

Members Present: President Joe Krapohl, Commissioners: Gloria Nealy, Mike Lynch, Joe Madore, Jeff Wright, Bryant Nolden

Members Absent: Commissioners Cloyce Dickerson, Mike Keeler, Vice President Jim Washington, Secretary Bill Lucas

Staff Present: Amy McMillan, Director; Barry June, Deputy Director; Danielle Fulcher, Marketing Specialist; Nancy Edwards, Programming and Grants; Deborah Wilkes, Administrative Secretary; Janet Van De Winkle, Project Sustainability Director

Others Present: Tom Kehoe, 4304 E Stanley Road, Genesee

1) Call to Order. President Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2) Opportunity for members of the public to address the commission. Tom Kehoe, 4304 E Stanley Rd. He wants the silt fence repaired by the trestle. He noticed that the water level is much shallower than last summer. He is here to file a formal complaint of infringement of his access to Mott Lake (due to low water levels). He wants this board to take action to return the areas water depth to its historic depth. He wants a railroad crosswalk at Genesee Rd. He has concern with a construction project at the Cummings Center. There is a dead tree at Stepping Stone Falls overhanging the handicap area. If someone does get hurt, who is responsible, the board members or the park director? Mr. Kehoe stated that this December he coming back and is going to ask this Board to vote to remove all park directors that are not being highly responsible. Between now and then he will continue to report on old and new issues that need to be corrected. He would like the park director to supply him with the written park rules. He quoted Section 11.

3) Consent Agenda. President Krapohl asked commissioners if there are any items they wish to remove from the consent agenda for discussion. No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Wright

Motion and support for approval of consent agenda items A through D, as listed.

Roll Call

Yeas: Nolden, Wright, Madore, Nealy, Lynch, Krapohl

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Cloyce Dickerson, Mike Keeler, Vice President Jim Washington, Secretary Bill Lucas

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3) Director's Report

A. Great Lakes Gas Transmission Easement. We discussed this request at the last commission meeting and there were questions and concerns that have been since answered.

Nolden: Is this time sensitive? Once we approve it, it must go to the County Board.

McMillan: Her understanding is the company does not want this to drag out.

Lynch: He will waive it to the full Board on Monday.

McMillan: If this is approved today, we will forward this information to Corporation Counsel and you will move it forward from there, correct?

Lynch: Yes

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Wright
Supported by Commissioner Nolden

Motion and support for approval of Resolution #014-16: Easement to Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership.

Yeas: All Ayes

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Cloyce Dickerson, Mike Keeler, Vice President Jim Washington, Secretary Bill Lucas

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

B. Proposed Resolution for Collaboration with City of Flushing. We received preliminary grant scores from MI DNR, as did all applicants in the state of Michigan. The City of Flushing submitted a trail development grant application and one of the areas in which points are scored is collaborative agreements with other local units of government. We have that request for collaboration in front of us today in the form of Resolution #015-16. We are at our limits when it comes to maintaining and operating additional trailways, but it would be well within the scope of our abilities to have a collaboration that focuses on communicating and marketing the new trail extension to the public.

Madore: It is an agreement that says we will help collaborate with information and marketing and promoting recreation opportunities in their area, or basically countywide?

-You'll help them promote their trail and activities? It says one of the things you may do is a 'marketing initiative that includes featuring the property' on our County Parks website.

-Just basically marketing and promoting, no maintenance, no oversight?

-If they were doing a walk or fun run would that also be included?

McMillan: Basically countywide. If you look at our five year plan, one of the chapters is the countywide trail map that the Planning Commission has been created for the County and adopted by all local units.

-We'd look at this in the context of promoting all trails within the County. Think of including it in CRMs, the maps will show the trail when we are doing health initiatives that target the Flushing area.

-Correct, no maintenance or oversight by the County Parks.

-Not necessarily. If an activity began in Flushing County Park and we had a partnership between the County Parks and the local unit for the event, but typically we don't promote other events that we don't have any responsibility for. There would be no way we could do that for everybody. Our practice is to try to do things equally everywhere. It would have to be a partnership situation.

Action Taken:

Motion: Commissioner Wright

Support: Commissioner Lynch

Motion and support to approval of Resolution 015-16: City of Flushing Partnership Agreement.

Ayes: All ayes

Nays: None

Absent: **Absent:** Commissioners Cloyce Dickerson, Mike Keeler, Vice President Jim Washington, Secretary Bill Lucas

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C. Atlas Township Resolution. Atlas Township Board is holding a meeting today to initiate a partnership agreement resolution with the Genesee County Parks for them to help promote the Hegel Road property acquisition, which is one of the grants that we submitted to the DNR so we can get some additional points on that property application. They will be doing in Atlas Township for the Parks Commission, what the County Parks Commission is doing for the City of Flushing. There will be a bunch of those activities going on within the county with various Trust Fund, Land and Water, or Recreation Passport applications currently under review.

6) New Business No new business.

7) Opportunity for Commissioners to address the Commission.

Madore: He is working on a special event application for the hayride in the park this year. The Parks didn't use to take reservations in October, now they are back on? It makes sense, people want to use them and it's best to have some order out there; it's a popular park.

McMillan: Definitely get a hold of reservations about the pavilion. We've started extending reservations into the fall for pavilions.

Nealy: She attended a couple ForMar presentations at the Flint Township Senior Center and her neighborhood group. They have been doing a great job at ForMar.

Nolden: Thanked KGCB, the Parks Commission, Amy, Joe and all the folks that helped with the playground build (at Berston). There were close to 200 volunteers. Joe Krapohl came out to 'supervise'. Mike Lynch had a few folks come out from the builder's trade union to help out. He stopped by the playground about 6pm and there must have been about 15-16 kids with their parents watching them having a ball. It was a great community event. He really appreciates all the support.

Krapohl: During public comment there was a question for some documentation. 'Mr. Kehoe you need to get hold Celeste Bell, the FOIA coordinator for the County.' You would ask for that information in the form of a FOIA request. She is in David Leyton's office, (the Prosecuting Attorney's office)

Nolden: Call 766-3020 and they will direct your call to Ms. Bell.

8) Opportunity for the public to address the commission Kehoe: How would you like to have your rich neighbor put a dirt pile in front of your driveway? That is how he feels. He can't

get in and out of the lake like before (due to the depth of water). Someone in this room should be responsible for this and someone is making a profit from the train going over the tracks. No one here is taking responsibility.

Chris Doxsee from Great Lakes Gas thanked the board for taking the time to consider their request. It has been a pleasant experience and very quick, which is sometimes a rarity in the world. He applauds this board's efforts to get this through for us.

Nolden: It still has to go through the Board. The meeting is Monday at 9am in the Administration Building.

McMillan: If you go out the long way and swing by Bluebell Beach, you'll see the construction of the universally accessible playground.

Madore: How long should that take? The beach is closed?

McMillan: About a week, but the safety surfacing will be installed around October 8. Yes, the beach is closed, but the park is open.

9) Adjournment. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.