



# GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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**COMMISSION MINUTES:** September 13, 2018

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Joe Krapohl, Vice President James Washington, Secretary Mike Lynch  
Commissioners: Bryant Nolden, Ted Henry, Mike Keeler, Gloria Nealy

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioners: Dickerson, Martin, Wright

**STAFF PRESENT:** Barry June, Acting Director; Ron Walker, Deputy Director; Kevin Shanlian, Chief Ranger; Melissa Gagne, Secretary; Janet Van De Winkle, Project Manager; Danielle Fulcher, Communications, Event and Brand Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tom Kehoe 4304 Stanley Road, Genesee

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:01AM.
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 regarding pictures presented to Commission handling and repair of outfalls, public carrying bikes across the tracks on Genesee with no crosswalk, dumping materials and debris near behind the gate at old campground near Vassar Road, fish consumption in the area and no information of regulations, the condition and care of wells at old campground, debris falling near personal property across from Stanley Road into Mott Lake, barrels found, construction near Railroad shop.

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.  
Motion and support to approve items A through C as listed.

**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:** Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Lynch, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Dickerson, Martin, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

#### **4. ACTING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

##### **A. REQUEST TO APPROVE ADOPT-A-PARK AGREEMENTS – ATHERTON PARK AND ALDRICH PARK**

Motion and support to approve Adopt-A-Park Agreements.

Henry: Is there a cost to the Parks?

June: No cost to the Parks.

##### **ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Washington

##### **ROLL CALL**

**YEAS:** Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Lynch, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Dickerson, Martin, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

##### **B. REQUEST TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH BENTLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Motion and support to approve agreement for For-Mar to provide nature-based education to Bentley Community School students - begindergarten.

##### **ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Lynch

Supported by Commissioner Nolden

##### **ROLL CALL**

**YEAS:** Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Lynch, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Dickerson, Martin, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

##### **C. REQUEST TO APPROVE HUCKLEBERRY RAILROAD POSITION CHANGES**

Motion and support to approve proposed Huckleberry Railroad position changes.

##### **ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Lynch

Supported by Commissioner Washington

##### **ROLL CALL**

**YEAS:** Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Lynch, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Dickerson, Martin, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

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 pictures of erosion at the foot of Mott Lake dam, recycling, question of tree cutting on Park property, out-of-county residents receiving representation, response from Commission to previous questions and request for information included in minutes.

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

Nealy: Talked to principal of Alternative Education – three students from Atlantis were hired for the summer and had a great experience and the principal was really happy.

Nolden: In the next couple of weeks, will receive information related to the Halloween candy giveaway at Berston and would welcome any candy donations. Welcome to bring to Parks office and will be picked up.

Henry: For-Mar – It has been a struggle to mow all year. Driving around the exterior, the mowed area looks great, but the growth around the fence... I know the entire fence line cannot be weed whacked, but can we use roundup to control that growth?

June: We try not to use herbicide at For-Mar. Are you concerned about the Davison Road side or the Genesee Road side?

Henry: Davison Road side.

June: We are making some headway over there.

Keeler: Where are we at with possibly voting on a Director?

Henry: It's kicked down the road a little ways, but it's out there.

Nolden: After the election.

Keeler: After November.

Keeler: What is going on with the bridge over the river, behind Atwood?

June: That is supposed to be set tomorrow. That's the plan.

Keeler: Will there be a ribbon cutting ceremony for that?

June: That will be later.

Keeler: The trail portion of that is pretty much in now?

June: No, only the two sections.

Henry: Trail in Flushing parallel to Seymour Road where they cross the Creek, is that part of us?

June: No, that is the City of Flushing.

Henry: That is a tough route. They are doing a great job.

Krapohl: Just a reminder that the Volunteer Dinner is scheduled for next Tuesday, September 18 for any Commissioner able to attend. Commissioners will help hand out awards.

7. **ADJOURNMENT.** Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, secretary of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the September 13 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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