



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: August 13, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Jeff Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Barry June, Director; Melissa Gagne, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Krapohl presided and called the special 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.

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 Dickerson

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Henry, Lynch, Washington, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-4



4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – JJ KANE AUCTION

Request to approve an expense, not to exceed \$20,000, to purchase replacement vehicles from the JJ Kane Auction on December 5, 2020. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Keeler
Supported by Commissioner Dickerson**

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Henry, Lynch, Washington, Wright**

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-4

B. APPROVE UPDATED RESOLUTION FOR MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT – TF20-0065 IRON BELLE TRAIL FROM ATLAS TO GRAND BLANC

Request to approve an updated resolution to apply for MNRTF TF20-0065, to state fund sources. Original request to apply for the grant was approved by the Parks Commission and by the Board of Commissioners with RES-2020-122. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Dickerson
Supported by Commissioner Nealy**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE UPDATED RESOLUTION AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Henry, Lynch, Wright**

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

C. APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION – MFM NETWORKS

Request to approve an extension to the Professional Services Contract with MFM Networks Inc., Mike Mattar, for one year, per RES-2019-300, to provide IT services to the entire Parks system. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Noealy**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

D. APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION – RAILROAD SPECIALTIES LLC

Request to approve an extension to the Professional Services Contract with Railroad Specialties LLC, Brian Osmer, for one year, per resolution #18-515, to supervise, coordinate, and schedule Parks projects. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Keeler**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

E. EXPLORATION OF POSSIBLE SCULPTURE PARK IN CHEVY COMMONS

Request to approve to explore the possibility of establishing a sculpture park in Chevy Commons.

Martin: How much of this is plain artist renditions? How much of this is going to be honoring local type stuff like we have in downtown Flint? Do you have a concept?

June: No, what I'm asking for is just the approval to explore it and find out what we could do, how we can partner with the FIA. We don't have anything in mind.

Martin: On the river itself, you have all those old embankments. I'd like to see if they can't do something with those.

Keeler: One thing with the downtown area, they have done so many murals on the sides of buildings that would fit right in with that.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPLORATION OF A SCULPTURE PARK.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

F. APPROVE TO ACCEPT GRANT – TF19-0019 BLUEBELL BEACH IBT CONNECTION

Request to approve acceptance of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for the development of the Bluebell Beach Iron Belle Trail Connection. The project also includes the

installation of a universally accessible kayak launch at Bluegill Boat Launch.
Grant Amount: \$236,800.00. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

Keeler: What are we doing with a bike trail in that area? There is already a bike trail from there back to the bridge area, back to Carpenter road area.

June: We're going to tie into that trail near Bray Road and bring it into the park on the north end and make a loop inside the park, as well as redevelop the beachfront. It has erosion issues.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Keeler
Supported by Commissioner Washington**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE GRANT ACCEPTANCE AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Henry, Lynch, Wright**

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

G. APPROVE TO AWARD RFP #20-218 – ROWE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES COMPANY

**Request to approve awarding RFP #20-218 to ROWE Professional Services Company to provide engineering services for the Bluebell IBT Connector project.
Contract Amount: \$34,685.00. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.**

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Martin**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE AWARDING RFP AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Henry, Lynch, Wright**

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

H. 2020 CROSSROADS VILLAGE GHOSTS & GOODIES PROGRAM

Request to approve the established alternative plan for a drive-thru Halloween program in the event that Crossroads Village is unable to provide services at normal capacity.

Martin: I assume this will be similar to the Christmas light drive-thru?

June: Yes.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE ALTERNATIVE 2020 CROSSROADS VILLAGE GHOSTS & GOODIES PROGRAM.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Henry, Lynch, Wright

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

I. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – ROWE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES COMPANY

Request to approve entering into a Professional Services Contract with ROWE Professional Services Company to build a gravel access drive in Crossroads Village to support event traffic. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

J. APPROVE TO CANCEL PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

Request to approve the cancellation of the next Parks Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020.

ACTION TAKEN:

**Motion by Commissioner Nealy
Supported by Commissioner Nolden**

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE CANCELLING THE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – NONE

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Keeler: Wanted to bring up problem on the trail. Park patron hit one of the barriers and broke his collarbone. Looking for some resolution on those barriers, if they could be cut a little bit or lowered/raise. These come to a point. Is there any reason the points can't be cut off? What do these barriers keep out?

June: They're primarily designed to keep cars out. We've been looking at if we can cut the angle down below handlebar height or if we just take them out and put single poles in.

Keeler: Barriers coming straight up out of the ground is easier to negotiate.

June: If we did that, would the poles have to be lower than the handlebars?

Keeler: That's a good question because they are usually wide enough for people to get in between them. If anything, these should be lower than handlebars.

June: We will look at lowering these and using poles in the future.

Dickerson: Stay safe.

Washington: Big Brother Big Sister Golf for Kids Sake in Flushing today and tomorrow.

Martin: Follow-up on Keeler's comments – Park patron speaking of is an outdoorsman, huge user of the trail systems. Insights should be legitimate. Speaking of trails, liked the fact that the Michigan Iron Belle Trail facebook page put stuff about the Genesee County Planning Commission and the Parks for Iron Belle Trail usage and Flint River Trail. We're getting a lot of attention. Hopefully we can keep people active once the weather changes, too.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 10:29AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, secretary of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the August 13, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission special 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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