



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: **June 11, 2020**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: **Commissioners Mike Keeler, Gloria Nealy, Jeff Wright**

STAFF PRESENT: **Barry June, Director; Melissa Gagne, Secretary; Sherry Yagiela, Genesee County
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OTHERS PRESENT: **None**

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.**

Notice of Public Meeting with participation instructions posted in compliance with Michigan's Open Meetings Act. No public comment received. No requests for call in 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, Krapohl, Lynch, Martin, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Keeler, Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

4. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: CHIEF PARK RANGER UPDATE
- B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS UPDATE
- C. WOLVERINE CAMPGROUND 2020 SEASON

Request to hold a trial fall camping period at Wolverine Campground.

Nolden: What are we looking at in terms of length?

June: We're thinking the second weekend in October, before it gets cold. Maybe a six-week trial.

Nolden: It would end in October or begin in October?

June: We would continue camping through September and end in the middle of October.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE A TRIAL FALL CAMPING PERIOD.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Keeler, Nealy, Wright**

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

- D. REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT – PARKS GENERAL

Request to approve a general budget amendment to correct seasonal salary line items and a few adjustments between accounts. No impact to the bottom line Parks budget.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Henry

Supported by Commissioner Nolden

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Keeler, Nealy, Wright**

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

E. REQUEST TO ESTABLISH & FILL POSITION – PARK RANGER

Request to establish and fill the position of Park Ranger. The position was filled on January 21, 2020 and the employee was discharged on April 26, 2020, leaving the necessary position vacant. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

Henry: When will this go to the hiring committee?

June: From what I understand, it will go to the Finance Sub-Committee on June 24 and then to Finance, if approved. Then, to the Board for approval.

Henry: We put a process in place to speed it up, I thought.

Nolden: We did.

Henry: We should be able to look at it next Wednesday. Check with Mr. Freeman.

June: Okay, I will do that.

Martin: With the loss of a Ranger and the one that didn't work out, with the Parks being fairly active, is there any staffing issues?

June: It's pretty tight. The officer that we had to let go was also the K-9. We had to switch the K-9 to another officer who is now in K-9 school for six weeks, so he's out of the picture as well. We have one full time and the Chief at the moment, plus our seasonal Rangers. We've been able to maintain because the campground is closed and Crossroads is closed, but it's still a little tight.

Nolden: With having one pass away and one we're going to backfill, are we looking to possibly bring on two?

June: No, the Ranger who passed away was a seasonal Park Ranger. We have two full-time plus Chief. This will make three full-time.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE ESTABLISHING AND FILLING POSITION AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Krapohl, Lynch, Martin, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Keeler, Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

F. EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – PICNIC TABLES

Request to approve a purchase from RJ Thomas Mfg Co, for 38 picnic tables and 35 grills, for a total amount of \$24,768.50. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Henry

Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPENSE AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Krapohl, Lynch, Martin, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Keeler, Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

G. REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (KGCB)

Request to accept a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint for Keep Genesee County Beautiful park programming in the amount of \$25,000.00. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND. NO USE OF PARKS FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Dickerson, Henry, Krapohl, Lynch, Martin, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Keeler, Nealy, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

H. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: ACQUISITION OF CHEVY COMMONS

Genesee County purchased Chevy Commons from the City of Flint.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS - NONE

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION.

Dickerson: Stay safe.

Washington: Good to see all of you.

Nolden: Barry doing a fantastic job with the commercials airing. Keep up great work.

Henry: Agree with extending camping into the fall. Fall is a great time for camping in Michigan.

Request for update on infrastructure at Wolverine.

June: We planned on doing that in September. When we open for fall, we can still open the lake front property. We have done some work at Wolverine. This spring we added five new concrete pads, did some general tidying up and cleaning up. It's really starting to look good out there.

Henry: I agree with Commissioner Nolden, great job.

Krapohl: It's good to see you. I'll be glad when we can sit around the table together and conduct our meeting. Thank you to Sherry from the IT department at the County for helping us out with the meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 10:19AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, secretary of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the June 11, 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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