

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

**Members Absent:** Vice President James Washington, Commissioner Gloria Nealy

**Staff Present:** Barry June, Acting Director; Leisa Gagne, Financial Affairs Officer; Kevin Shanlian, Chief Ranger; Melissa Gagne, Secretary; Danielle Fulcher, Communications, Event and Brand Manager; Janet Van De Winkle, Project Manager; Nancy Edwards, Recreation Programs and Grants Officer

**Others Present:** Tom Kehoe 4304 Stanley Road, Genesee; Deborah Wilkes

- 1) **Call to Order.** President Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 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.

Public comment made pertaining to fairgrounds water quality, recycling in the parks, water safety, and dam compliance. Public shared photos with the Commission (see attached). Public comment pertaining to the satisfaction and appreciation for the Parks Commission, compliments to previous Director, comments regarding the current Chair of the Board of Commissioners, and comments addressing negative public comment and presenting opinions as facts.

- 3) **Consent Agenda.** President Krapohl asked commissioners if there are any items they wish to remove from the consent agenda for discussion. Item C – Request for Ratification of Payment of Bills 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 and B as listed.**

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Washington, Nealy

**MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2**

**4) Item C – Request for Ratification of Payment of Bills**

Wright – Bill in the amount of \$20,000 to Factory Detroit Inc., what was purpose?

June – This was for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary filming and development of commercials.

Wright – Is this the total amount or what will the total be?

Fulcher – The final total will be approximately \$30,000.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Nolden  
Supported by Commissioner Wright

**Motion and support for approval of Request for Ratification of Payment of Bills.**

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Washington, Nealy

**MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2**

**5) Acting Director's Report**

**Update** -Ron Walker hired as Deputy Director

**A. Approve ROWE Change Order**

Motion and support to approve ROWE Change Order to increase contract amount and split the construction engineering into two construction seasons.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Wright

Supported by Commissioner Nolden

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Washington, Nealy

**MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2**

**B. Items B through D – Approve to Accept DNR Grants in support to Flint Riverfront Restoration Project**

Motion and support to approve to accept DNR Grants as listed B through D.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Wright

Supported by Commissioner Lynch

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Washington, Nealy

**MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2**

**C. Item E – Approve to Accept DNR Grant in support of Iron Belle Trail**

Motion and support to approve to accept DNR Grant as listed.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Wright

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Washington, Nealy

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**D. Item F – Approve Professional Services Contract – Van De Winkle**

Motion and support to approve Professional Services Contract with Janet Van De Winkle as Project Manager for Flint Riverfront Restoration Project.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Wright

Supported by Commissioner Nolden

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Washington, Nealy

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**E. Authorize Expenses over \$5,000**

Motion and support to authorize expenses in excess of \$5,000 as listed.

Henry: Are all orchards in the County aware of the bidding process?

June: The bid is sent to all orchards in the County.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Lynch

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Washington, Nealy

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**Additional Updates**

- Paving of the trail section from Genesee to Vassar should be in the next two to three weeks.
- Progress Schedule for Genesee to Vassar trail section – ROWE is ahead of schedule.
- Barrier-free Access at Bluebell is complete
- Engine 152 at Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad is expected to test run on the tracks within the next two to three weeks.
- 2018/2019 Budget – Draft – Leisa Gagne is working with Parks Staff. Proposed Budget will be included in next Parks Commission Agenda for discussion.

**6) New/Old Business**

## **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board of Trustees**

**Krapohl:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018 – 55 people, including MNRTF Staff, Genesee County and City of Flint Officials, Genesee & Flint Chamber of Commerce, Hagerman Foundation, Six Rivers Land Conservancy, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Ruth Mott Foundation, and Stout toured conservation and recreation projects in Genesee County. The tour included Atlas County Park and the Flint Riverfront Restoration Project. A job well done to Janet Van De Winkle for her efforts in making the tour a success.

Van De Winkle: Feedback from the State and Ridgway White that they were impressed by the tour, the utilization of Applewood Estate for dinner, and with the partnerships involved in the tour.

**7) 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.

Public comment pertaining to the conditions of fairgrounds, safety of the dam, and railroad crosswalk.

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

**Krapohl:** Reminder to Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Dickerson for the budget sub-committee meeting following the regular meeting.

**Wright:** Comments to Keeler pertaining to biking the trails. Acknowledgment of Deborah Wilkes.

**Nolden:** Great job with presentation – Berston.

**Henry:** Has there been any contact with the Parks regarding a rare, dark bird seen in the area?

**June:** Not to the main office.

**Keeler:** The changes to the by-laws that were sent out, where are we with that?

**Krapohl:** It has been tabled.

**Keeler:** Appalled by the proposed changes.

The Commission is in charge of the Parks, but will have no say in who the Director will be. The Parks Commission works directly with the Parks.

The Parks Commission cannot choose where to meet, and has to receive permission to meet outside of the Auditorium at the Administration building.

Called Josh Freeman and encourages other Commissioners to speak out.

**Krapohl:** Both Krapohl and Washington attended the meeting and shared concerns. Believes the Board of Commissioners is willing to discuss the matter and work together.

**Keeler:** Saw more than twenty people on the Parks bike trail on the City side.

**8) Adjournment.** Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.

I, Melissa Gagne, secretary of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the June 14th Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting that was duly called and held in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of MI and the by-laws of the company and that a quorum was present.

I further certify that the votes and resolutions of the commissioners of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission at the meeting are operative and in full force and effect and have not been annulled or modified by any vote or resolution passed or adopted by the board since that meeting.

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