
GENESEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

The semi-monthly meeting of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 in the Harris Auditorium at the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, 48502.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Ranger, Bill Lucas, Cloyce Dickerson, Ted Henry, Mike Keeler, Patrick Gleason, President Joe Krapohl, Vice President Jim Washington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Archie Bailey Jeff Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Amy McMillan, Director; Ron Walker, Deputy Director; Leisa Gagne, Finance Officer; Nancy Edwards, Recreation Programmer; Paul Dalleska, Railroad Supervisor Deborah Wilkes, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Barkey, Legal Counsel; Mr. & Mrs. Mike Michalik

(1) Call To Order

President Krapohl called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

(2) Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission

President Krapohl asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Commission. Per Commission rules, each speaker has three minutes to address the commission.

Mike Michalik of 4980 E. Pierson Rd. Mr. Michalik stated that the bike path along Mott Lake is terrible. It's all tore up, bumpy and you can't ride it. He asked if there was any future money to repair that path.

Ms. McMillan stated that there are no immediate plans to repair or replace the trail, we just don't have the money to do that. The new trails that you hear about being built are with different kinds of grant dollars and there are always (outside) funding to build things, but not to replace or repair existing paths.

Mr. Michalik asked if there hasn't been any nickels or dimes set aside for the last 35 years to maintain the paths, and where does all the money go?

Mrs. Michalik asked if we could put it on our agenda to look for grant funds to repair the path. President Krapohl stated that staff is always looking for grant funds to operate the parks as well as working with volunteers, but funding sources are drying up these days.

Ms. McMillan said she has not been here for 35 years, but in the last six or seven years there has not been any money to set aside. She further stated that there are 11,000 acres to maintain.

President Krapohl said that Mr. Michalik may stop in and make an appointment to talk to Ms. McMillan to discuss the path and what our budget looks like.

Mr. Keeler said that section in question does not have potholes that someone can go in and patch, the problem is the forest has gotten larger and the roots of trees are growing under that trail, pushing up the trail in certain spots, making the path rough. To fix the whole thing, it would require complete removal of the existing path, build the trail up, and repave it - which would be very, very expensive. He rides that stretch of path all the time and there is no short-term fix to that problem. The cost would be upward of half a million dollars or more. There is an alternate route of using the road.

(3) Consent Agenda

Discussion: President Krapohl asked if any of the commissioners wished to remove any items from the consent agenda for further discussion. No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Lucas

Motion and support for approval of the consent agenda.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Gleason, Keeler, Krapohl, Lucas, Ranger, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Dickerson & Henry arrived at 10:18 and missed this vote.
Commissioners Bailey and Wright were absent.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

(4) REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Barkey has no report today.

(5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Railroad Track Rehabilitation Program. Staff recommends that the commissioners approve and award a bid to Fritz-Rumer-Cooke Co. for the railroad track restoration project. The funds were provided by the C. S. Mott Foundation for this specific project. This was bid through the Purchasing Department and due diligence was taken to determine if this company is qualified to do the work. The timeline for work is set between Labor Day and Halloween. Because of the outdoor environment, it may or not be done by Halloween; however, the track is repaired in sections so at no time of normal business days and train operations will there be missing track. If work needs to be done once the season is open, it will be done on days we are closed for business.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Ranger

Motion and support of staff recommendation to award the low bid of \$246,213.10 to Fritz-Rumer-Cooke Co for railroad track rehabilitation program.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Ranger, Washington, Keeler, Lucas, Krapohl, Gleason, Henry, Dickerson

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Bailey and Wright.

Motion carried: 8-0

B. Deer Count Information. The wildlife management sub-committee will meet after this meeting to discuss the numbers that have been provided today. The entire sub-committee has not been able to meet so we have only been able to request information, review information and discuss a few different options but this sub-committee does not make decisions. A report will be provided to the parks commission as a whole and a commissioner, who may also be on the sub-committee, may make a recommendation or motion at a public meeting.

(6) OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be May 27 and will be held at Crossroads Village. Invitations will go out for a special press conference that same day at Crossroads at 9:30 at the carousel. We'll be the feature story and our carousel will be featured on the cover of a major publication. This is also a school day so there will be about 1500 school children in the Village so you will want to

get there early to park for the press conference. The executive meeting will not be held at 9 am and the regular meeting will begin at 10 am or immediately following the press conference.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Ranger
Supported by Commissioner Keeler

Motion and support to change the location of the May 27, 2010 Parks Commission meeting to Crossroads Village and to post the notice of change according to the open meetings act.

Ayes: All ayes

Nays: none

Absent: Commissioners Bailey and Wright.

Motion carried 8-0.

(7) OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Henry said he has heard a large amount of comments about camping in Flushing County Park, and none were negative.

(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 10:27 a.m.