



# GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

## Get away. Right away.

COMMISSION MINUTES: October 25, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice President James Washington, Secretary Mike Lynch  
Commissioners: Bryant Nolden, David Martin, Cloyce Dickerson,  
Mike Keeler, Gloria Nealy

MEMBERS ABSENT: President Joe Krapohl, Commissioner Ted Henry

STAFF PRESENT: Barry June, Director; Ron Walker, Deputy Director; Kevin Shanlian, Chief Park Ranger; Leisa Gagne, Financial Affairs Officer; Janet Van De Winkle, Project Manager; Nancy Edwards, Recreation Programs and Grants Officer, KGCB Director; Garry Pringle, Operations Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Vanessa Warren, OHM Advisors; Adam Zettle, City Manager of Swartz Creek

1. CALL TO ORDER. Vice President Washington presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.
2. 5-YEAR PARKS, RECREATION, GREENSPACE PLAN PRESENTATION – VANESSA WARREN – PUBLIC HEARING SEEKING INPUT

**Public Input - Adam Zettle, City Manager of Swartz Creek** – We (Swartz Creek) finished our Park plan a year ago. Swartz Creek has two medium sized parks, working on a trail way system looking to connect to the Genesee Valley Trail. We are pretty pleased to see that change both in the culture of the local community and seeing that investment on the ground. It's a great system being built concerning the trails all across the County. Genesee County Parks does a great job. We are also looking for partnerships with our school for active recreation facilities and Mr. June came out to visit. We showed him park facilities the school has and the city has and wanted to start dialogue to see if there are any opportunities to cooperate on recreational amenities. Swartz Creek schools and Swartz Creek city is willing and able to do so. In the past, I've heard some communities wanted to do their own thing and didn't want to work with County Parks or regional authorities. That is not true today, especially in Swartz Creek. We would love to see investment in recreation and should the opportunity present itself in any form, you will find a willing able Swartz Creek Park Board, City Council, and Swartz Creek school board looking to partner in any way on active recreation, programming and marketing. It is part of our Quality of Life Initiative and that spans a lot of our other partnerships. We have good relationships with the Clayton Township, shared fire authority, Mundy Township with shared Metro Police, and the building authority. That's the next step, is to progress further with recreation. As a scout leader, I use For-Mar, which has fantastic programming. We are very pleased with what we are seeing. If the plan could include language recognizing the area between Mundy-Clayton-Gaines- Flint Township and the City for opportunistic donations/investments in land or programming, that would be encouraged.

3. 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.

No public comment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA. Vice President Washington 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 Lynch  
Supported by Commissioner Nealy

Wright: Mr. June, did you talk to someone at the office about vehicles?

June: I have.

Wright: Who did you talk to? Horgan?

June: Yes.

Wright: He said we weren't selling any?

June: They just had a van and something else. Just a couple items we couldn't use.

Martin: Under my comments in the minutes, it says 300 parts per million and it should say 300 parts per billion. It's 1000 times more for the trillion. Pretty sure I said billion.

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Keeler, Lynch, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington, Wright

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Krapohl, Henry

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

5. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A. SLOAN MUSEUM PARTNERSHIP

Motion and support to approve a partnership agreement to allow the Sloan Museum Auto Fair to return to Crossroads Village in 2019.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden  
Supported by Commissioner Wright

MOTION AND SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Keeler, Lynch, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington, Wright

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Krapohl, Henry

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

B. MARTHA MERKLEY TRUST UPDATE – INFORMATION ONLY

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – NO OLD/NEW BUSINESS.

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.

No public comment.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION.

**Martin:** I was pleased what I heard from Swartz Creek how the whole culture of cooperation collaboration seems to be growing a lot more, instead of keeping grant monies pigeon-holed. It seems to work cross communication. I have seen a lot of that in the last year. Glad to hear it's expanding. People are noticing.

**Keeler:** That's what bike trails do for communities. It's not good to have a one mile trail in your own little community. You want to connect it to the other ones, so you can ride five, ten miles, get to different communities, and go to different restaurants. That's what is working and every time I ride, I see more and more people using our bike trails.

**Nolden:** Next Wednesday at Berston Field House, we are going to have our annual Halloween candy giveaway. Yesterday, we finished bagging up all of the candy and we have 1400 bags. We plan to give out all of the bags. They are really nice bags of candy and I still have candy left. I don't want to see anymore candy.

**Washington:** How long does it normally take to disperse all of that candy?

**Nolden:** Usually by 6:15 we don't have any left. We start at 5:30. To the Chief, I know you always have one of your guys out there, but the Sheriff's Department is also going to come out to help us. It is a constant flow and once we start at 5:30, it's nonstop until the last bit of candy, and we always end about 6:45. We say we are out of candy and we still have a wave of people still coming, but thank you for the help.

**Keeler:** So next week you start the dentist visits at Berston?

**Martin:** Mott Community College has a dental program.

9. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, secretary of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the October 25, 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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