



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: December 13, 2018

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Gloria Nealy, Jeff Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Barry June, Director; Ron Walker, Deputy Director; Melissa Gagne, Secretary; Kevin Shanlian, Chief Park Ranger; Leisa Gagne, Financial Affairs Officer; Garry Pringle, Operations Manager; Janet Van De Winkle, Project Manager; Nancy Edwards, Recreation Programs and Grants Officer, KGCB Director; Hollie Marlett, Marketing Assistant; Patrick Linihan, Project Manager; Jered Townsend, Maintenance; Maureek White, Maintenance; Dana Hanner, Maintenance; Denise Bowles, Crossroads Village Manager; Cindy Kimber, Assistant Village Program Supervisor; Melissa Ford, Interpretive Specialist; John Scott, Railroad Operations Manager; Ray Cash, Master Mechanic; Forrest Mahan, Apprentice Master Mechanic; Michael Kimball, Railroad Shop Worker; Vicki Miller, Detective; Shareka Howard, KGCB Program Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Kehoe, 4304 E Stanley, Genesee, MI; Joel Mutzlow, 221 E 3rd Street, Imlay City, Lapeer County

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

2. **PRESENTATION – 5-YEAR PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE PLAN – VANESSA WARREN, OHM ADVISORS.**

Plan must be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources by February 1, 2019. Submission of plan required in order to be considered for any future grants with MDNR. 5-Year Park Plan draft was out for one-month public review period at Parks Administration Office, five local libraries and Board of Commissioners office.

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.** 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: Dickerson, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Lynch, Martin, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. AWARD OF GRATITUDE FROM GENESEE COUNTY FAIR

B. AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR IRON BELLE TRAIL PHASE 1 FROM ASPHALT PAVING ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

C. APPROVE PARKS 5-YEAR PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

Motion and support to approve final 5-Year Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan and refer to Board Approval Process for approval to submit to MDNR.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Washington

Keeler: What is the effective date?

Krapohl: As soon as the Board of Commissioners would approve it, I believe.

June: January 23rd.

MOTION AND SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL OF 5-YEAR PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

D. APPROVE TO AWARD RFP 18-160 CAFETERIA, CATERING AND CONCESSIONS SERVICES AT CROSSROADS VILLAGE TO BLACK FOREST CATERING

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO AWARD RFP TO BLACK FOREST CATERING.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

E. APPROVE TO REQUEST GRANT FROM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR DR. BARBOUR BUILDING AT CROSSROADS VILLAGE

Henry: Do you know the history of Dr. Barbour?

June: No.

Henry: I would like to know the history of the foundation.

June: The foundation has several accounts that are specific to different structures and buildings within Crossroads Village and the Barbour family donated money into that account. It is held in trust for use only on that building. We cannot use that money without approval of the Commissions to bring it out of the fund.

Henry: So, obviously he was a local doctor?

June: I think he was from Indiana, wasn't he?

Pringle: Yes, Indiana.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Nolden

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO REQUEST GRANT FROM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE DR. BARBOUR BUILDING AT CROSSROADS VILLAGE.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

F. APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – VERMONT SYSTEMS ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEES

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 FOR VERMONT SYSTEMS ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEES.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

G. APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – PURCHASE OF RANGER VEHICLES

Henry: I am not going to vote in favor of this. We could probably buy three vehicles for the price of these two. Maybe just a different type of vehicle that other Parks organizations throughout the state utilize. I'm not in support of this and my question is how much more money does it cost each vehicle to equip it and put in service?

June: The policy of the County is we purchase General Motors vehicles. These are the only vehicles available from General Motors that police use, that I am aware of.

Henry: But we're a Parks system, not a police system.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Lynch

Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO RANGER VEHICLES.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Keeler, Krapohl, Lynch, Martin, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: Henry

ABSENT: Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 7-1-2

H. APPROVE REQUEST TO ADVERTISE RFP – IRON BELLE TRAIL SECTION ATLAS TO WHITE TAIL DRIVE – DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING

Krapohl: How long is that section?

June: About two and half miles.

Keeler: How close will we be to the city of Grand Blanc at that point?

June: That will take you into the city of Grand Blanc.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE REQUEST TO ADVERTISE RFP FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING FOR THE IRON BELLE TRAIL SECTION FROM ATLAS TO WHITE TAIL DRIVE.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

I. APPROVE TICKETWEB AGREEMENT FOR DAY OUT WITH THOMAS 2019

Henry: Is the turnout about the same as it used to be?

June: It has gone down a little bit over the years, but it's still pretty good.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Henry

Supported by Commissioner Martin

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE TICKETWEB AGREEMENT FOR DAY OUT WITH THOMAS 2019.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

J. APPROVE ADOPT A PARK AGREEMENT – BURROUGHS PARK

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Lynch

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE ADOPT A PARK AGREEMENT FOR BURROUGHS PARK THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2019.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

K. APPROVE TO REQUEST GRANT FROM STELLA & FREDERICK LOEB FOR FOR-MAR ON THE ROAD 2019

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Dickerson
Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE TO REQUEST GRANT FROM STELLA & FREDERICK LOEB FOR FOR-MAR ON THE ROAD.

Henry: Do we have different locations?

June: For-Mar On The Road is based on requests from schools.

