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TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW

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Resolution No. _____

APPROVING THE TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW'S OUTDOOR RECREATION & TRAILS (ORPT) GRANT APPLICATION – FOR THE PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN FUNDED AMENITIES TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE BERZINS NATURE PARK.

WHEREAS, The Town of Ocean View purchased and has completed its design of the Berzins Nature Park to be located at 38588 and 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, outdoor classroom and meeting space, nature educational kiosks, and

WHEREAS, The Town Manager has made submission on behalf of the Town to the ORPT 2026 grant program for funds to assist in the final amenity purchase and construction of the park now estimated to cost \$468,832 (with construction management of the same estimated at \$40,000 to be funded with the Town's Municipal Bond sale), and

WHEREAS, These amenities will support the unique and welcoming atmosphere of the nature park and community usage and exposure to our natural setting, while also aligning with the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant funding aspects of the project by promoting interest in visiting the park, and.

WHEREAS, The grant submission has a match requirement which has already been anticipated and satisfied in the Town's FY27 Budget totaling \$240,584, towards the final amenities and their associated construction, and

WHEREAS, The Town Council designates the Town Manager or his/her designee, and other department managers to proceed with the final development of the Berzins Nature Park 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 the amenities as added and constructed to remain associated with the Berzins Nature Park once established for the enjoyment of the public, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 8th day of September 2026, the Ocean View Town Council, by majority vote of a quorum of council authorize the ORPT Grant funding request for the final development of the Berzins Nature Park in the total amount of \$194,416, with matching funds from the FY27 Town Budget, and

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:

Tom Maly, Mayor

Donna Schwartz, Town Clerk