



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: June 28, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Joe Krapohl, Vice President James Washington
Commissioners: Cloyce Dickerson, Bryant Nolden, Ted Henry, Mike Keeler, David Martin, Gloria Nealy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Secretary Mike Lynch, Commissioner Jeff Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Barry June, Acting Director; Ron Walker, Deputy 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

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:05AM.
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 the previous director and suggests multiple boards for representation. Comments were made regarding water safety equipment at dam, boat launches and fishing sites. Public expressed judgement of cell phone use during meetings and requested attention. Final comment made pertaining to the condition of a ditch on Bray Road.

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.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Henry

MOTION AND SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH C AS LISTED.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

4. ACTING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. **PROPOSED PARKS BUDGET 2018/2019.** Updated proposed budget, grant descriptions, and budget questions/answers were presented to commissioners.

Henry: Is it the work of the budget sub-committee along with the Acting Director and staff that have brought this proposed budget forth?

Krapohl: Yes.

a. MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 011-18 – FUND 208 – GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Washington

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

b. MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 012-18 – FUND 209 – PROJECTS BUDGET

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Henry

Supported by Commissioner Nolden

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

c. MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 013-18 – FUND 508 – FOOD SERVICE/BOAT/RAILROAD/CRV BUDGET

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Keeler

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

d. MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 014-18 – FUND 666 – EQUIPMENT BUDGET

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Nolden

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

e. MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 015-18 – FUND 895 – VARIOUS GRANTS BUDGET

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

f. MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 016-18 – FUND 896 – VARIOUS GRANTS BUDGET

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

g. MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 017-18 – FUND 849 – VARIOUS GRANTS BUDGET

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

h. MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 018-18 – FUND 210 – VARIOUS GRANTS BUDGET

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

B. APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR OPERA HOUSE REPAIRS.

Motion and support to accept bid from Davenport Masonry, Inc. to complete repairs to the Fenton Opera House at Crossroads Village.

Henry: Inside Crossroads Village, are we required to obtain building permits from the local authority?

June: In the past, Genesee Township has not required building permits. We do inform and consult them of what is being done. We also give them prints.

Henry: Do they inspect?

June: Inspection from Genesee Township is typically not done. We inspect everything.

Henry: Just want to verify that we are following building code.

June: Yes, we are following building code.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Washington

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

C. AUTHORIZE EXPENSE OVER 5,000

Motion and support to authorize expense over 5,000 from Castle Rock Carbon and Coal to operate the Huckleberry Railroad Locomotive.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Henry

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

D. APPROVE MARKETING PLAN FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Motion and support to approve the Marketing Plan for October and November with referral to the Board Approval process.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Henry

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

- 5. 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 commission response, recycling program, dam compliance, status of Director position, comments regarding building inspections, and grade of coal being used.

- 6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION.**

Washington: "It has been great working with this commission. I am proud of Parks staff and all that has been accomplished and accomplished in a professional manner. To the Acting Director, thank you for stepping up and getting some things done. To the general public, when you look at defining a word such as compliance, I can give you the meaning and what it stands for. I take exception to anyone questioning my educational attainments and my abilities. I think we have done well for the public. We do not have public coming in and complaining. I am really proud to be a part of this commission. Of course to our County Commissioners, Mr. Martin, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Nolden, thank you for trusting us to be a part of this Board."

Keeler: "We received packets from Geronimo Energy. Is this the company that is making the proposal in Genesee Township?"

Commissioners: Yes

Keeler: "Is this going to spill on to Park land?"

June: No. Geronimo gave a presentation to the County Board last week.

Krapohl: If there are any zoning changes or special use permits, then the adjacent property owners have to be notified, so that would be the Parks Commission and the County Board.

Keeler: "Have we ever thought about any of the Parks running on solar power?"

June: Not to my knowledge. No.

Keeler: "I think For-Mar would be a perfect place to do it. It would be nice in the field. We could make it educational. The treehouse could run off of it and the building. At one point in time, the Mott Foundation was interested in solar power. Companies also offer to rent panels now. Somewhere along the line, we need to discuss what we want to do or if we want to do it.

Washtenaw pledged to have all of their county parks run off of renewable energy. Let's look at this down the road."

Martin: "I was in conversation with a contact in the White House for the Intergovernmental Agency for the Interior Department, and was asking them about the Flint River Trail designation because the application was stalled. They are reengaging. I am hoping with the work we have done with the dam removal, with the interest level and funding we have down there that it changes

someone's mind to get that trail designation. Also, please let Amy know I rode my bike to work today."

Henry: Comment on Keeler's comment – "This is something we have to grow cautiously into. We have to look into the local ordinances first and see what's permissible. We also have to look into For-Mar's rules and regulations in regards to the nature preserve and what is allowed. I think it's a good idea, I'm not against it, but I think it is a slow crawl to get into with the most efficient, cost effective way. I think there will be a lot of grants coming out being a public energy that we could possibly capture."

"Our minutes are posted on the website?"

Krapohl: Approved minutes are posted.

Henry: "I would like to see a contact list developed of the Administrative positions in the parks and Commissioners for contacts for the Commissioners to have."

Henry to Acting Director: "Are we doing annual contracts for fuel or looked in to? Maybe we could capitalize on piggy backing on somebody else's. Maybe we could get a better price for that."

Krapohl: One year we partnered with the Drain Commission to lock in a price for gasoline.

June: We only have a 1,000 gallon tank. We will talk to Cindy about that.

Henry: Motor pool for the Parks – "If the Parks needed space, the MTA has a lot of unused inside space that is affordable to look at with Mr. Benning."

June: Ok

Henry: "Do we have any insight at possibly creating an outside Pickle-ball course? It's basically table tennis on a court. It is a growing sport."

Krapohl: "Is that something we may want to look at Seniors' organizations to see if we could partner?"

Henry: "I think it is an excellent idea"

Nolden: "That is where they're playing it at, at the senior centers."

Washington: "Sports stores are starting to carry the equipment."

Henry: "There is a cost and we would have to develop a course. We could transform an unused tennis court."

Henry: Happy 4th of July.

Nolden: "First, I was surprised to hear that we have Parks outside of Genesee County, so why don't we have meetings elsewhere? Secondly, I can listen and text at the same time."

Krapohl: "By Act 261, we manage the property if it goes across the County line. The legislation does not allow residents from Lapeer County to serve on this Commission. Our former Director's position now is that they have a multi-county board, but it's just one board made up of representatives from each county. There are not multiple boards."

Krapohl: "Many of the issues brought up today in public comment have been answered. Many times, very much in depth with much information provided. There is not much we can do other than provide that information for it to be absorbed. We give the information and how it is handled on the receiving end we have no control over."

Henry: Forward the information about the Coldwater/ Bray Road intersection to Road Commission.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM.