

RESOLUTION 2022-11-21-01
TO AUTHORIZE AND SUPPORT THE SUBMISSION OF A
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SPARK GRANT APPLICATION
FOR THE
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT BURTCHVILLE TOWNSHIP PARK

WHEREAS, Burtchville Township's beloved park has experienced a surge of activity as a direct result of COVID-19 Pandemic that highlighted the many benefits of having free access to public spaces and neighborhood parks; however, the pandemic also highlighted the challenge of aging infrastructure and play equipment, lack of accessible features and the limited variety of outdoor opportunities for all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Spark Grant program will support projects that provide safe, accessible recreation facilities and spaces that make it easier and more inclusive for everyone to enjoy the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Burtchville Township Board of Trustees supports the submission of an application "Burtchville Township-Everybody Plays Initiative" to the Spark grant program for the purpose of purchasing and installing a new, accessible play feature to replace inaccessible equipment installed over 40 years ago and a set of fitness station components within the Burtchville Township Park to launch the neighborhood family fitness challenge which will complement the park's walking trail; and

WHEREAS, replacement costs for play equipment and fitness stations along the park's walking trail are estimated at \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, Burtchville Township is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$30,000 as local matching funds from the general fund's Parks and Recreation division and in-kind services from volunteers for site prep prior to installation; and

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded the applicant commits its local match and donated amounts from the following sources:

\$25,000	Burtchville Township Annual Millage Revenue from St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission allocation and pending consideration of match funds from a private foundation.
\$ 3,000	Local donations and in-kind services for site prep, topsoil, mulch.
\$ 2,000	Value of 2 donated memorial benches at play and fitness area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Burtchville Township Board of Trustees hereby authorizes submission of a Spark Grant application for a requested grant in the amount of \$ 200,000 and further resolves to make available a local match in the amount of \$30,000 through financial commitment, donations, and in-kind services (15%) during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Motion by *Briolat* supported by *JANKS* to approve resolution # 2022-11-21-01.

Roll call vote:

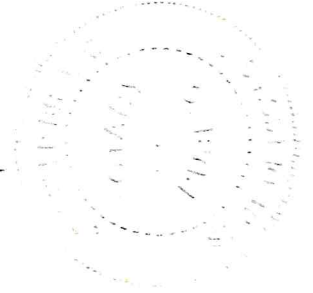
Ayes: *Briolat, JANKS, Minnie, Bailey, And Supervisor Appel*

NAYES: *None*

Motion Approved. I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the Burtchville Township Board of Trustees at their regular meeting held on November 21, 2022 with a quorum present.

Robert C. Bailey
Robert C Bailey, Clerk

11/21/2022
Date



Jennifer Briolat
Notary Public, St. Clair County, MI
My Commission Expires June 6, 2024

Jennifer Briolat

