



GENESEEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: September 10, 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; Melissa Gagne, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Krapohl presided and called the special meeting to order at 10:05AM.
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 Keeler
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



GENESEEE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIPMENT CO. (KGCB)

Request to approve contract to purchase and install playgrounds and equipment at three City Parks, Brennan Park, Hardenbrook Park, and Fleming park, through Keep Genesee County Beautiful. Contract Amount: \$60,028.00. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND. NO USE OF PARKS FUND.

Wright: How many bidders did we have?

June: This is through a nationwide contract that's been pre-bid, so we did not have to do a bid for it.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT 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. AWARD RFP 20-219 ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR WOLVERINE CAMPGROUND

Request to award RFP 20-219 to H2A Architects to provide architectural services for Wolverine Campground improvements. H2A was determined to have the best proposal based on scoring criteria outlined in the RFP. Contract Amount: \$86,700.00. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

Wright: Were there any other quotes for other companies?

June: Yes, there were four companies that bid on this. H2A was the low bidder. The two lowest bidders were in-county architects. We are comfortable with H2A. They are using ROWE Professional Services as the engineer. They've recently done work at the campground. They're very familiar with it.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO AWARD RFP 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 ADOPT-A-PARK AGREEMENTS (KGCB)

Request to approve thirty-four Adopt-A-Park Agreements with Keep Genesee County Beautiful.

Henry: Do we have any Adopt-A-Park contracts outside of the City of Flint?

June: We do not. This is part of the Keep Genesee County Beautiful grant program through Ruth Mott Foundation. Their focus is on the north Flint area.

Henry: Is it only restricted to that area?

June: The Ruth Mott Foundation funds are restricted to north Flint and Keep Genesee County Beautiful monies that we can use for a few other parks south.

Henry: They're all in the City.

June: Yes.

Henry: It's restricted to the City.

June: Yes.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE AGREEMENTS AND OBTAIN SIGNATURES.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

D. APPROVE TO ACCEPT GRANT – KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL MLK COMMUNITY GRANT (KGCB)

Request approval to accept a grant from the Keep America Beautiful MLK Community Grant to implement a KAB Martin Luther King Jr. Corridor and Neighborhood Building project with Keep Genesee County Beautiful. Grant Amount: \$10,000. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND. NO USE OF PARKS FUND.

Nolden: Is this allocated for the City of Flint or can this be used in other parks?

June: This is requested for the Martin Luther King Jr. corridor and neighborhood building project.

Nolden: Martin Luther King and McClellan. Okay.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT 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 PARKS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BALLOT PROPOSAL TO AMEND MNRTF
Request to approve a resolution supporting a ballot proposal in the 2020 general election to update and expand the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, guaranteeing investment in conservation and outdoor recreation.

Keeler: When you're saying improvements, that's maintenance on the trail?

June: Not maintenance. These are for traditional things we can apply for, construction, like what we're doing out at Bluebell Beach or for building a new trail. There's no money available for maintenance.

Keeler: I was wondering about that because a lot of people have been getting grants over the years and it doesn't take but four or five years before you have to start doing maintenance on these existing trails or they start cracking. As soon as I read this, I went online to see if any major groups out there are opposing it or who is supporting it. Right now there are no groups in Michigan opposing this. Everybody's supporting it.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 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

- F. APPROVE TO EXTEND CAMPGROUND SEASON DATES AS NEEDED
Request for authority to extend the Wolverine Campground season dates, as needed, or as seen favorable to the community and department.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO GIVE PARKS STAFF AUTHORITY TO EXTEND CAMPGROUND SEASON DATES.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: **Lynch**

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

- G. EXPENSE OVER 10,000 – **IVERSON'S LUMBER COMPANY**
Request to approve an expense over 10,000 to purchase one pole barn package from Iverson's Lumber Company, for \$27,678.00. The pole barn will be used for storing train cars at the Railroad Shop. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

Henry: How long is the bid good for?

June: It should be good until we get approval from the Board of Commissioners.

