

COMMISSION MINUTES: February 23, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:

President Joe Krapohl

Commissioner James Avery

Commissioner Domonique Clemons

Commissioner Michelle Davis

Commissioner Cloyce Dickerson

Commissioner Michael Keeler

Commissioner Kevin Sylvester

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vice President James Washington

Secretary Mike Lynch

Commissioner Gloria Nealy

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Barry June, Director; Patrick Linihan, Deputy Director; Melissa Gagne, Assistant Parks Operations Manager; David Dwyre, Chief Ranger; Nancy Edwards, KGCB Director; Brady Pettengill, Park Superintendent; Kari Koske, Administrative Assistant; Brian VanPatten, Chief Park Horticulturist; Courtney Prout, Park Naturalist; Melissa Mahan, Crossroads Village Manager; Jacklynn Domerese, Parks Communications, Brand, and Event Manager; Arianna Stringer, Accounting Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tom Kehoe, 4304 E. Stanley, Genesee, MI

Dan Eashoo, Genesee Township Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:28 AM.
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.

1. CONSENT AGENDA. President Krapohl asked Commissioners if there were any items they wish to remove from the consent agenda for discussion. No items were removed.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Sylvester

Supported by Commissioner Dickerson

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE ITEMS A-C AS LISTED IN PACKET.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Clemons, Davis, Dickerson, Krapohl, Sylvester

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Keeler, Lynch, Nealy, Washington

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1. DIRECTOR’S REPORT
2. APPROVE ADDENDUM TO GISD AGREEMENT (FOR-MAR)

Request to approve addendum adding two For-Mar staff to the approved list of educators to provide Nature Clubs programming to 21st Century afterschool students.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Dickerson

Supported by Commissioner Clemons

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT AND OBTAIN SIGNATURES.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Clemons, Davis, Dickerson, Krapohl, Sylvester

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Keeler, Lynch, Nealy, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-4

1. APPROVE AGREEMENT – ADVENTURE LAB (FOR-MAR)

Request to approve agreement with Groundspeak, Inc. for the use of the Adventure Lab mobile app for a Geocaching Adventure Lab in the For-Mar Arboretum. Cost: $250. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Dickerson

Supported by Commissioner Sylvester

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH GROUDNSPEAK, INC. AND OBTAIN SIGNATURES.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Clemons, Davis, Dickerson, Krapohl, Sylvester

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Keeler, Lynch, Nealy, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-4

1. APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT AND ACCOMMODATIONS – MARINE PROP RIDERS

Request to approve Special Event for hydroplane races on Mott Lake and closure of Bluebell Beach and Branch Road Fishing Site for associated event dates to accommodate the event and ensure safety of the public. \*Presentation by Marine Prop Riders

Clemons: What are pollution potentials?

David: Water – none; Air – v8 motors; 10 minute races

Clemons: Any known impacts on wildlife?

David: No

Clemons: How many people anticipated to attend?

David: 1000 people would not be unheard of.

Clemons: Insurance – full liability?

David: Yes

Clemons: If there is an accident or injury, does that liability fall on Genesee County?

David: No, ours.

Krapohl: Is it correct that their liability policy exceeds the County’s requirements?

Linihan: Yes.

Keeler: How does GCPRC benefit from this?

June: It’s a gain for our Commission, contributing to economic development, brings people to the area, increases hotel tax, and Bluebell Beach is typically slow in August.

Clemons: Are there opportunities to work with local vendors?

June: Yes.

Krapohl: Promote outside for interest – Back to the Bricks, etc.

David: Racers are from all over the country, this will be a destination.

Sylvester: How will it be communicated to the public that the lake will be closed?

June: Website, signage, alternative locations advertised

Avery: Use platforms to benefit (Back to the Bricks, etc.)

David: Cross promote and support what the community has.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Sylvester

Supported by Commissioner Avery

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT AND ACCOMMODATIONS.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Clemons, Davis, Dickerson, Keeler, Krapohl, Sylvester

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynch, Nealy, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

1. INFORMATIONAL ONLY: PARKS ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT
2. 2023 PARKS ACTION PLAN PRESENTATION
3. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – None.
4. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Keeler: What is our plan for the history book?

June: Primarily created for Commissioners with no plan to publish.

Krapohl: Philosophy – no borders between City of Flint and the County, we serve the customers and provide recreational opportunities; our foundation is staff; thank you to staff, especially to Jackie for work on the presentation.

Avery: Work with and in other groups; appreciate having this information to share; thank you to all.

Dickerson: Excellent job; thank you to staff.

1. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 12:09PM.

I, Melissa Gagne, Assistant Parks Operations Manager of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the February 23, 2023, 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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