Henry: So any school can request for the program?

June: Absolutely.

Henry: Is it normally just elementary schools?

June: No, they will go to any school that requests.

Henry: Great.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

L. REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT – SERRA FAMILY FOUNDATION FOR FOR-MAR ON THE ROAD PROGRAMS

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Martin

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM SERRA FAMILY FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF FOR-MAR ON THE ROAD ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR FOR 2019.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

M. APPROVE UPDATES TO PARK RULES

Nolden: I would like to take Section XXXIII (of current Park Rules) for consideration to make changes immediate once they are approved by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners. That is for Section P910615 of the revised Park Rules.

Krapohl: We have a motion and support for an amendment to make one of the changes immediate, Section P910615. That in your motion, if I'm correct, would be immediate?

Nolden: Yes, immediate. Under the Parks Powers Reserved Rule, under Section XXXIII.

Krapohl: Under Section XXXIII, we have certain powers we are able to enact immediately if we deem it necessary as a Commission, so we have the amendment on the floor. Is there any discussion on the amendment?

-No.-

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO ENACT PARK RULE P910615 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF REVISED PARK RULES BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, BY POWERS RESERVED UNDER PARK RULE SECTION XXXIII OF THE CURRENT PARK RULES.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE UPDATES TO PARK RULES, REFER TO BOC FOR APPROVAL, FOLLOWED BY REFERRAL TO LAPEER COUNTY BOC.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

N. APPROVE PROPOSED 2019 PARKS COMMISSION DATES AND LOCATIONS

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE PROPOSED 2019 PARKS COMMISSION DATES AND LOCATIONS.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Keeler, Krapohl, Lynch, Martin, Nolden, Washington
NAYS: Henry
ABSENT: Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 7-1-2

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS –

Krapohl: Opening day ceremonies at Crossroads Village had a fantastic crowd. Ron Walker, you outdid yourself again for the fireworks. People that were in my immediate area were just amazed. Kids loved it! Even Crusher liked the fireworks. Crusher was there and he was well behaved. That was really nice to have him there because the kids had a chance to interact with him. Crusher is our police dog in case you are not aware of that.

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 5-Year Park plan, presented photos pertaining to CS Mott Dam conditions, American flag etiquette, recycling in parks, Lapeer resident representation, Bluebell pavilions, Atlas Mill condition, DEQ violations, hog farm leachate, texting during public comment.

Public comment pertaining to changes in Park Rules for aircraft and drones and interest.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION.

Krapohl: I'd like to wish staff a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season. We've had another very successful and fantastic year and it is all due to the hard work you do. We have the easy job up here, you're the ones that make us successful and we are very appreciative of all your work, thank you.

Dickerson: Wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe. Thank you.

Lynch: Same thing. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. You've done another great year's work.

Washington: I echo my fellow Commissioners. Wish you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and it is really a pleasure to have worked with the staff and the Commissioners here. The whole organization has gelled together and we keep in the forefront of our minds, staff and Commission, that is the people, the public, that is the final goal. I really appreciate being part of an organization like this. Wish you continued success and a safe holiday season.

Keeler: I would like to possibly address the Lapeer County folks. I know in my neighborhood, we've had some folks come up and wanted to know if there was use of drones. It is getting to be a growing sport for some people, so perhaps at the first of the year we can start looking into it. See what the proper regs and rules would be. Where it would be allowed, where it wouldn't be allowed. Maybe move forward with something like that in the future. I'm happy where we're at with pushing our bike trails. We're doing well. I can't wait to be getting out to the parks out here, Richfield. That's going to be the next nice step to be able to go from Flint all the way out to Richfield Park and back. That'll be nice. Happy Holidays to everybody.

Martin: Thank you. I would like to also wish everyone here a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. It's hard not enjoy your holiday season when you're out here, especially in the parks anywhere, but especially out here at Crossroads Village. Puts you right in the mood. Happy to see the progress. I'm hearing great things and a lot of enthusiasm from the Flint Riverfront to

the Iron Belle Trail. It's a good pheasant cap for Genesee County. Our marketing, our image and I appreciate all of the work effort that goes into it. Thank you.

Henry: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First off, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, everybody. Thanks for all your dedicated service staff. I appreciate it. To the drone question, I want to comment to Commissioner Mike Keeler. I think we need to review the whole process of drone usage in the parks. I know I've been to places where they've taken off. I couldn't believe how many people just pull off to watch. So, there's some baggage there, but it needs to be restricted, maybe simplify a process to allow them. I think the permission part is essential, but maybe simplify the permission part. Also, with the new Director, we've seen a lot of changes already. I think there are a lot of positive changes, like the way the Parks system is looking at things a little differently maybe now than in the past. I appreciate it and hopefully 2019 we continue the same effort. Thank you.

Nolden: Seasons greetings to the entire staff and Barry's done a marvelous job since taking over. I see nothing but positive going forward. Also related to the drone piece, in this piece here, it says that you can fly them. You need to have permission. It's not saying that we're restricting you from flying the drones, just that you have to do it in designated areas that is approved by the Parks. And if you're not in a designated area, you have to first get permission. I think that is something we can look at, but it states in the section. We can look at it and possibly streamline some other things, but you have to follow the rules that we have in place. Thank you.

9. **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 December 13, 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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