Au Train Township Board Special Meeting Recreation Public Hearing January 30, 2023 6:00 o'clock p.m.

Pursuant to authorization and posting, the Au Train Township Board convened on the above date.

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Michelle Doucette, with the following members present: Mary Johnson, Clerk; Kristy Cota, Treasurer; Jake Miller, Trustee; and Tom Balmes, Trustee.

The purpose of the Special Board Meeting is to hold a Public Hearing on the Draft Five Year Recreation Plan. The public was invited to attend the meeting to provide any additional comments and input on the Draft Plan.

After the Public Hearing, the Board will consider adoption of the Recreation Plan | 2023-2027.

The Draft Plan was available for review since December 22, 2022 on the Au Train Township website - autraintownship.org. Notification was published in The Mining Journal on December 23, 2022.

*Visitors Present – Approximately 10 persons attended, including Jason McCarthy, of Northwoods Planning & Zoning Services, LLC who drafted the plan as contracted by the Township. A complete list is on file with Clerk Johnson.

*AGENDA - MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Treasurer Cota to approve the Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

*PUBLIC HEARING - The Public Hearing opened at 6:05 pm by Supervisor Doucette. No public comments were received. An email comment, from Duane Newton, was read by Supervisor Doucette.

Each Board Member was given the opportunity to present any comments or concerns as the Draft Plan was reviewed. Input from Rebecca Cain of the USFS Hiawatha National Forest has been inserted into the Draft, as well as a few additions and clarifications presented by the Board. Jason McCarthy also provided additional input.

MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Treasurer Cota, to close the Public Hearing at 6:34 pm. MOTION CARRIED.

AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN | 2023-2027 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-001 January 30, 2023

WHEREAS, Au Train Township has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2023 through 2027, and;

WHEREAS, Au Train Township has and will continue to collaborate with other municipalities, non-profit organizations, local service groups and the US Forest Service, and;

WHEREAS, Au Train Township began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and;

WHEREAS, residents of Au Train Township were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and;

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the draft plan for a period of at least thirty (30) days, and;

WHEREAS, a final public hearing was held on January 30, 2023 to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and;

WHEREAS, Au Train Township has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Au Train Township and all other residents of the planning area, and;

WHEREAS, after the public meeting, Au Train Township voted to adopt said recreation and natural resources conservation plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Au Train Township hereby adopts the Au train Township Recreation Plan | 2023-2027.

The foregoing resolution 2023-001 was offered by the Au Train Township Board Member_	Clerk Johnson
and supported by the Au Train Township Board MemberSupervisor Doucette_	
Upon roll call vote, the following voted:	

"Aye": _	Johnson, Doucette, Cota, Balmes, Miller
"Nay":	None

The Au Train Township Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Mary Walther Johnson – Township Clerk

*ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, MOTION by Treasurer Cota and seconded by Clerk Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:44 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Walther Johnson, Au Train Township Clerk