



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: December 12, 2019

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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; Cassie Voelker, Financial Affairs Assistant; Hollie Marlett, Parks Communications Specialist; Jackie Domerese, Marketing Assistant; Crossroads Village Staff: Denise Bowles, Melissa Mahan, Cindy Kimber; Huckleberry Railroad Staff: Alex Steiner, Michael Kimball, Forrest Mahan, Johnathan Marhesic, Jason Haas; Courtney Prout, For-Mar Education Outreach Coordinator; Maintenance Staff: Patrick Linihan, Jered Townsend, Maureek White; KGCB Staff: Shareka Howard, Diana Johnson, Samantha Cardenas, Roxanne Adair

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

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:04AM.
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. Ratification of Commission bills was removed by request of Commissioner Henry.
Motion and support to approve items A and B as listed.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Wright**

MOTION AND SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A AND B AS LISTED.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED 10-0-0

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – RAILROAD TRACK INSTALLATION

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Henry**

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **None**

MOTION CARRIED 10-0-0

B. EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – RANGER BOAT REPLACEMENT

Request to approve the expense to replace the Park Ranger boat that was taken out of service after more than 20 years of service. Park Rangers patrol around the Holloway Reservoir and bodies of water under the jurisdiction of Genesee County Park Rangers.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Lynch**

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: **Henry**

ABSENT: **None**

MOTION CARRIED 9-1-0

C. APPROVE TO ACCEPT GRANT – CS MOTT FOUNDATION

Request to accept a grant increase of \$430,000.00 from CS Mott Foundation in support of the Flint River Restoration Project, specifically to close the acquisition of Chevy Commons.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ACCEPT GRANT AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED 10-0-0

D. APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – FIRSTTRY TRIATHLON

Request to approve a special event permit for the FirstTry Triathlon at Linden County Park in June 2020.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT, SUBJECT TO FINAL SITE APPROVAL BY PARKS DIRECTOR AND UPON COMPLIANCE WITH ALL OTHER PARKS SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 10-0-0

E. RATIFICATION OF COMMISSION BILLS

Henry: Comcast?

June: Parks internet.

Henry: Rec Trac Symposium?

June: Training for our reservations staff on the new software.

Henry: Who has the credit card?

June: It is in the safe.

Henry: Vet bill?

June: For care of the animals in the animal center at For-Mar.

Henry: Road Commission?

June: For posts – drive in.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Henry
Supported by Commissioner Nolden**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE THE RATIFICATION OF COMMISSION BILLS.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 10-0-0

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION.

Nealy: Went to Ladies Night Out and Holiday Magic program. It was a good time. The volunteers were nice. Good job to all.

Lynch: Old Newsboys sale tomorrow – drive careful and give if you can.

Washington: Thank you to all employees of Genesee County Parks. Each of you is a leader because you are influencing someone. You always find people doing the right things. Any idiot can find people doing the wrong things. With you all, I am proud to be associated with each and every one of you, including Barry June. If you have a leader that is crazy, you're going to have people in the organization that are crazy. If you have a leader that is truly authentic, the people in the organization will be truly authentic. Thank you for your service. Thank you for what you do. It is a welcomed relief to see you all function as a well-oiled machine. Wish you all a Happy Holidays.

Keeler: We've done well putting in the bike trails. Looking forward to the new section in the spring. I appreciate all of you here and all of the work you've done. When I'm out on the trails, I see a lot of you working hard and keeping it clean. Have a happy holiday and thank you.

Martin: Nice to have access to Carpenter. It was fun here (Crossroads Village) for the tree lighting. I appreciate the hard work that went into that. Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.

Henry: I appreciate the staff and all you do and do it well. I feel we've made some changes and it's been a good year. I think there are more changes to come. Question about the Mott grant – there is a clause in there about ownership and money transferring back? – June: Yes. Happy Holidays.

Nolden: Happy Holidays. You guys are doing a wonderful job and look forward to 2020.

Wright: The staff, employees of this organization, you are an excellent staff. I rode the train so many times with my grandkids. Staff and employees have done an excellent job. I see For-Mar every day and it's always exceptional. Thanks for all you do.

Krapohl: Opening Night was wonderful. To Ron, I don't know how you outdo yourself every year on the fireworks. They were spectacular. We had 15,000 reservations for opening weekend. Had a talk with Dawn Jones and she got the retirement wrong. I hope to be around for a while longer. That's up to the Board of Commissioners. I am retiring from my regular Full-Time job. This is a labor of love. Thank you to the Ranger Department for filling in for Kevin while he was off. Also, on the news, there is a story and one of our part-time Rangers, Jessie Hart, it's widely showing we have good people. We know that and we recognize that every day of the year. Sometimes we take it for granted. We really thank everyone for what they do. We manage over 11,000 acres with what we would call a skeleton crew. We have challenges, but we overcome those challenges. We provide excellent recreational opportunities for everybody in the community and people that travel all over the world. Thank you to Melissa Gagne. From my family to your family, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you to staff for the gifts this year.

Washington: I am Chairman for Board of Directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters and I don't know if you've heard about the Bigs in Blue. Law Enforcement is partnering with us for little brothers. Would like to talk to you about partnering in 2020 for Park Rangers. It gives our young people that don't have a male or female figure mentor to look up to.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 10:32AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, secretary of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the December 12, 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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