



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

Get away. Right away.

COMMISSION MINUTES: March 28, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:

President Joe Krapohl
Vice President James Washington
Secretary Anne Figueroa
Commissioner Domonique Clemons
Commissioner Michelle Davis
Commissioner Michael J. Keeler
Commissioner Cathy Lane
Commissioner Gloria Nealy
Commissioner Kevin Sylvester

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner James Avery

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Patrick Linihan, Interim Director; Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager; Cassie Voelker, Director of Finance and Park Operations; Emily Stetson, Parks Program Manager; Jackie Domerese, Parks Communications, Event & Brand Manager; Rick Witham, Interim Chief Park Ranger; Anthony Walter, Parks Operations Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Kehoe, 4304 E Stanley, Genesee, MI
Richfield BMX Group: Dennis Ybarra and Austin Kelly

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Joe Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT. Anyone wishing to address the commission must state their name and address and they have 3 minutes to speak.

Public comment received.

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



GENESEE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Keeler
Supported by Commissioner Washington

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Clemons, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – MARINE PROP RIDERS

Request to approve Special Event Permit to host hydroplane races at Mott Lake and Bluebell Beach subject to final site approval by Parks Director and upon compliance with all other Parks Special Event Permit requirements. Event tentatively scheduled August 10-11, 2024.

Clemons: Was this a revenue generating event?

Linihan: We did generate a little. The focus was on partnership and covering costs.

Clemons: Who is responsible for promotion and marketing of the event?

Linihan: Both parties – partner.

Keeler: Do people still have to pay to use the splash pad?

Linihan: They will have to pay to access the park, yes.

Keeler: Are there plans to fix the potholes and redo the lots?

Linihan: Next year it will be redone. We will do preventative maintenance and patching this year.

Krapohl: The Chamber will promote the event.

Lane: Will you post a notice of closure?

Linihan: Yes, two weeks ahead at both Bluebell and Bluegill.

Lane: Will there be direction to boaters?

Linihan: There will still be access at Bluegill.

Lane: Road Commission has a new road patch material to look into.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Keeler

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND REQUESTED ACTIVITIES.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Clemons, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

B. REQUEST TO APPROVE 3RD AMENDMENT – ROWE (IBT – ATLAS CONNECTOR)

Request to approve a third amendment to the contract with ROWE Professional Services to revise the total contract amount to \$583,883.00, a \$75,000.00 increase, following modified scope of services and fees for construction engineering services for the Iron Belle Trail – Atlas Connector project. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Lane

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE THIRD CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Clemons, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

C. REQUEST TO AWARD BID #24-359 – 115 POUND RAILROAD SWITCH

Request to approve awarding bid #24-359 to Menards Industries for the purchase of a 115lb railroad switch, in an amount not to exceed \$31,550.00. Two bids were received. Menards Industries was the low bid. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Lane
Supported by Commissioner Keeler

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE AWARDING BID TO MENARDS INDUSTRIES AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Clemons, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

D. REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT – RUTH MOTT FOUNDATION (KGCB)

Request to accept a grant from the Ruth Mott Foundation for the North Flint Public Safety Strategy 2024, with Keep Genesee County Beautiful, in the amount of \$390,000.00. Funds will be used for the continuation of KGCB services. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND. NO USE OF PARKS FUND.

Lane: Do we ever send a thank you?

Krapohl: Will do on behalf of the GCPRC.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Lane

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM THE RUTH MOTT FOUNDATION AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Clemons, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

E. REQUEST TO APPROVE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT – 2 STONES EVENTS (CRV)

Request to approve a partnership agreement with 2 Stones Events (2SE) to host Grapes and Grooves event at Crossroads Village on July 19, 2024, from 6-9pm. This request includes request to submit a special event liquor license to MLCC. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

Lane: Can we get Genesee County businesses involved?

Linihan: They will be looking at local vendors.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Lane

Supported by Commissioner Figueroa

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AND OBTAIN SIGNATURES FROM PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Clemons, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

F. REQUEST TO APPROVE AGREEMENT – GISD (FOR-MAR)

Request to accept agreement with GISD for the Chief Park Naturalist to present a training at the Watershed Wonders Learning Program on May 18, 2024. NO USE OF PARKS FUND. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Figueroa

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Clemons, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

G. INTRODUCTION – RICHFIELD BMX – AUSTIN KELLY

H. AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE PARK RULE – BMX EVENTS

Request to authorize the Parks Director to waive a Park Rule to allow the BMX group to conduct races past dusk on select dates through December 2024, at the Richfield County Park – BMX Track.

Krapohl: This has been a good partnership.

Kelly: Thank you to all.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Lane

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE WAIVER OF PARK RULE TO ALLOW BMX EVENTS OUTSIDE OF PARK HOURS.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Clemons, Davis, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS— NONE

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Figueroa: Thank you to the BMX group. We appreciate your passion.

Lane: Happy Easter.

Krapohl: KGCB moved into their new building. Staff and Patrick maintain standards. Have a relaxing 3-day weekend.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager of Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the March 28, 2024, 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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