

Members Present: President Joe Krapohl, Vice President Jim Washington, Commissioners: Ted Henry, Bryant Nolden,, Mike Keeler, David Martin

Members Absent: Secretary Mike Lynch Jeff Wright, Gloria Nealy, Cloyce Dickerson

Staff Present: Amy McMillan, Director; Leisa Gagne, Finance Officer; Kevin Shanlian, Chief Ranger; Deborah Wilkes, Administrative Secretary; Janet Van De Winkle, Project Sustainability Director

Others Present: Tom Kehoe 4304 Stanley Road, Genesee

1) Call to Order. President Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2) Opportunity for members of the public to address the commission. Anyone wishing to address the commission must state their name and address and they have 3 minutes to speak.

T. Kehoe addressed the commission with concerns that have been addressed by the Commission in the past. New issues: bird problems on the lakes – provide nesting spots for competing birds; control oil from vehicles using the Mounds;

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 Washington
Supported by Commissioner Nolden

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

Roll Call

Yeas: Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nolden, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Lynch, Nealy, Dickerson and Wright are absent.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

4) Director's Report

A. Opening date for Atlas County Park property. Staff is recommending Sunday, April 29, 2018. We had a great crowd for the Gale Road Trail on a weekend afternoon and this date will give us 90 days to get into the property. We hope the weather will cooperate. It would be after church lets out probably 2 in the afternoon.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Keeler
Supported by Commissioner Washington

Motion and support to set a grand opening date for Atlas County Park as Sunday, April 29, 2018 with a time to be determined later.

Yeas: All ayes

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Lynch, Nealy, Dickerson and Wright are absent

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B. Updates: Most of our staff is at the Mpark's Annual Conference. We have staff making presentations at the conference: Danielle Fulcher on Marketing; Nicole Ferguson and Brian Van Patten on Programming, Treehouse and Butterfly House.

Barry June is in Hawaii on vacation. The Director will be on vacation all next week. The County offices will be closed on Monday, February 12 and will open the rest of the week.

Tomorrow, Friday, February 9, we are picking up an armload of awards at Mpark's Conference that we will share with you when staff gets back.

A reminder that we are actively recruiting applicants for summer seasonal positions. If you know anybody looking for a job you may refer them. Our practice has been that they will get a guaranteed interview if they are recommended by a member of the commission or board, or another county employee. We make no guarantees of employment, they must come to the interview prepared to earn the position.

5) New/Old Business President Krapohl will be bringing some tentative language back to the commission for a contract extension with the Fair Board. He attended a nice meeting with Chris Miller and we are all on the same page.

6) Opportunity for the public to address the commission

Mr. Kehoe addressed the commission reiterating issues that he has brought to the commission and have been answered at previous meetings.

7) Opportunity for Commissioners to address the Commission.

Henry: How are parks named? He will be gone from March 10 to March 26 on vacation.

McMillan: We brought it to the Parks Commission to consider names. There has been a pattern to name parks after the municipality they are in: i.e. Linden, Flushing, Richfield County Parks.

Krapohl: This Commission is responsibly represented by staff in that they are invited to make presentations at Mpark's Conference and have many awards for programs, projects and marketing to show for it. The Staff, from the top to the seasonal workers make us look good. That is responsible leadership.

McMillan: Hamilton Dam equipment is showing up on site. A firm start date will be shared when set. Water levels are to be lowered, work is done at low water levels. University students' notifications regarding traffic patterns have been made as well as other issues to be addressed prior to the onset of the demolition.

Krapohl: Any questions about the barrier free beach access? (None)

8) Adjournment. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.