



# GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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**COMMISSION MINUTES:** February 28, 2019

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Secretary Mike Lynch, Commissioner Jeff Wright, Commissioner Gloria Nealy

**STAFF PRESENT:** Barry June, Director; Ron Walker, Deputy Director; Melissa Gagne, Secretary;  
Kevin Shanlian, Chief Park Ranger; Leisa Gagne, Financial Affairs Officer; Nancy  
Edwards, Recreation Programs and Grants Officer, KGCB Director; Hollie Marlett,  
Marketing Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tom Kehoe, 4304 E Stanley, Genesee, MI; Jason Harrison, Lapeer County; Michael  
Hubbs, 2374 Delwood, Genesee County

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:02AM.
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 heard and received.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA.** President Krapohl asked Commissioners if there are any items they wish to remove from the consent agenda for discussion. Commissioner Henry requested to remove two items for discussion – Staff Status Reports for Deputy Director and Ranger Division.

Henry: First on the Ranger report, what exactly is Commission Backgrounds – 152?

June: Those are the background checks we perform on new seasonal employees and human resource checks we do for Anita.

Henry: Up above, it says Human Resources Backgrounds, so there are two different categories depending on where they are coming from?

June: Yes, one is full-time employees from our County Human Resources department.

Henry: That's the 152?

June: That's the 13. The 152 would be our seasonal employees.

Henry: Okay. Second report, where it says maintenance check on the vehicles. Do we have a licensed person doing that? I'm just thinking in terms of liability.

June: Our mechanics are not licensed, but they are trained. They have certified training.

Henry: So our Risk Manager's fine with that? I'd just hate to see something not function properly or get a lawsuit because it wasn't a licensed inspector. Should we get one licensed? It's not that difficult, is it?

June: I'd have to look into how difficult it would be. We do keep records, paper records, by vehicle number, what we've done to the vehicle, how much it's cost...

Henry: We're in the world of attorneys today is why I'm asking the question.

June: We will look into that.

Hearing no objections, both reports were accepted into the record.

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

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Henry  
Supported by Commissioner Nolden

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Lynch, Nealy, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. APPROVE VAAA AGREEMENT FOR SENIOR POWER DAY AT CROSSROADS VILLAGE**

Motion and support to approve VAAA agreement for Senior Power Day at Crossroads Village.

Henry: There are no changes to it, correct?

June: No changes from previous years.

Henry: Are they going to fix the platform by the stage?

June: Yes.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Martin  
Supported by Commissioner Washington

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE VAAA AGREEMENT FOR SENIOR POWER DAY.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Lynch, Nealy, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**B. APPROVE ADOPT-A-PARK AGREEMENT – HASSELBRING PARK (KGCB)**

Motion and support to approve Adopt-a-Park agreement with Northside Soccer League for Hasselbring Park in the City of Flint. The period of this agreement shall be February 1 – November 30, 2019.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Washington  
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE ADOPT-A-PARK AGREEMENT FOR HASSELBRING PARK.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Lynch, Nealy, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**C. APPROVE ADOPT-A-PARK AGREEMENT – MAX BRANDON (KGCB)**

Motion and support to approve Adopt-a-Park agreement with Friends of Max Brandon Park for the perennial beds.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Washington  
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE ADOPT-A-PARK AGREEMENT FOR MAX BRANDON.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**D. APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – PLAYGROUNDS (KGCB)**

Motion and support for approval of expense over 10,000 to purchase playground equipment for Fleming Park in the City of Flint and basketball systems at Iroquois Park and Sarvis Park in the City of Flint from Miracle Recreation.

**Nolden:** How do we pick where they are going to put in these basketball systems? To be perfectly honest, Sarvis Park just had some put in there about two years ago and they tore them down. I've been trying to get some at Berston for the last couple years. It was two or three years ago that they had new basketball courts put in, before Nancy came on, but they tore them down and now they are getting them again. I have a court that has a backboard hanging off. I've been trying to get it replaced for a couple years.

**June:** We can have Nancy Edwards come up and explain the process of how she works with the City of Flint to determine where these are placed.

**Edwards:** All of that happened before me. I don't know how the decisions were made before I took over the program. I've been in the position for a little less than a year. How things were determined, I can't answer that question for you. What I'm looking at now is how much money we have available and after talking with park adopters, try to prioritize projects based on feedback from park adopters and from the city. I didn't know about basketball at Berston. I will tell you that I am getting a quote for the net. That's in the works for the moment to solve that.

**Nolden:** The net is one thing, but I was just shocked because it was probably two years ago, before you came on board. I am going to call Adam, because that doesn't make any sense. It was a big to-do when they did the backboards over there and then they're tore down.

