



# GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: October 11, 2018

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Secretary Mike Lynch, Commissioner Jeff Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Barry June, Director; Ron Walker, Deputy Director; Melissa Gagne, Secretary;  
Leisa Gagne, Financial Affairs Officer; Janet Van De Winkle, Project Manager;  
Nancy Edwards, Recreation Programs and Grants Officer, KGCB Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Kehoe 4304 Stanley Road, Genesee

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

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 pertaining to Elba campground license and violations, opinion relating to the content on fish consumption advisory signs, concern for PFAS at Cummings Center water access points, damaged power transformer at Cummings Center, question of what is being built near the railroad storage station. Opinion of abandoned railroad tracks by Cumming Center and possible use.

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 Dickerson**

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. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT FOR KGCB

Motion and support to approve request to apply for Community Foundation of Greater Flint grant, in the amount of \$25,000 for KGCB's Adopt-A-Park programming, and referral to the board approval process.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nolden  
Supported by Commissioner Washington**

MOTION AND SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR GRANT FOR KGCB.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

B. REQUEST TO APPROVE PARKS MARKETING PLAN FOR JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2019

**Motion and support to approve the proposed marketing plan and referral to the board approval process.**

**Henry:** What's the total budgeted amount for the marketing plan?

**June:** The budgeted amount is \$226,000.00 for marketing for the full year.

**Henry:** If we are unhappy with part or a portion of the plan, we have the right to revoke or terminate the agreement with various vendors?

**June:** Yes, it is not set in stone.

**Henry:** So, if you want to shift gears, you can shift gears?

**June:** Absolutely. Even though there are listed amounts, we are going to follow purchasing regulations, as far as getting quotes for print materials. All air-time is based on market. We take the top two. This is just authority to spend.

**Henry:** Is there some time of report that the stations put out where the stations reach their highest number of viewers?

**June:** Yes and the full plan has that.

**Henry:** So you review that before making decisions?

**June:** Yes.

**Henry:** Okay.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Henry  
Supported by Commissioner Nolden**

MOTION AND SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL OF MARKETING PLAN FOR JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2019.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

C. REQUEST TO APPROVE ADOPT-A-PARK AGREEMENTS – FARNUMWOOD PARK & DOUGHERTY PARK

**Motion and support to approve the Adopt-A-Park agreements and obtain signatures from the President and Secretary.**

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nolden  
Supported by Commissioner Washington**

MOTION AND SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPT-A-PARK AGREEMENTS.

**Krapohl:** How many agreements does this bring us up to?

**Edwards:** Playing catch up with agreements – still at 62.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

D. REQUEST TO APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – JJ KANE AUCTION

**Motion and support to approve expense over 10,000, in the max amount of 25,000, for the purchase of replacement vehicles and referral to the board approval process.**

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Washington  
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson**

MOTION AND SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL OF EXPENSE OVER 10,000.

**Krapohl:** In the past, we have gone to the Drain Commission or other department.

**June:** In the past, we would go to the County auction, but they discontinued that about twelve years ago. We also used to buy from the Road Commission, but they now put their vehicles on govtrade, and some of those trucks are too nice for our use.

**Henry:** I think we should reach out to various organizations that dispose of vehicles within the county and try to get first grab.

**June:** We do. We haven't gone to the auction in the last three years because we picked up vehicles that the Drain Commission has turned in. They're not getting rid of any vehicles this year, so we're going to attend the auction. Typically, Friday before the auction, staff walk the rows and see if any vehicles meet our specifications. They need to look decent. Then we pull the blue book on that vehicle and that will be our range at which we will be willing to buy at. One year, I bought eight vehicles. Other years, we didn't buy anything.

**Henry:** I think, in terms of first right to purchase, you review them before you get to the auction.

**June:** When they come back to the motor pool, we have to go to the auction for those.

**Henry:** We are all in the County and all in for the right reasons. We should set up an agreement for first right to purchase. We can establish a fair price.

**June:** We have done that with the Drain Commission for both water and waste service. We've purchased vehicles from them.

**Henry:** I think we should pursue it with the Road Commission. That's the best source we have for the reuse of vehicles.

**June:** We haven't had a lot of luck with that.

**Henry:** Maybe we can help you.

**June:** I can also talk to the Director over there.

**Keeler:** When we take vehicles out of the system, where do we take them?

**June:** We send them out to auction in Imlay City. When we are done with vehicles, they are used up. We are very efficient with our vehicle use. We just want to get rid of them when

the bodies look bad and they don't represent the County well. We would rather buy trucks than gators because they are cheaper.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

E. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT – NRPA GRANT

**Motion and support to apply for a NRPA grant for the 2018 Community Integrated Health Demonstration Project and referral to the board approval process.**

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Henry  
Supported by Commissioner Washington**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPLY FOR NRPA GRANT.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

F. TO APPROVE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PARKS 5-YEAR PLAN AT NEXT PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

**Motion and support to allow a public hearing at the next Parks Commission meeting, at the Parks Office, on October 25, 2018 and post notice publicly and with the Board Office for comment opportunity regarding the updated of the Parks 5-Year Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan.**

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Washington  
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson**

MOTION AND SUPPORT FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 25 FOR THE PARKS 5-YEAR PLAN.

