

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Berrien County owns and operates Galien River County Park, a 86 acre mix of upland and wetland habitat with 8,600' of river frontage; and

WHEREAS, with financial assistance from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Pokagon Fund, Berrien County successfully completed Phase 1 development of Galien River County Park in 2014; and

WHEREAS, public attendance at this unique park has surpassed expectations; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Parks Commission has recommended Phase II development that includes landscaping the front entrance, expanded hard surface parking lot, a plaza area for school bus loading and unloading, vault restrooms, hard surfacing the switchback trail and established erosion controls.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Berrien County Parks & Recreation Commission to apply to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for a Phase II development grant in an amount up to \$300,000 for park improvements at Galien River County Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local match will be \$150,000 with funding coming from the 2019 Berrien County Parks budget and a possible additional amount not to exceed \$80,500 coming from the Berrien County Capital Improvement fund for a total project cost estimated to be \$530,500.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Debra Panozzo, Chairperson



Don Meeks



Michael J. Majerek, Vice-Chairman

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator <u> Mn </u>	Date <u> 3/17/17 </u>
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Corporate Counsel <u> 2 </u>	Date <u> 3-8-17 </u>
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