



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: March 28, 2019

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Ted Henry

STAFF PRESENT: Barry June, Director; Ron Walker, Deputy Director; Melissa Gagne, Secretary;
Kevin Shanlian, Chief Park Ranger; Leisa Gagne, Financial Affairs Officer, Nancy Edwards, Keep Genesee County Beautiful

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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.** President Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:01AM.
Krapohl: Commissioner Keeler shared the Michigan Trails magazine with the Commission.
Looking into copies.
- 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. 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, Keeler, Krapohl, Lynch, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington, Wright
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Henry

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. APPROVE 2019 MASTER GARDENERS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT.

Motion and support to approve a Partnership Agreement with the Master Gardeners for the Master Gardeners Association Project at Crossroads Village for 2019.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Lynch
Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH MASTER GARDENERS AND OBTAIN SIGNATURES FROM PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF COMMISSION.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

B. APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – RAMONA PARK PLAYGROUND BUILD (KGCB)

Motion and support to approve expense over 10,000 for a playground build at Ramona Park in the City of Flint with Keep Genesee County Beautiful.

Krapohl: Where is Ramona Park?

Nealy: Grand Traverse and Stone Street.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Lynch

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 FOR THE PLAYGROUND BUILD AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

C. APPROVE REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER FLINT

Motion and support to approve request to accept a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint for improvements to Linden County Park.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER FLINT AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henry

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

D. APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – PARK ROADWAY DUST CONTROL

Motion and support for approval of expense over 10,000 for the purchase of dust control for Parks gravel parking lots and 44 miles of roadways and trails.

Martin: What's the timeline for additional quotes?

June: We are going to have to get them in the next couple days so we can get them on the next Public Works agenda.

Martin: So the deadline is set and it's very near?

June: Yes. It won't exceed the current quote. This particular provider we have been using for years.

Keeler: When do you usually start? Does that change every year depending on how dry it is?

June: Depends on the weather. Usually start in May. Once the frost is out of the ground then our guy will get out.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Lynch

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henry

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

E. APPROVE TO AWARD BID – RFP FOR IRON BELLE TRAIL SECTION ATLAS TO WHITE TAIL DRIVE

Motion and support for approval to award bid for RFP 19-168 to ROWE Professional Services for the Design Engineering for the Iron Belle Trail section from Atlas Township to White Tail Drive in Grand Blanc Township.

Martin: First I would like to say, I am a personal fan of ROWE because they have been planning for the City of Davison, so we've been working with them for a long time. How many of the trails have they been involved with? Are they the lead master architect for these trails or have we had a mix of contractors?

June: We have had a mix of engineering firms. OHM has done several, ROWE has done some...

Keeler: How far is this section?

June: 2.3 miles.

Keeler: Oh wow.

June: It essentially connects the trail at Gale Road, which goes into the Village of Goodrich to the City of Grand Blanc.

Keeler: Pretty crazy road-wise in there if you try to ride a bike. It's narrow and curvy so that'll be a nice section.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO AWARD BID AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henry

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – NONE.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION.

Keeler: When you look at that magazine, you'll notice that on the western side of the state there seems to be more networks. When you get down in here everything goes into Grand Rapids. There's kind of a reason for that. Fred Meijer was into bike trails. He has a foundation and he give a lot of money to the western side of the state. He was born in Greenville. Greenville has three or four beautiful sections connected to Alma to the north and Grand Rapids to the south. It's something we can look at. I think we are doing well in Genesee County.

Martin: The Flint River Watershed Coalition has their Flint River Clean-Up on April 27th. It's about a month away. It's on their website to sign up to volunteer in different places. I'm going to be out at Holloway Dam. I would encourage anybody to participate. Come help make the 9th District beautiful, the downtown Flint project beautiful, the entire pathway through the western part of the County.

Krapohl: Just a point of clarification for Commissioners, it's the duty of the Chair of the meeting to run an orderly meeting and part of that orderly meeting is for members of the public to follow the rules as established by the Commission. If members of the public refuse to follow the rules of the Commission, it could be considered breach of peace and could be arrested for that. As the Chair of the Commission, I try to run an orderly meeting. I try to be respectful to the public, but we do have rules and regulations that we as Commissioners and the public need to follow. If those rules are not followed, then it is my duty to enforce those rules. Part of that rule is to take any actions necessary to eliminate the breach of rules. I encourage any Commissioners if they have any issues with the way that I conducted the meetings, specifically the one in December, please feel free to contact me at any time. I'll explain my position. I'll explain the legal background for the position of the Chair and what they are entitled to do. It was in full compliance with all provisions of the Open Meetings Act. There are other legal remedies that could have been addressed at that time that I chose not to do. I think that is an extreme measure that I don't want to do unless absolutely necessary. I will do that in the future if it is necessary. We have had a history of having very civil meeting here. We have had disagreements amongst Commissioners, but we treat each other with respect and that's what I expect in our meeting, not only from the Commissioners, but from the public. If there are any Commissioners that have a problem with that, please feel free to contact me.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16AM.

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