



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: January 10, 2018

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Secretary Mike Lynch, Commissioner Jeff Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Barry June, Director; Melissa Gagne, Secretary; 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; Danielle Mauter, Communications, Event and Brand Manager; John Scott, Railroad Operations Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Kehoe, 4304 E Stanley, Genesee, MI

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.
2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** This is our annual organizational meeting and we will begin with election of officers for 2019. President Krapohl asked for nomination for the office of President of the Parks Commission.

Commissioner Nolden nominated Joe Krapohl for the office of President of the Parks Commission. Commissioner Dickerson supported that nomination.

President Krapohl called for any other nominations three (3) times. With no other nominations, the nomination process is closed and a motion is made to close the nominations and elect the nominee by acclamation. With no further discussion, the following action is taken:

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION OF JOE KRAPOHL FOR OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE PARKS COMMISSION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019.

AYES: All Ayes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Secretary Lynch, Commissioner Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0

President Krapohl asked for nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Parks Commission.

Commissioner Nolden nominated James Washington for the office of Vice-President of the Parks Commission. Commissioner Henry supported that nomination.

President Krapohl called for any other nominations three (3) times. With no other nominations, the nomination process is closed and a motion was made to close the nominations and elect the nominee by acclamation. With no further discussion, the following action is taken:

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION OF JAMES WASHINGTON FOR OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PARKS COMMISSION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019.

AYES: All Ayes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Secretary Lynch, Commissioner Wright

President Krapohl asked for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Parks Commission.

Commissioner Washington nominated Mike Lynch for the office of Secretary of the Parks Commission. Commissioner Nolden supported that nomination

President Krapohl called for any other nominations three (3) times. With no other nominations, the nomination process is closed and a motion was made to close the nominations and elect the nominee by acclamation. With no further discussion, the following action is taken:

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION OF MIKE LYNCH FOR OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE PARKS COMMISSION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019.

AYES: All Ayes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Secretary Lynch, Commissioner Wright

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.

Public comment pertaining to the 30-day public review of the 5-Year Parks plan and process of obtaining public input, opinion of elected officers status and powers of the Commission, presented photographs to Commission.

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, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Motion and support to advertise Request for Proposal for the design and construction engineering of the section of the Iron Belle Trail from Atlas to White Tail Drive.

Henry: What was approved at the Finance Committee meeting?

June: This same item. The item has to be brought to the Parks Commission as well.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Keeler

Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ADVERTISE RFP FOR IRON BELLE TRAIL.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

B. REQUEST TO ADVERTISE RFP – HUCKLEBERRY RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVE REPLACEMENT

Motion and support to advertise Request for Proposal for a replacement locomotive for #7 at the Huckleberry Railroad.

Henry: What kind of warranty would come with that?

June: Depends on who wins the RFP. John Scott, our Railroad Operations Manager is here.

Scott: To answer your question, it is approximately one year warranty.

Henry: Is there a service agreement you can buy? An extension?

Scott: I would think we could. Yes. That's not something we have thought of at this time.

Keeler: What's the longevity of these things? Do they usually last? When's the last time we replace this thing?

Scott: We replaced it, but we purchased it used. A completely rebuilt locomotive would have a thirty to forty year lifespan. Our request is, through this proposal, is to have everything rebuilt, not a paint job. It will be completely taken down to a bare frame and everything will be rebuilt and within tolerances for a recommissioned locomotive.

Henry: How many times in a year is there a problem or the engine is down?

June: Well, the current one we have is a 1952 model so it's sixty-seven years old. It still has original engines and generators.

Henry: I should rephrase, Barry. When it was newer, how often was there a problem where it would need service?

June: It's a diesel electric set, so as long as you change the oil in the engines at the prescribed times and it's solid state.

Henry: So if there's a problem, it should show up in the first year?

June: Yes.

Henry: Okay, I'm fine with that.

Krapohl: I asked Barry if it was possible that during the RFP if we can have another sub-item as a service contract like you suggested and give us that option.

June: We can add that.

Nolden: Just one question – didn't we rebuild a locomotive a couple years ago?

June: That was Steam Locomotive 152.

Nolden: Okay.

Washington: In relation to Commissioner Henry's question, because you said we bought this used or rebuilt, and I think you asked about something new. Would we have any idea of knowing when it was brand new, previous owner, how it performed...

Nolden: Service record.

June: This proposal is for a completely rebuilt machine. So they'll strip the machine down and put reconditioned generators, reconditioned engines, replace the electrical system in it because the wiring gets bad. It's all basically new.

Washington: It's almost like getting a kit and putting all together.

June: Right.

Henry: They do the same thing with big busses.

June: Right, same thing.

