

## BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the October 20, 2022 Personnel and Human Services Committee Meeting.

Meeting held in conference Room 4B of the County Administration Center. Attendance was as follows:

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	ALSO PRESENT
Bob Harrison	X		Jill Adams, Brian Dissette, Mac Elliott
Michael Majerek	X		
Rayonte Bell	X		
			Shelley Jasper

### COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- o Meeting called to order at 9:18 a.m.
- o Attendance is reflected above.
- o Motion by Commissioner Majerek, supported by Commissioner Bell to approve the minutes of October 13, 2022 as presented. 3 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.

### PARKS & RECREATION:

Parks & Recreation Director Jill Adams joined the Committee. There was discussion regarding Masterplan shown during the Committee of the Whole presentation. Other highlights of Jill's report included:

- **Resolution P2210348 – Apply for Michigan Spark Grant**  
The Michigan Spark Grants, administered by Michigan DNR, are made possible because of the Building Michigan Together Plan signed in March 2022 which includes federal funding made available to improve state and local parks. There are \$65 million in funds available, to be distributed over 3 grant cycles. The minimum award per application is \$100,000; maximum award is \$1 million. The project must be completed by 12/31/2026. Matching funds are encouraged but not required. The Silver Beach County Park Playground is 30 years old. Playground replacement is included in the current and previous 5-Year County Parks Plans. The playground lacks Universal Design elements which reduces the accessibility and inclusiveness that a destination playground should have. The Silver Beach County Park Master Plan created in 2021 focuses on improving the park experience, and the playground is a featured scope item in the Master Plan.
- **Resolution P2210376 – Apply for 2023 Scrap Tire Collection Grant**  
Berrien County is requesting to work with Van Buren Conservation District once again to apply for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) 2023 Scrap Tire Collection grant. The 2022 Scrap Tire Collection event takes place this Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, at the Road Department in Benton Township.
- **Weekend of October 8 & 9, 2022**  
Madeline Bertrand held a Disc Golf Tournament with 67 participants. Love Creek held Love Biketober Fest with over 200 participants. Park Staff conducted a Community Recycling Event in Buchanan serving 373 residents.

### CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD/ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Dissette and Chairman Elliott discussed various topics including interdepartmental cooperation and future planning efforts.

Adjourned 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Jasper,  
Human Resources Director