**Edwards:** Some of the equipment installed in the parks was not appropriate for park use. Those fiberglass or glass backboards are not appropriate, so what I am looking at is making sure that any equipment that we install is appropriate for use in public spaces. Some decisions are being made differently now. A little bit more information about how public parks work and should work and making sure this doesn't happen.

**Nolden:** Thank you.

**Henry:** This is paid for by Keep Genesee County Beautiful?

**June:** Correct.

**Henry:** So there's no millage dollars used for this?

**June:** No.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Washington  
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPENSE TO PURCHASE FROM MIRACLE RECREATION.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Lynch, Nealy, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**E. APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – CHIPPEWA ASPHALT (KGCB)**

Motion and support for approval of expense over 10,000 to resurface two basketball courts at Iroquois Park in the City of Flint.

Henry: Was this bid?

June: If it's less than \$30,000, we request quotations.

Henry: We should put a joint bid together. MTA is going to spend to resurface parking lots. We should get a consolidated bid with everyone that's doing all of this resurfacing and possibly get a better price.

Nolden: I know Chippewa is specialized in resurfacing basketball courts. They've done a number of them in the City of Flint and the out-county areas.

June: It is a little different asphalt work when you're doing the smaller things. These guys specialize in the smaller stuff. The stuff MTA does, they're probably working with bigger guys.

Henry: Actually, Chippewa is expanding big time.

June: So they're doing a big project out at MTA?

Henry: They're bidding that out. It's a large project.

June: I don't know if there are any more paving projects coming...

Edwards: Yes, one more basketball court with a different company.

Henry: I don't want to slow the process down, but looking maybe in the years future.

Everybody has a project to do. Maybe we could look at a consolidated bid.

June: Okay.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Henry  
Supported by Commissioner Washington

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 TO CHIPPEWA ASPHALT.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Lynch, Nealy, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**F. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO SECURITAS CONTRACT FOR WAGE INCREASES**

Motion and support to approve amendment to the current Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. contract. The amendment includes a wage increase as a result of the minimum wage increase.

**Martin:** I remember us talking about this before. Board of Commissioners just voted on the Securitas contract yesterday.

**June:** On the Finance.

**Martin:** But we did it once before on this board.

**June:** I don't think so. Not the Securitas.

**Krapohl:** We did the minimum wage for the park employees.

**June:** Periodically, the way the meetings fall, we'll try to get it on the sub-committee meeting and here.

**Martin:** I don't sit on the sub-committee. It was in this room that Securitas and minimum wage come up. Whether it was on the Finance Committee or the Board.

**June:** Sometimes we get it on the Finance Committee the day before we get it on the agenda for this committee. Otherwise, we have to delay for a few weeks and we'd miss the minimum wage increase in March.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Henry

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO SECURITAS CONTRACT.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Lynch, Nealy, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**G. APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – ORV PASSES**

Motion and support for approval of expense over 10,000 for the purchase of 2019 State of Michigan ORV license.

June: The passes, if we don't sell them all, we return them to the State and they give us our money back. We try to estimate how many we need here.

Keeler: They have to have an ORV pass to ride out at...

June: The Mounds.

Keeler: How much do those go for a piece?

June: I couldn't tell you.

Henry: About \$20 a piece, I think.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Henry

Supported by Commissioner Nolden

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR ORV LICENSE.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Lynch, Nealy, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**H. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – IT – MFM NETWORKS, INC.**

Motion and support to pursue a Professional Services Contract with Mike Mattar, MFM Networks, Inc., for IT support services to the Parks.

**Henry:** How deep are we using the consultant? Is there a spelled out area or is it general?

**June:** He provides all the IT services for the Parks system. All of our computers, software...

**Henry:** We at the County are getting ready to hire consultants. It hasn't gone to the Board yet, but it's getting close. I'm just wondering if this is something we should piggy-back on.

**June:** These guys basically do what Chris does for the County. The difference is he knows our software.

**Henry:** They're doing the security in the system, as well as the software?

**June:** Yes.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Washington  
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH MFM NETWORKS, INC.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** Henry

**ABSENT:** Lynch, Nealy, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 6-1-3**

**I. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT – FLINT RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT**

Motion and support to approve to apply for a grant from the CS Mott Foundation for the Flint River Restoration Project.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Washington  
Supported by Commissioner Henry

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FROM CS MOTT FOUNDATION.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Lynch, Nealy, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**J. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – JEFF JOHNSON, HILLIMER LLC (HRR)**

Motion and support to pursue Professional Services Contract with Jeff Johnson, Hillimer LLC, for services in support of the repair and restoration of steam locomotives at Huckleberry Railroad.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Nolden  
Supported by Commissioner Washington

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH JEFF JOHNSON, HILLIMER LLC.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**K. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – DALE FOERSTER, 2D INDUSTRIAL PARTS (HRR)**

Motion and support to pursue Professional Services Contract with Dale Foerster, 2D Industrial Parts, for services in support of the repair and restoration of steam locomotives at Huckleberry Railroad.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Nolden  
Supported by Commissioner Washington

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH JEFF JOHNSON, HILLIMER LLC.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**L. APPROVE TO RE-ESTABLISH AND FILL POSITION – PARK SUPERINTENDENT**

Motion and support to re-establish and fill position of Park Superintendent.

