



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: January 23, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Secretary Mike Lynch

STAFF PRESENT: Barry June, Director; Ron Walker, Deputy Director; Melissa Gagne, Secretary; Vicki Miller, Detective; Leisa Gagne, Financial Affairs Officer; Nancy Edwards, Keep Genesee County Beautiful; Hollie Marlett, Parks Communications Specialist

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

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

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. APPROVE TO APPLY FOR GRANT – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER FLINT: ACTIVATING CITY OF FLINT PARKS (KGCB)
Request to approve to apply for a grant in the amount of \$30,000 to provide funding for staff and Park Adopters to plan and implement programs and events in City Parks, through Keep Genesee County Beautiful. No use of County General Fund.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Washington**

MOTION AND SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR GRANT AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

- B. APPROVE TO APPLY FOR GRANT – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER FLINT: PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW PLAYGROUNDS (KGCB)
Request to approve to apply for a grant in the amount of \$73,000 for the purchase and installation of new playgrounds at Kearsley Park and McCallum Park. No use of County General Fund.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Henry
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson**

MOTION AND SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR GRANT AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

- C. APPROVE TO AWARD BID – RFP #19-209 – REPLACE NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD CROSSTIES
Request to award bid to US Trackworks (lowest bid) for a contract not to exceed \$55,090 for the replacement of 600 narrow gauge railroad crossties at Huckleberry Railroad. No use of County General Fund.

Henry: What is the cost per crosstie?

June: \$120 plus staff

Henry: Are they oak?

June: They are hardwood.

Wright: Have you considered synthetic/concrete?

June: No because of cost.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Washington**

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Lynch**

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

D. APPROVE AGREEMENT – WILDERNESS INQUIRY (FOR-MAR)

Request to approve an agreement for six (6) scheduled Canoe Experience events on Mott Lake. Five (5) events are School Days and one (1) is a Community Day. Events will take place May 4 – May 9, 2020. All funding provided by Wilderness Inquiry through the Mott Foundation. No Use of County General Fund.

Nolden: Is this going out to all school districts?

June: Flint Community school district.

Nolden: But it's open to all districts?

June: Yes.

Krapohl: It requires pre-registration.

Edwards: Schools sign up for the days. It is open to all districts but there is a focus on Flint.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Washington**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE AGREEMENT AND OBTAIN SIGNATURES FROM PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Lynch**

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

E. APPROVE TO ACCEPT – HONEYBEE CONSERVANCY SPONSOR-A-HIVE (KGCB)

Request to accept a grant from the Honeybee Conservancy to Sponsor-A-Hive. The award includes one native bee house, paper tubes to attract bees, an invitation to join the National Bee Ambassadors Team, and an invitation to join the annual nation BeeBlitz event. No use of County General Fund.

Henry: Is this a local organization?

Edwards: No, this is a national grant opportunity.

Henry: Is it a total package deal?

Edwards: Yes.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ACCEPT A HIVE/GRANT FROM THE HONEYBEE CONSERVANCY.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

- F. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT – LOEB CHARITABLE TRUST (FOR-MAR)
Request to apply for a grant in the amount of \$10,000 for support staff and supplies for the summer For-Mar on the Road program. No use of County General Fund.

Wright: No use of County General Fund?

June: No, the grant funds require no match. The grant funds combined with Parks funds to enhance the program. This is additional funding.

Henry: Do we have insurance separate from the County?

June: Yes, we do.

Henry: Do these events affect the insurance?

June: No, only the major events like Day Out With Thomas, etc.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Henry
Supported by Commissioner Washington**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPLY FOR GRANT.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

- G. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT – NARTEL FAMILY FOUNDATION (FOR-MAR)
Request to apply for a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to fund an educator position/supplies for the summer For-Mar on the Road program. No use of County General Fund.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPLY FOR GRANT.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

- H. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER FLINT: ADAPTIVE RECREATION PROGRAMMING AND RESOURCE EVENT (FOR-MAR)

Request to apply for a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to provide adaptive recreation opportunities to individuals with cognitive and physical disabilities in the Community. No use of County General Fund.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPLY FOR GRANT.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

- I. REQUEST TO CHANGE 2-27-20 PARKS COMMISSION MEETING LOCATION

The annual retreat will be held on February 27, 2020. Request to change location of Parks Commission meeting that day to the Parks Administration Building, William C Lucas II Conference Room, 5045 Stanley Road, Flint, MI 48506.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Washington**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO CHANGE LOCATION OF 2-27-20 PARKS COMMISSION MEETING TO PARKS ADMIN BUILDING.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

- J. APPROVE TO APPLY FOR GRANT – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER FLINT: SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Request to apply for a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to offer the Summer Playground Program at two City of Flint parks, June 22 – July 31, 2020. No use of County General Fund.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPLY FOR GRANT AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-1-2

K. 2020 MNRTF GRANTS SUBMISSION UPDATE – INFORMATION ONLY

L. MARTHA MERKLEY TRUST UPDATE – INFORMATION ONLY

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS - NONE

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION.

Henry: Committee effort for Crossroads Village events?

June: It will be on the agenda for the Parks Retreat on February 27.

Keeler: With the weather, expect the bike path to be under water. Tried to hike For-Mar and all trails are under water. They rise and flow with the river.

Saw on mlive that the government wants to build a state skate park in flint on the property we are purchasing. Have they contacted us?

June: They are interested.

Keeler: Will we be mowing and cleaning the bike path this summer?

June: The City received funds for maintenance. We have to invoice for the amount to maintain.

Martin: Regarding the trails, it is purely nature out here. Not a transportation trail to get to a school, pharmacy, or anything like that. It is a nature trail. The fact that the water is going over the trail shows that it is not getting dammed up or restructured. It's working exactly the way it was designed. It's going to maintain its own balance.

Wright: State highways and county roads are under water because of the extreme weather. To have a bike trail under water is not unusual.

Krapohl: We have over 11,000 park acres in our system. There are certain areas of our property that are off limits to the public. The public has no right. They have no ability to go into those areas because of safety concerns, because of maintenance concerns. Whatever the concern that is justified or needed by staff does not give anyone the right to go onto those properties even though it is public property. We are entitled to close off certain sections of the property for various reasons. Trespassing will be addressed. Just because it is public property does not necessarily give someone the right to go there.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting 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 23, 2020 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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