**Henry:** Where we will be able to review that plan publicly?

**June:** On our website.

**Henry:** Is there a copy that can be viewed down at the County?

**June:** It is large.

**Henry:** But it will be available electronically?

**June:** Yes.

**Henry:** Let's make sure the County Board Office has notice that is going to happen.

**Martin:** Is the public hearing going to be here?

**June:** Yes.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

G. NOTICE – FISH CONSUMPTION WARNING SIGNS

**June:** We have been working with the Watershed Coalition since April. They were working in conjunction with the state to finalize the content for the fish warnings. That was completed at the end of August. We put up temporary signs at the fishing sites. Quotes have been obtained in compliance with the Genesee County Purchasing Regulations and printed permanent signage has been ordered. Permanent signs will be placed at the fishing sites. Those signs were not designed by the County. The state came up with the recommendations.

**Martin:** While on the subject, I was out with Channel 5 at the Richfield landfill yesterday. There will be a story they do in November. I just want to make mention that there is a lot of information out there and nothing is in stone yet. Nobody knows the true danger or what hazards are going to be there. A lot of studies done were feeding animals 300 parts per billion in their diets. We deal with parts per trillion. If you take the 300 parts per billion, a trillion is one thousand times that, so that's 300 parts per trillion that they are feeding these animals. Our limit is 70 parts per trillion. The concentrations so far have not determined if it is as scary as they say it is. We are ahead of it in the State of Michigan because we're worried about it. Just to make mention it's not out in the wells in Richfield.

**Keeler:** There was an article in the Flint Journal where it looks like the state House and Senate are coming up with the bill where they're going to talk about when you say 70 parts per trillion, that's really an advisory. It's not set in stone anywhere. The bill has bipartisan support.

**Martin:** For household consumption, a charcoal filter of any quality brand will not have any issues at all. It's not difficult to deal with, it's just so prevalent because it is synthetic, it doesn't break down. It's in everything.

**Krapohl:** Gaylord had a testing of 2 parts per trillion.

**Keeler:** The filter we have is one of the best on the market. My wife inquired about whether or not it takes out PFAS. She was told they can't make that determination because there are no standards.

**Henry:** What's the filter made out of? They used to make cigarette filters out of asbestos.

**Martin:** There are two types- granulated form and another form.

**Henry:** MPR – There was an information piece about PFAS – at the point of discovery, they never thought it would be consumed in the human body. Now, how many decades later... and how many cook with Teflon. We need to look at every chemical in every product that ends up in the body.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – NONE.

6. 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.

Comment pertaining to condition of Cummings Center, found permit from Drain Commission for Timberwolf campground, area needing fence/control mechanism, what is being built by railroad station, repairs to Mott Dam, repairs to Mott Barn, fish consumption signs missing – need more temporary signs.

7. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION.

**Keeler:** When DNR put out fish advisories, they always seem to advise against eating bottom feeding fish. There would be different levels. Their advisories were always a little confusing. Also, are we in the process of backfilling your old job (to Barry June)?

**June:** Ron Walker backfilled. He's a full time employee until he decides to leave.

**Keeler:** Turnstead site – when they cleaned that up and put in that wetland area, they took out over 130,000 cubic yards of toxic waste and created the landfill by Dort and Stanley. That's now where the PFAS is seeping out of. We've been saying all along that Buick had a foundry and were always in the market of getting rid of that sand. There are articles that say Mott College has a ton of course sand.

**Henry:** Deer Management Plan?

**June:** There is the managed deer hunt at the Cummings Center.

**Henry:** Looking more at For-Mar because of the disease going around.

**Krapohl:** No.

**Henry:** So it is managed?

**June:** Yes.

**Nolden:** I want to thank you for the candy donation and to piggy back on what Mike was talking about. We've been addressing this at the Health Department and Health Board meetings and have been engaging residents off of Stanley and Saginaw. It's not heavily populated in that section, but there are some wells and they are looking at that. They've also had conversation with the Racer Trust Group, who oversees all of the GM sites, so we are on it.

**Keeler:** They could be on wells still?

**Nolden:** Some are. That's what they were looking at. We have extended over on the North side of Stanley Road, because they are on wells. Just those two streets going North and the rest of that section is basically old landfill, and back to Coldwater are on wells, too.

**Henry:** That area, the Health Department should have free water testing. They charge \$10.

**Nolden:** I will bring that up.

**Keeler:** It is more expensive to test for PFAS and other things than hard water.

**Nolden:** The Health Department is on it.

**Nealy:** Thank you for the tour at the last meeting. I had a good time on my ride in the woods.

**Krapohl:** As far as questions for this Commission, a lot of the questions that are brought up to us are beyond our scope. They are more administrative. Inquiries, comments and communications can be made at [parkswbteam@gcparks.org](mailto:parkswbteam@gcparks.org). If you know of anyone who has questions, they can be submitted there. They would be diverted to the proper person who can answer those questions. That's the fastest, easiest way to get questions to administration. That is another alternative for those who cannot make the meetings.

**Washington:** So that is an established process?

**Krapohl:** Yes, I couldn't tell you how many residents utilize that already.

**Washington:** So therefore, we are not going to deviate from that process and/or single any particular residents out to set precedent.

**Krapohl:** Not unless the Commission wishes to change the process. That seems to be a fairly efficient way to handle questions and comments.

**Henry:** Keep an accurate list of those complaints and comments received so we can document that it was received and handled.

8. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, secretary of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the October 11, 2018 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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