by to Simmons, to pass a Resolution to Amend the Grant Amount Requested and Village Match for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application No. TF16-0182: Boat Launch Park – Trailhead Addition and Park Improvements (copy of Resolution attached).

Roll call vote: yeas – Mulnix, Simmons, Whorley, Darby; nays – none; absent – Doll, Klutman, Ricket.

Public Comments – None.

Additional Business – None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roberta Jo Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Roberta Jo Smith, Clerk