Henry: The price of OSB has skyrocketed. I'm suggesting maybe we ride out the storm for a little bit of time and watch the pricing before we move forward and give authorization up to a dollar amount.

June: We were planning on having our staff put this up this fall. In the past, we tarp some of these cars and the tarps are bad. They're \$2500 a piece for the tarps. We figure if we're going to spend that kind of money, we might as well just put up a building to put them in.

Henry: It might even be worth while studying steel versus wood.

Wright: How big is it?

June: 16 foot wide and 250 feet long

Wright: Did you try to contact General Steel?

June: No. A wood structure is something our staff can build.

Wright: Have you ever looked into General Steel?

June: No.

Wright: They're just as easy to build as a wood one.

June: We'll keep that in mind for the next one. We are going to have a couple other buildings we are going to want to do in the next couple years.

Washington: If you do entertain steel, is there a way to find out what the labor charge would be or is it variable?

Wright: You can hire them to install it or you can put it in yourself.

Wright: Does this kit include the doors?

June: There are no doors.

Krapohl: If I understand a steel structure, they have to be installed on a cement slab, correct?

Henry: Concrete.

Wright: They don't have to be installed on a concrete slab, but like wood, it has to be installed below the frost line.

Keeler: Does this lumber company guarantee their prices over thirty days or something?

June: I'm not familiar.

Keeler: If prices go down, they may reimburse the difference.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Henry

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPENSE OVER 10,000 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

H. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FYE 2020

Request to approve the prepared general budget amendment; moving funds between line items to make sure no line items are over budget for FYE 2020. No change to the approved bottom line budget.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden

Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT 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

I. AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE A PARK RULE

Request to authorize Director Barry June to allow BMX people to conduct races past dusk on select dates.

Krapohl: Just the Wednesdays or Sundays, too?

June: At least the one Sunday.

Krapohl: I asked the Director if we would consider some type of barricade to keep access to the rest of the park after dark restricted so we don't have a problem with people going in there after normal hours. He said he could set up some type of barricade.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE PARK RULE TO ALLOW RACES TO BE HELD PAST DUSK ON SELECT DATES.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

J. INFORMATIONAL ONLY – CENSUS BUREAU SUPPORT

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

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – NONE

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Wright: When are we going to get together live and in person?!

Krapohl: I hope pretty soon...

Nealy: Just to let Barry know, I sent information for the Halloween Drive Thru to our Early Head Starts and they're going to post it on their websites.

June: Great!

Martin: I saw Mr. Kehoe at the Davison Hotel. Very pleasant. He made mention about me not being on the County Board next year, wished me luck and thanked me for what I did on the Parks Commission. It was very pleasant.

Henry: Do we do any kind of color tour in the fall?

June: We don't have a color tour, per se, but we do have a Pic-A-Park Challenge. We're trying to get everyone to visit all 50 locations we have, this fall. They take photos and send it to us

and part of that challenge is the winner will be on a channel 12 commercial. It's not a color tour, but essentially a color tour.

Henry: MLive always promotes various color tours. Have a great week.

Wright: A nice place to see color is at the top of Toboggan Hill.

Dickerson: Have a good weekend and stay safe.

Keeler: The trail maintenance you did, top coating, filling the cracks that came out fantastic. That was minimal disturbance with the people using the trail. I don't know how they got that so smooth, you can hardly feel it when you're going over it. I have a request, can you guys check with Ruth Mott or CS Mott to see if they would be willing to fund you guys to do that for the next section from Carpenter Road up to Dort Hwy? Those two sections behind the water plant, those really need crack repair and they could use a top coat also.

June: There is some asphalt repair that needs to be done on that as well. I'll see what we can do about that. It is on our agenda to make sure that all the trails get maintained on a semi-regular basis. We've re-asphalted those trails within the last 7-8 years and now we're trying to get it on a 5-year rotation so we can make those trails last 25-30 years.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 10:35AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, secretary of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the September 10, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission 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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