

GENESEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

The semi-monthly meeting of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, November 13, 2008, in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Ranger, Ex-Officio
Dave Miller, Ex-Officio
James Washington, Vice President
Jeff Wright, Ex-Officio
Raynetta Speed, Commissioner
Ted Henry, Commissioner
Mike Keeler, Citizen Representative
Bill Lucas, Secretary
Rose Bogardus, Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Krapohl, President

STAFF PRESENT: Amy M. McMillan, Director
Nancy Edwards, Recreation Program Specialist
Hilda McShane, Marketing Specialist
Leisa Gagne, Finance Officer
Deborah Wilkes, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Barkey, Legal Counsel
Dennis Ybarra, Richfield BMX Track Director

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Washington called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

(2) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Dennis Ybarra brought the schedule for the BMX track to the commission. The track has been awarded qualifying dates of June 20 and 21st. He asked that they be included into Parks events calendars. He will bring future dates to the Parks Commission. He asked about overnight camping at Richfield Park. He would like to speak to Ms. McMillan about that issue at a later date. He thanked the Commissioners as well as the staff for the improvements they have made at the track. Some things that the Parks may think are insignificant or unnoticeable at the track are very important to the BMX people. New picnic tables, fresh limestone in the parking area and making an entrance area to make the track accessible for emergency vehicles are all very important for the group. He presented the Commission with a plaque thanking the Commission for "behind the scenes work". Ms. McMillan asked that Mr. Ybarra get their track schedule to our office staff in January so it can be included in our spring/summer calendars which go to print early in the year.

(3) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion: There are no items to be removed for further discussion from the consent agenda.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Lucas
Supported by Commissioner Henry

Motion and support for approval of consent agenda items.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Bogardus, Keeler, Ranger, Washington, Lucas, Henry, Miller, Speed, Wright

Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Krapohl

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9-0

(4) REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

There is no legal counsel report.

(5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. McMillan asked Hilda McShane, Marketing Specialist, to announce our PBS partnership which includes PBS videotaping the November 29th Holiday edition of the Huckleberry Radio Hour for viewing on WFUM in the State of Michigan and with possible national distribution with very little cost to us. Copies of the show will be made available to us at cost. This will spread the word about the Village and the program across the state, it is a wonderful partnership. Because of the success of the Radio Hour we will continue to present radio hours in 2009. The PBS people have told us they would like to look at the show again next summer. It will be aired December 21st and possibly they may add more shows even after the holiday. Ms. McShane will get a schedule to the commissioners when she learns of the airing dates.

Ms. McMillan said that, to our knowledge, there is no other such partnership between public television and another municipal recreation agency in the entire country. It is a very unique partnership and we are very proud of this. It could bring us national attention and is our first little step toward a much larger partnership. This summer the partnership could include the Crim Fitness Foundation as well.

(6) OTHER BUSINESS

Vice-President Washington announced that Genesee County Register of Deeds Melvin McCree passed away on Wednesday and asked for a moment of silence to remember him and his family during this time of loss.

Ms. McMillan reminded everyone that Monday, November 17 is Ladies Night Out at the Village.

Also, if you hear from anybody about hunting in the Parks, remind them that they may NOT hunt yet. We have removed some blinds already. There may be one or two blinds still up and the rangers may be "greeting" a few hunters in the morning on the 15th of November.

(7) OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Bogardus announced that this will probably be her last meeting as she will be resigning her post as commissioner in favor of her appointment as Register of Deeds. She was going to have a reception however there will be none in view of Mr. McCree's death. She thanked the staff and other board members for the years of probably the most enjoyable experience of her entire commission years. Being on this board has been a very important part of being a commissioner. Maintaining open space, keeping the Village open and the parks themselves are one of the best things we have going for us in this county. No matter what is going on with your job if you have a place to go for free it gives us something. We have something here (the parks) to be so proud of and she is very grateful to be part of this board. Thank you to the staff for all the help over the years. Both of her children worked at the Village when they were in college and will be returning this year for opening ceremonies.

Commissioner Henry thanked Commissioner Bogardus for her years of service.

Commissioner Keeler asked about our next meeting. Ms. McMillan said we only have one meeting in November and one in December on the 11th. At that meeting we will be reviewing our 5-year plan. In December we will set the January meetings and then, when the open seats are filled in January, we will supply a meeting schedule for next year.

Vice-President Washington thanked Commissioner Bogardus for being part of the parks commission and during the last 34 yrs he has served on various boards he agreed that

this board has been one of the most pleasant experiences. The staff and commissioners are great. He does not intend to leave anytime soon and again thanked Commissioner Bogardus.

(8) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

No one from the public addressed the commission.

(8) ADJOURNMENT

With no objections made, Vice- President Washington adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.