Henry: Will this be done in time for summer?

June: Yes, should be.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Nolden  
Supported by Commissioner Henry

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO RE-ESTABLISH AND FILL POSITION OF PARK SUPERINTENDENT.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**M. APPROVE TO ESTABLISH AND FILL POSITION – FINANCIAL AFFAIRS ASSISTANT**

Motion and support to establish and fill position of Financial Affairs Assistant.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Nolden  
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH AND FILL POSITION OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS ASSISTANT.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**N. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER FLINT**

Motion and support to apply for grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint for recreation and natural improvements to Linden County Park.

Henry: It's a \$5,000 grant? How much sand can you buy for \$5,000?

June: Well, not much.

Henry: Not much at all. \$28 per yard right now, isn't it?

June: Mason sand. We need it primarily for recreational purposes for the sand volleyball net and we are also going to use it for improvements.

Henry: So you're just going to top dress it?

June: What's happened is, erosion has washed sand into the lake. We've pulled sand out of that area to fill that area so there's no drop off. We need to refill that.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Washington  
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FROM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR LINDEN COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**O. APPROVE PARKS GOOSE REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Motion and support to seek a MDNR permit to participate in the nest destruction and round up of geese, authorize staff to seek quotes and hire contractor.

Henry: When did we stop the program?

June: We do it every year.

Henry: Oh, it has to be renewed ever year?

June: Yes.

Keeler: It's changed its name over the years. It used to be Round-Up, it used to be Round-Up and Transfer, and now it's just elimination.

Martin: We have to renew this every year. Has there been talks in the Parks industry of how rampant the Canada Goose are? It was just in the paper that Livonia had to remove some. They took them to Bay County and Bay County didn't want them. There's more Canada Goose than we can deal with. Everybody has more than they can deal with, but we still have to go through these protection programs.

June: We don't have to remove as many as we used to because we opened that goose season up on Mott Lake. That has helped.

Martin: Just seems like a regulatory thing when there's not a lot of protection that can be done. There are more geese than you can shake a stick at. Ask any golf course or pond owner.

Krapohl: We have noticed a reduction.

Keeler: How many are we looking at?

Krapohl: One hundred.

June: About one hundred.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion by Commissioner Washington  
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

**MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE PARKS GOOSE REDUCTION PROGRAM.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Lynch, Nealy, Wright

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**

**5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – NONE.**

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

Martin: I just want to go back to mentioning, the item was at the Board of Commissioners, not at the Committee. It was the report from Public Works Committee for resolution. It was resolution 105 for Securitas minimum wage, 108 was for ORV license purchase, and resolution 109 was to apply for grant for the Flint River Restoration Project. My question being – those are resolutions passed by the Board yesterday. If they were not approved by this board today, would it nullify the actions of the Board yesterday?

Krapohl: No.

Martin: So the Board already voted on them and then they are on our agenda here. So it wasn't on the Committee, it was on the Board. I just want to make sure this is transparent that the Board of Commissioners got that information yesterday and voted on it. I understand timelines, but I want to be transparent that the resolution is the law of Genesee County and those three items were passed yesterday.

Henry: I guess on that note, are we more or less an advisory committee?

June: It depends on the item. Park Rules, you have to approve that. If we are going to spend Park funds, that has to be approved by the County Board.

Henry: It gets to be complicated.

Krapohl: I think where we ran into a problem is probably because we didn't have any action at our last meeting. It was the retreat. We would've had these on the agenda had we had any action items.

Henry: Spread the timeframe out.

Krapohl: Right.

Henry: I remember we used to meet once a month. How did we do it then? I'll leave it at that.

Krapohl: We will put that down for next year, if we have anything that's time sensitive, even if it's at the retreat, we will have to put it on the agenda.

Keeler: Couple things – the drone issue, are we close to getting a recommendation? Where did we leave that at? We discussed it.

Krapohl: At this time, we are at status quo, we haven't had any changes or updates at this time.

Keeler: We talked at the January meeting that we would get new information.

June: We haven't gotten any new information

Keeler: Okay. Then yesterday in the Detroit news, we all got our picture in the paper from the ribbon cutting ceremony of the trail last October. It was an article that DNR is taking requests for grants.

**7. ADJOURNMENT.** Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, secretary of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the February 28, 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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