

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approved the Option to Purchase Agreement to acquire 35 acres located along the Paw Paw River Water Trail in Watervliet Charter Township, called the Woodruff Property, through Resolution P2204251 dated April 28, 2022 in the amount of \$95,000; and

**WHEREAS,** funding to go toward the purchase of this property has been pledged from individuals and groups in the area; and

**WHEREAS,** while Berrien County does have a Parks Endowment Fund, housed at the Berrien Community Foundation, it has been recommended that a non-endowed special activities fund be established for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS,** this fund would act as a tax deductible depository for donations intended to assist Berrien County Parks to accomplish its goal of purchasing the 35 acre Woodruff Property to expand Paw Paw River County Park as well as future improvements or acquisitions; and


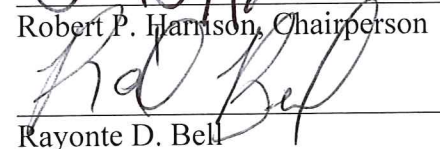
**WHEREAS,** the Fund will share a fair portion of the total administrative cost of the Berrien Community Foundation and the administrative costs charged against the Fund will at all times be reasonable, will be in accordance with the current fee schedule applicable to funds of this type, and will not exceed usual and reasonable rates.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to establish a non-endowed special activities fund with the Berrien Community Foundation, named the Berrien County Parks Improvement Fund, for the support of future Berrien County Parks improvements and acquisitions.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that only gifts made payable to BCF/ Berrien County Parks Improvement Fund and sent directly to the Berrien Community Foundation, will be added to this fund after its initial establishment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Parks Director and the Personnel & Human Services Committee Chairperson or their designee, jointly, are authorized to request and accept distributions from the fund.

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

  
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Robert P. Harrison, Chairperson  
  
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Michael J. Majerek, Vice-Chairperson

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| RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM  |                     |
| Administrative  | Date <u>5-18-22</u> |
| Comments Attached _____   |                     |
| Corporate Counsel <u>JH</u>   | Date <u>5/18/22</u> |
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