Henry: When the RFP goes out, for the responders maybe we can get a list of their former clients and talk to a couple formal clients.

June: Yes, there will be a reference list and we are going to have tight specifications about what we want rebuilt right down to new bushings, new cotter pins, very detailed specifications.

Keeler: There's not probably not a lot of them out there, so that information is probably readily available.

June: Yes.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Henry

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ADVERTISE RFP FOR REPLACEMENT LOCOMOTIVE.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

C. PARKS LOCATIONS – INFORMATIONAL ONLY

D. DRONE ACTIVITY DISCUSSION

June: If the Commission thinks they should allow them to be used in other parks, and if so, under what conditions. Right now they (drones) are allowed at Buell Lake County Park. We do have a Special Use Application we could allow them to be used at other parks the Commission decides would be appropriate under a Special Use Permit. This is open to the Commissioners to get an idea of what they're looking for.

Henry: Are we aware of any local municipalities that have a drone ordinance?

June: We're not. We enclosed the National Parks Services Policy. They essentially don't allow any drone usage launching from National Parks.

Henry: Do we have a sub-committee established to look at this?

Krapohl: Not yet. I think what we are going to do is gather some ideas. I asked Barry when they go to the Conference in Kalamazoo, to check with some of the other Park and Rec departments around the state and see if they have had any inquiries or what they've done, see if they have any policies. Then we can bring that back and take all of the ideas and have a sub-committee.

Henry: I think it will be a couple months before we start getting pressure on that.

Krapohl: I think what we are looking for is any Commissioner with any special or specific concerns about areas or types of activities. E-mail it to the Director and he will compile

everything and when we get to that point, we will have everything together in one packet to discuss. Feel free to comment now.

Martin: I coincidentally had this occur the last day before Mott went on Winter break. We visited all of the different departments to get a feel for how everything is going at Mott. One of the things that they did was a drone demonstration. They gave us a pamphlet. It doesn't have a reference on it. I looked it up and it has some of the same stuff. There were a couple things that came up that any drone operator should when they are in a club. This is what bothers me about some of the things that came before us. If you're in a club and you're going to act under a professional manner, one of the main things at the FAA stated "never fly over groups of people." Any place that we have, whether it's Crossroads or BMX or the County Fair, maybe the media could get a waiver for the Warrior Dash for commercial use, but just for anybody to buzz out there, they're professional conduct should say never fly over groups of people. That's one of the things I noticed was quite common. And of course line of site is always an issue with parks systems and woods and so forth. That was my big thing, I think it would be easy to document something that is compliant with and there for the rules that the FAA has laid out that the National Parks does to prevent disturbing migratory birds, nesting areas, habitat. I think we have a lot of wiggle room to give uses areas and describe the areas.

Henry: Following up with Commissioner Martin, I think we can come up with designated launch areas. You play golf and can't make it over a pond, there's a drop area, so we can have a launch area.

Krapohl: If you have anything, please forward it to Barry. Once we get more information, I don't think we should make a rash decision, but we need to balance the needs of the drone users with the rest of our park users.

Henry: I would think you'd need that large of an area to launch.

Nolden: Have we had any more e-mails or anything from the group that came in? Because right after that meeting, I had a few that told me I didn't know what I was doing.

June: Those are the only ones that I am aware of. I don't think we have received anything.

Nolden: I haven't had any more since then. I responded to one because I thought it was a little over the top. After I responded, he never responded back.

E. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER FLINT- KGCB

Motion and support to apply for a transformational grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint to renovate the basketball courts at Windiate Park.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER FLINT FOR KGCB.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

F. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT – MPARKS GREEN GIFT PROGRAM

Motion and support to apply for a grant with mParks and Polly Products for the Green Gift Program and the development of a composting education program.

Henry: Is there a match?

June: No match.

Henry: Okay.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPLY FOR GREEN GIFT PROGRAM GRANT WITH MPARKS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

6. 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.

Photographs regarding the dam picnic area and concrete outside of dam area, fish consumption signs and concerns of toxicity, PFAS – testing on leachate.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION.

Krapohl: Annual Retreat for Commissioners will be held Thursday, February 14, 2019, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at the Parks and Recreation Commission Administration Office. This retreat will replace the Parks Commission regular meeting on February 14, 2019.

Henry: Will not be able to attend that day.

Henry: Welcome to the New Year.

Keeler: Walked For-Mar

Nolden: Happy New Year, welcome back and this is the first time having a Chairman sit on the Parks Commission board.

Dickerson: Happy New Year and congratulations to Henry.

Washington: Happy New Year and congratulations to Henry.

Krapohl: Happy New Year and congratulations to Henry.

- 9. ADJOURNMENT.** Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, secretary of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the January 10, 2019 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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