



**Natural Features
Protection Review
Board
Minutes
March 25, 2025
Held at City Hall
Commission Chambers 4:00 p.m.**

A. Call to Order: Director Martin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members absent: Director Murgia

- 1. Excuse Absent Board Members:** The motion to excuse absent board members was made by Director Hollander and supported by Director Lettow, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Director Lettow, supported by Director Fredrickson, motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from February 25, 2025, NFP Review Board Meeting made by Director Lettow supported by Director Fuller, passed unanimously.

D. General Citizen Comments

There were no general citizen comments, either in person or by phone.

E. Board Comments

No comments



F. New Business

We have two applicants for the two openings, one for the Ecology seat and the Hydrogeologist seat. Nolan and Chair Martin met with Logan Rowe, and he fits the Ecology position. He has experience with entomology, the study of insects and how they affect our ecosystem. Also, he has experience with MNFI, rare species review, and birds and reptiles for the wetland reviews.

Motion to approve a recommendation to the City Commission for the appointment of Logan Rowe to the NFP Board for a full term of three years by Director Fuller and supported by Director Lettow, roll call vote passed unanimously

Matt Stemple has experience as an Arborist for various municipalities and has interacted with NFP in past on projects, and is familiar with processes.

Motion to approve a recommendation to the City Commission for the appointment of Matt Stemple to the NFP Board for a full term of three years by Director Hollander and supported by Director Bassett, roll call vote passed unanimously

NFP Board Member Appointment for Logan Rowe and Matt Stemple starting in May upon approval from City Commission.



Question?

Public Comments:

Unfinished Business

1. NFP Board Work Session discussion on a guide to improving NFP

- Hot topics – Enforcement; Permitting; Imagine Kalamazoo Processes
Looking to have a representative from each expertise to speak to the board and answer questions.
- Hollander brought up the idea of one of the board members go on site visits with an Inspector to get a better understanding of what is in the process and see the end result.
- List of resources, State of Michigan database, as a reference for people to explore before they start a project. Not an ordinance but will have authoritative resources in the NFP Guide.
- Stormwater, we have stringent and strict storm water management criteria when dealing with an NFP property. Contacting Public Services to see if they have a representative to talk to us about stormwater management.
- Environmental Concerns Committee to connect with Natural Features Protection Review board.

Staff Reports and Update

None

Communications and Announcements

None

Adjourn Meeting

Director Martin adjourned the meeting at 4:58 pm