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Resolution No. _____

APPROVING THE TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW'S OUTDOOR RECREATION & TRAILS (ORPT) GRANT APPLICATION – for the DEVELOPMENT OF AN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM/MEETING AREA/ SMALL PERFORMANCE SPACE IN BERZINS NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, The Town of Ocean View purchased and is currently in the design phase of the Berzins Natural Area located at the corner of Muddy Neck Road and Double Bridges Road, and

WHEREAS, The park will include a raised boardwalk over the pristine marsh area, a walking trail in the upland pines, parking area, restrooms, pavilion and nature educational kiosks/areas, and

WHEREAS, It is also our intention to include an outdoor classroom/meeting space/small performance area for the benefit and enhanced enjoyment of this outdoor space, and

WHEREAS, The Town Manager has made submission on behalf of the Town to the ORPT 2024 grant program for funds to assist in the development of this amenity at the park totaling \$40,000, and

WHEREAS, This amenity will strengthen the opportunity for unique group usage and exposure to our natural setting including students from local schools, daycare centers, HOA meetings, nature education programs, yoga and other exercise classes, etc., and

WHEREAS, The grant submission has a match requirement which can be satisfied by our remaining American Rescue Act Fund monies totaling \$40,000, and

WHEREAS, The Town Council designates the Town Manager or his/her designee, and other department managers to proceed with the design of the Berzins Natural Area and Trail and coordinate with the ORPT program and its requirements including reporting and reimbursement requests, and

WHEREAS, The Town understands such funds from the ORPT Grant program will require the outdoor classroom/meeting space/ small performance area to remain associated with the Berzins Natural Area once established for the outdoor space enjoyment of the public, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 12th day of September 2024, the Ocean View Town Council, by majority vote of a quorum of council authorize the ORPT Grant funding request for the development of this outdoor classroom/meeting area/small performance space within the Berzins Natural Area in the total amount of \$40,000, with matching funds from the balance of American Rescue Act Fund monies in hand.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is agreed that the Town of Ocean View shall abide by all requirements of the ORPT Grant Program for reimbursements and stewardship responsibilities.

Attest:

John Reddington, Mayor

Donna Schwartz, Town Clerk