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**GENESEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

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The semi-monthly meeting of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, April 22, 2010 in the Harris Auditorium at the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, 48502.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Archie Bailey, Bill Lucas, Cloyce Dickerson, Ted Henry, Mike Keeler, Joe Krapohl

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bob Ranger, Jeff Wright, Vice President Jim Washington, Patrick Gleason

**STAFF PRESENT:** Amy McMillan, Director; Ron Walker, Deputy Director; Hilda McShane, Marketing Specialist; Leisa Gagne, Finance Officer; Nancy Edwards, Recreation Programmer; Katie Bennett, Seasonal Recreation Programmer, Deborah Wilkes, Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brian Barkey, Legal Counsel

**(1) Call To Order**

President Krapohl called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. President Krapohl welcomed any guests present and Leisa Gagne introduced her niece Anna, a sixth grade student at Grand Blanc Middle School who is visiting on Take Your Child to Work Day.

**(2) Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission**

President Krapohl asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Commission. No one from the public addressed the commission.

**(3) Consent Agenda**

**Discussion:** President Krapohl asked if any of the commissioners wished to remove any items from the consent agenda for further discussion. Commissioner Henry asked for the ratification of bills to be removed from the consent agenda and placed in Other Business for discussion.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Lucas  
Supported by Commissioner Keeler

**Motion and support for approval of the consent agenda items A, B, C and E.**

**Roll Call:**

Yeas: Bailey, Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Lucas  
Nays: None  
Absent: Commissioners Gleason, Ranger, Washington and Wright.

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

**(4) REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL**

Mr. Barkey stated the mediation date has been set for the Spencer case on May 19, 2010 at 1pm.

**(5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. Genesee County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) Request:**

**Discussion:** Ms. McMillan said we have received a request from the Genesee County Agricultural Society to allow the Eagles Club to sell alcohol at the Genesee County Fair in a Beer Tent. This activity has been ongoing each year during the fair, and they have done a good job managing this activity in the past. They have all the appropriate insurances and meet all the requirements necessary to hold the event so we are recommending that the Parks commission approve the request.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Bailey  
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

**Motion and support for approval of the Fair Board request for the Eagles Club to sell alcohol at this year's Genesee County Fair.**

Yeas: All yeas

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Gleason, Ranger, Washington and Wright.

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

B. **Wildlife Sub-Committee** meeting will be held on April 27 at 2:00 at the Parks office. Please mark your calendars if you are on this committee. The committee will report to the full parks commission at the next commission meeting on May 13.

C. **Railroad Restoration Bid Deadline.** The deadline has been extended to April 22, at 3:00 p.m. The project is bid through the Genesee County Purchasing Department. We hope to bring a recommendation back to the parks commission at the next meeting.

D. **Meeting location change.** Our next meeting, on May 13, will move back to the Parks Building for the summer.

E. Copies of two stories that were printed in *Recreation Management Magazine* have been provided for each of you today. This publication goes out monthly to parks and recreation agencies across the United States. We are featured in two stories, one about the splash pad at Bluebell Beach and the other is about the \$10 idea savings. This is part of our overall goal to elevate the positive image of Flint and Genesee County by talking about positive things happening in our area, particularly in our Parks. Links of the stories will go out to our partners, as well as the Changing Perceptions website. We work with publications of all shapes and sizes and distributions. At our next meeting we'll share another success with you as well, perhaps one of our biggest publications yet.

F. The Board of Commissioners approved our request to renew our contract with the Board for the Accommodations Tax. We owe a great deal of thanks to the county commissioners that serve on our board as well as the rest of our board members for supporting this endeavor. Thank you to President Krapohl for doing a fine job of presenting the information to the Board of Commissioners.

G. Ms. McMillan thanked the Parks Commissioners who came to the Volunteer Recognition Dinner. It was a great time and commissioners who attended had the opportunity to meet some of the volunteers. The volunteers appreciate everything the commissioners do for them.

H. Ms. McMillan has been touring the parks and they are looking great. She was in Flushing County Park and it was packed with folks enjoying a walk in the park, some with their dogs (on leashes). The roofing project looks great. The dry weather is actually helping so we can get parks mowed early in the season.

The boat launches open this weekend. The Reservoir is not up to regular levels yet, but the new launch decks are fabulous and will be appreciated by those folks out there fishing. The City of Flint assures us the water levels will be up in a couple weeks.

**(6) OTHER BUSINESS**

**Commission Bills**

**Discussion:** Commissioner Henry had several questions on the bills, all of which were clarified.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Henry  
Supported by Commissioner Keeler

**Motion and support for ratification of Commission bills.**

**Roll Call**

Yeas: Dickerson, Keeler, Lucas, Bailey, Henry, Krapohl  
Nays: None  
Absent: Commissioner Gleason, Ranger, Washington and Wright.

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

**(7) OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

President Krapohl recognized the staff of administrative assistants at the parks.  
Debbie Wilkes thanked the parks commission on behalf of the staff.

Commissioner Keeler said the marsh marigolds are in bloom along the bike path around Mott Lake and soon trillium will be up as well.

Commissioner Bailey was in Flushing County Park on Sunday and saw the roofers at work. They have done a fantastic job on a roof that was ready to cave in. A park patron commented about paying overtime on a Sunday and he clarified that staff works on a seven-day schedule and no overtime is worked. Ms. McMillan said a private contractor is actually doing that work and they are paid by the job, but thank you for clarifying the overtime issue with park visitors, it is important that they know their tax dollars are being used wisely.

President Krapohl thanked the commissioners that attended the Volunteer Dinner; the volunteers appreciated your participation.

President Krapohl asked Nancy Edwards to introduce her new seasonal programmer Katie Bennett. She is a Lakeville H. S. graduate and will be in the parks handling all the details of many of the programs in the Family Fun Guide, including the Annual Fishing Derby. She'll be soliciting donations for that program as well. President Krapohl welcomed Katie.

Commissioner Dickerson attended the Volunteer Dinner and he commented about the commitment that the volunteers make is awesome. There are people that have volunteered for 30-years or more. He enjoyed the evening. Ms. McMillan said we had 17,070 of volunteer hours in 2009.

Commissioner Henry will provide a copy of the Citizenship Academy Report that students prepare after their tour of government. The Parks Commission was brought into that report a few times and he'll make sure we have a copy.

**(8) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

No one from the public addressed the commission.

**(9) ADJOURNMENT**

With no objections made, President Krapohl adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.