

**Members Present:** President Joe Krapohl, Vice President Jim Washington, Secretary Mike Lynch, Commissioners: Jeff Wright, Gloria Nealy, Cloyce Dickerson, Ted Henry, Bryant Nolden, Mike Keeler, David Martin

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Amy McMillan, Director; Barry June, Deputy Director; Matt Armentrout, Facilities Director; Kevin Shanlian, Chief Ranger; Leisa Gagne, Finance Officer; Deborah Wilkes, Administrative Secretary; Danielle Fulcher, Communications, Event and Brand Manager; 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 10:03 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.

Comments from the public pertaining to several issues brought up and answered in previous meetings. Dam valves – Dam operations and safety answered with report several times; condition of beach safety equipment – opinion.

**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 Washington

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

**Roll Call**

**Yeas:** Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Lynch, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington, Wright

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**MOTION CARRIED 10-0**

**4) Director's Report**

**A. Request to authorize annual Goose Round Up.** Each year a permit is issued through the DNR to perform activities prescribed by the DNR to keep goose population low. Water quality continues to benefit from this activity

Henry: Has it changed?

McMillan: It has changed over the years only as regards to process - shaking eggs, painting eggs with oil, just a wider range of activity that they use.

Keeler: Do they do that here? Are numbers going down?

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McMillan: That is state-wide. It feels to us that the numbers go down; we are much lower than in the beginning. We used to have dozens of geese rounded up. Plus birds are quick to acclimate to activities. During hunting season, the birds move down from the hunting areas. It is a valid investment to make every year. If we ended up with an e-coli spike at Bluebell Beach, it would not have been worth the savings for the program. We expect that eventually more animals may end up on the DNR list of birds to control.

Nolden: When they harvest them, what do they do with them?

McMillan: They used to relocate them to areas that had lower populations. Now, most all geese become dinner for someone.

Henry: Does the state monitor whether they relocate to other areas?

McMillan: She is not aware of that type of monitoring. We do see that migratory birds tend to stay in the area and they do not migrate like they used to.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Wright

Supported by Commissioner Washington

**Motion and support to authorize Resolution 002-18 Canada Goose Round Up Program**

**Roll Call**

**Yeas:** Wright, Nolden, Martin, Krapohl, Henry, Dickerson, Keeler, Lynch, Nealy, Washington

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**MOTION CARRIED 10-0**

**B. Expenses over 5,000.** Request authorization to pay expenses over 5,000.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Henry

Supported by Commissioner Washington

**Motion and support to authorize expenditures in excess of 5,000.00 as listed to be forwarded to Public Works.**

**Yeas:** Lynch, Dickerson, Wright, Keeler, Washington, Henry, Nealy, Krapohl, Martin, Nolden

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**MOTION CARRIED 10-0**

**C. Request to approve Marketing Plan.** Many expenses are easily quotable i.e. toilet paper, hand soap, etc. Some of the work we do does not fit neatly into that mold. It's not about the price of the widget we are buying. Such is the case of our media buys for marketing, whether it is television, print ads, digital or radio ads. Those are not based on the per unit price. They are based on the impact those purchases will have in relationship to the particular objective we have for any given activity within our marketing division. As we are making our way through purchasing, what they have suggested is that we ask the Parks Commission, then the Board of

Commissioners to approve our marketing plan as a whole, which has apparently been done in other county departments in the past. Staff requests to authorize the Marketing Plan as Danielle has put together and is similar to the plans we do each year. All expenses are within the budgeted funds that were approved by the Parks Commission and adopted by the BOC in this fiscal year's budget.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Nolden  
Supported by Commissioner Washington

**Motion and support to authorize the Marketing Plan to be forwarded to Public Works and the Board of Commissioners as a whole.**

**Roll Call**

**Yeas:** Lynch, Wright, Dickerson, Washington, Henry, Nolden, Keeler, Nealy, Martin, Krapohl  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None

**MOTION CARRIED 10-0**

**D. Accept Ruth Mott Foundation Grant for Keep Genesee County Beautiful program.** We received our award letter in the mail yesterday. We are excited that our entire request was funded in the amount \$403,327.00. In the past our requested amounts have been reduced and the staff at the RMF said that even though this is an increase in last year's amount, their board felt that the Parks Commission, through this program and others, provides an incredibly good return on the investment of the dollars of the Foundation and provides easily understood outcomes toward the larger goals of the RMF.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Washington  
Supported by Commissioner Henry

