

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, acquisition of approximately twelve acres of property owned by Mr. Edmund Higgins that adjoins Love Creek County Park is listed as a priority in the 2015-2019 Berrien County Parks and Recreation "Five Year Plan"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins wishes to sell the property to Berrien County for the purposes of becoming part of Love Creek County Park and is willing to remove the property from the market while the County pursues a grant for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant will cover up to 75% of the Fair Market Value of the purchase of the property; and

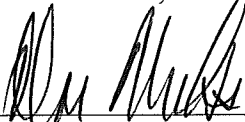
WHEREAS, the grant requires a minimum 25% grant match that will come from the Berrien County Parks Commission budget or the Parks Endowment fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Berrien County Parks Department to apply to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for an acquisition grant for the Higgins property.

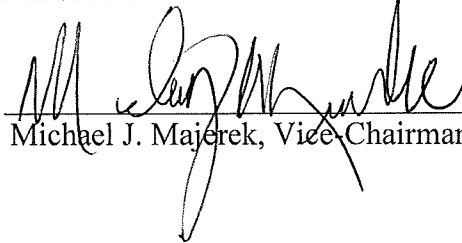
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parks Director is authorized to negotiate a purchase price and down-payment (paid from the Parks Endowment Fund) with the property owner, Mr. Higgins; this negotiated agreement, and down-payment, will serve to secure the County's right-to-purchase the property pending receipt of the funds required for financing the agreed-upon purchase price.

**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 _____	Date _____
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Counsel <u> <i> </i> </u>	Date <u> 3.8.17 </u>
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