



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: June 25, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Secretary Mike Lynch, Commissioner Jeff Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Barry June, Director; Melissa Gagne, Secretary; Brian Warden, Chief Park Ranger; Shaun Shumaker, Board of Commissioners; Sherry Yagiela, Genesee County IT

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:03AM.
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, Keeler, Krapohl, Martin, Nealy, Nolden, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – DAVID NELSON (CRV)

Request to approve a Professional Services Contract with David Nelson, Off Broadway, for entertainment at Crossroads Village during the 2020 Christmas season, pending capability of opening Crossroads Village with capacity for attendance and entertainment. Contract valid 11.27.20 through 12.30.20. Contract Amount: \$20,500.00. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Lynch, Wright**

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

B. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – JASON HUDY (CRV)

Request to approve a Professional Services Contract with Jason Hudy, for entertainment at Crossroads Village during the 2020 Halloween season, pending capability of opening Crossroads Village with capacity for attendance and entertainment. Contract valid 10.3.20 through 10.31.20. Contract Amount: \$8,250.00. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Lynch, Wright**

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

C. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – MID-MICHIGAN RECYCLING

Request to approve a Professional Services Contract with Mid-Michigan Recycling for wood waste processing and removal at three Parks sites: Crossroads Village, Richfield County Park, and Wolverine Campground. Amount: \$24,850.00. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

D. EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – BANDIT INDUSTRIES, INC. WOOD CHIPPER

Request to approve a purchase from Bandit Industries, Inc. for a wood chipper. Expense Amount: \$56,673.36. MI State Contract #190000000301.
NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

Henry: Are we getting some kind of training program with it?

June: We've demo'd this particular model. We are going to limit it to a very few number of people that are allowed to operate it. It does have a lot of safety features on it and one of the reasons we liked this one is we don't have to hand load it, we can load it with a skid steer loader. So, we don't have to get anybody near it.

Henry: How much maintenance is required on the machine?

June: It's going to require a certain amount of maintenance, but as long as you stay on it and watch what you put in it, we shouldn't have a lot of trouble with it. They have a good reputation.

Nolden: So in the past, we had a company come out and do the wood chipping for us?

June: In the past, we would pile the material in dump trailers and haul them to a pile and eventually the pile got so big that we had to call these people in to clean it up. Now we'll be able to chip the stuff on site and blow it back into the woods.

Nolden: So it's going to save us money in the long run.

June: A lot of money and a lot of labor.

Henry: The City of Swartz Creek, they always had a dump pile where residents could go get free mulch/ wood chips. Maybe we could provide to residents if they wanted it.

June: ...we are going to be chipping the wood right back in the same wood area we're taking it from so it just goes back to nature. If we have piles available, we can look into that.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Henry

Supported by Commissioner Nolden

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

E. EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – CROSSROADS VILLAGE HALLOWEEN PROGRAM SUPPLIES

Request to approve a purchase from all vendors solicited for candy, cider, doughnuts, and paper products for the 2020 Crossroads Village Ghosts and Goodies program. Expense amount not to exceed: \$95,000.00
NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

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

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

F. APPROVE TO APPLY FOR GRANT – STATE FARM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSIST PROGRAM

Request to approve to apply for a grant from the State Farm Neighborhood Assist Program. Grant funds would be used to install a playground at Riverside West, with Keep Genesee County Beautiful. No match. Grant Amount Requested: \$25,000.00. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND. NO USE OF PARKS FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

G. APPROVE EXTENSION – FENTON TOWNSHIP SOCCER FIELD LICENSE

Request to approve an extension to the current license with Fenton Township for the park property commonly known as the Deer Run Soccer Complex. The extension will expire on June 30, 2021.

Shumaker: The groups we are speaking of is Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation and Fenton Twp, but the main issue is there are three soccer organizations. Two actually use the field and a third that's being added. The two using it is Nationals, a travel organization, which is for profit, and the main that had the contract with the township is AYSO, a non-profit... They have run out of time to nail down a contract that works for everyone. The township was nice enough to ask for a year extension to give them time.

Henry: How does this play out with a profitable organization?

Shumaker: AYSO charges them to use the fields and charges it to their expenses, so there's no profit actually made on this deal by AYSO. They're just covering their cost of the maintenance of the fields.

Henry: If you're good with it, I'm good with it. I have concerns with our liability and other organizations utilizing them to make money.

Krapohl: Do you know if the for-profit organization charges admission to the games that they hold there?

Shumaker: I am not aware that they do.

Krapohl: I believe that's one of the stipulations in our contract is that it still remain open for the general public also.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

H. EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – AUTO AND EQUIPMENT REPAIR PARTS

Request to approve expense over 10,000 to purchase auto and equipment repair parts from the vendors listed. Total expense amount not to exceed: \$40,000.00. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – WOLVERINE FALL CAMPING SEASON UPDATE

Reservations for the 2020 fall camping season opened on Tuesday, June 23, 2020. An e-mail blast was sent. At this time, 18 nights have already been reserved for the fall period September 9 through October 11.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – WELCOME CHIEF PARK RANGER, BRIAN WARDEN

Warden: Good morning. Happy to be aboard and looking forward to continue the great work my predecessor had done. Looking forward to keeping the parks safe... and do the best job I can for you.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION.

Krapohl: We are in very difficult times right now. For any staff that may be listening or reviewing the minutes, we need to say thank you for your sacrifices and their hard work, continuing to do the job, providing to our citizens, that we have such a good reputation of doing. It's important to know that we recognize their sacrifices and their hard work, and we really appreciate what they do to make the Parks what they are. Thank you to Sherry from the IT department for helping with this meeting and to Melissa for running around and doing a lot for the Commission.

Washington: Welcome Chief Warden, glad to have you on board, and we are looking forward to working with you, my friend.

Warden: Thank you so much. I am looking forward to it as well.

Nolden: Keep Genesee County Beautiful is one of the best programs we have. Nancy is doing a phenomenal job.

Martin: Delivering pantry food for Mott.

Keeler: Doing a lot of biking and hiking on the new trail. Plenty of people out biking. Plenty of people out walking. There's a whole lot of people using our system, so I think this is going to be good for us the next time we ask for a millage. I think a lot of people found something they didn't know was in their own backyard. Looking forward to the next expansion into Richfield Park.

Henry: Happy 4th of July.

Dickerson: Welcome Chief, stay safe, and happy 4th of July.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 10:33AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, secretary of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the June 25, 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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