**Motion and support to request the authorization to accept the grant from the Ruth Mott Foundation to be forwarded to Finance Committee and Board of Commissioners.**

**Roll Call**

**Yeas:** Keeler, Dickerson, Nolden, Wright, Martin, Henry, Washington, Lynch, Nealy, Krapohl  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None

**MOTION CARRIED 10-0**

**E. Office Updates.** Nancy Edwards will be out for the several weeks. She injured her leg, tearing tendons in her knee, which have been repaired and she is in a full length cast on her right leg. She is home resting. Once her doctor allows her to do work remotely she will, but it could be several weeks, perhaps up to 8 weeks before she is able to return to work. The timing is a challenge, not just for Nancy, but for the Parks as her transition to KGCB is to begin April 1<sup>st</sup>. Karen West has agreed to delay her own retirement to make sure the program moves forward in a smooth and timely fashion until Nancy is recovered.

Washington: With Nancy doing the transition to KGCB, how does that affect the SYI grant? This session ends April 29. We'd like to make sure we have some support to get kids interviewed.

McMillan: We are still applying for SYI funds and the application will be submitted on time. The numbers often drop every year, but often hosts sites drop out and because the Parks has a good track record, we are able to sometimes pick up those kids.

Have the Chamber send an email directly to Amy, sooner rather than later, we see what we can do to make that happen. She knows we will be going through the interview process to snag the best of the best as we do each year.

**Hamilton Dam.** The significant rain event a few weeks ago caused the water level to be over 10 feet where it needed to be to begin construction. As of Tuesday it had dropped 8.5 feet, then it started to snow. Our final timeline is not set. Much work is being done onsite in preparation of the demolition. As soon as we know when the first day of demolition is set, we promise to let you know. Janet Van De Winkle showed some progress pictures of the preparation work to the commissioners.

McMillan: The turbidity curtain broke due to the velocity of the water, it will be re-installed. The easiest place to view the work being done is from the Harrison Street bridge.

Nolden: What is a turbidity curtain?

McMillan: It is an actual curtain; it looks like a boom across the top of the water that goes down into the water a certain amount of feet to trap any debris from going downstream.

Martin: Will delays just add to the timeline or potentially add to the cost?

McMillan: It should not add to the cost. We may have some change orders but they are not related to the timeline of the project. Our focus is on the Hamilton Dam, but if you go down toward the playground block of Riverbank Park, the construction area has also been fenced and that is where the Fabri-Dam will be coming out as well. There is some discussion about whether the Fabri-Dam parts could be used up in Marquette and that would cause a change order of about \$36,000.00 but the folks in Marquette would pay for that. They are working on a sea lamprey program up there.

Keeler: Will they be diverting the water to half the stream and divert the other half? They've done discovery in the hopes they not find anything that is not supposed to be there?

McMillan: There will be coffer dams in front of the dam that we will be working in. Once the superstructure itself is removed, they will place sheet metal to stabilize the remaining part of the weir before they demolish the dam. That substructure will stay in place on the foundation, and then it will eventually be lowered once the river restoration work is done so canoes and kayaks will be able to pass safely.

There is very little there, the dam is in very poor condition, the cement is spalling and there was frankly more rebar in it that we thought there might be, but it still isn't a lot for a structure of that size. Demolition will begin with a vibratory hammer to see how easily that goes, or if that doesn't work, or it causes any concern to the adjacent property owners they will take a different approach.

Henry: How is the payment structure set for the contractor? Is it in draws?

McMillan: It is set in the contract and we are billed for the amount of work that has been done. This project is funded by the Dam Management Grant for \$3 million dollars. About 1.5 million of that removal of both dams and the balance is restoration of storm water outfalls upstream.

Keeler: This will be done before the fish migrate upstream?

McMillan: One would hope. There was lots of fish passage when the water was high. We also have a Dam application to remove the Utah Dam. It is hard to tell how competitive that grant will be, but we will continue to chip away, dollar by dollar to get this work done.

**5) New/Old Business** No old or new business.

**6) Opportunity for the public to address the commission**

Comments from the public concerning recycling in the parks that is non-existent but somehow the director says you have gotten awards for recycling. There is no public recycling in the Parks. Hunters on the lake pay to hunt these geese, maybe they should be returned something back. Consumers paying for trees, where is that money going?

**7) Opportunity for Commissioners to address the Commission.**

Nolden: The Keep Genesee County Beautiful is doing a wonderful job under their recycling program and that is under the Parks Commission.

**8) Adjournment.** Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.