Minutes Public Hearing

Class I and II E-Bikes

Board of Commissioners Meeting Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority

Thursday, February 13, 2020

The Public Hearing of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's Board of Commissioners for Class I and II e-Bikes was held on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 at the Administrative Office, 13000 High Ridge Drive, Brighton, MI 48114. The hearing convened in pursuance to a legal notice placed in the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News.

Commissioners Present: Robert W. Marans

Jaye Quadrozzi Bernard Parker Kurt Heise

Timothy J. McCarthy

Staff Leadership:

Director Amy McMillan Deputy Director David Kirbach

Chief of Finance Rebecca Franchock

Absent:

Commissioner John P. Rea
Commissioner Steven Williams

1. Call or Order

Chairman Marans called the Feb. 13, 2020, Public Hearing to order at 10:30 am.

2. Chairman's Statement

None.

3. Motion to Open Public Hearing

Motion by Commissioner Heise, support from Commissioner McCarthy that the Board of Commissioners' open the public hearing on Class I and II e-Bikes.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Class I and II e-Bikes

Chief of Planning and Development Nina Kelly updated the Board on the three classifications of e-Bikes, current legislation and where the Metroparks where at with allowing these types of bikes in the parks.

Commissioner McCarthy asked if Class II bikes were allowed on paved trails. Ms. Kelly said throughout the country, yes, but not in Michigan.

Commissioner Quadrozzi asked if the number of people that wanted to use these types of bikes to get into mountain biking was low. Ms. Kelly said it was affair assumption and that various mountain biking organizations (CRAMBA) fear that people will put motors on mountain bikes and use them on the trails.

Director McMillan said staff would be suggesting in the regular meeting, to have a oneyear pilot program for e-Bikes.

Commissioner Marans asked where the pilot program would be located. Ms. McMillan said on the Shelden Trails at Stony Creek.

Commissioner Parker asked what not include class III bikes. Ms. Kelly said the speed limit in the parks is 10 mph and the class III bikes tops out at 28 mph and doesn't cut off until that speed is reached.

5. Public Participation

None.

6. Motion to Close Public Hearing

Motion by Commissioner Parker, support from Commissioner Heise that the Board of Commissioners' close the public hearing on Class I and II e-Bikes.

Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary