



# GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

Get away. Right away.

COMMISSION MINUTES: May 23, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice President James Washington

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Patrick Linihan, Parks Director; Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager; Cassie Voelker, Director of Finance and Park Operations; Emily Stetson, Parks Program Manager; Rick Witham, Chief Park Ranger; Nancy Edwards, Recreation Programs and Grants Officer; Jackie Domerese, Communications, Event, and Brand Manager; Beth Schrader, CRV Event Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Kehoe, Genesee, MI

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Joe Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 Lane

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Washington

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Congratulations to Chief Witham as official Chief Park Ranger
- FRWC ribbon cutting event saw approximately 100 people
- Wolverine Campground ribbon cutting event saw approximately 50 people
- Wolverine Campground is booked for the weekend, staff is updating pictures for the website
- Mounds ORV was full
- Senior Power Day saw approximately 1500 people and the trains were full
- School Day at CRV has 2000+ kids today proving that field trips are desirable
- New Food Service Contract is starting
- FRA will be completing inspection of locomotive 152 tomorrow
- Veterans have free entry to CRV this weekend
- CRIM partnership is anticipating 750 people
- Flint River Restoration Project mobilization set for June 10
- Wilderness Inquiry canoemobile is full
- BMX track at Richfield has their new gate installed and fences painted, working to update signage

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

Request to approve an agreement with GISD for Nicole Ferguson, Chief Park Naturalist, to present a training at the Watershed Wonders Learning Program on June 22, 2024. NO USE OF PARKS FUND. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Lane  
Supported by Commissioner Nealy

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Washington

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

- B. INFORMATIONAL ONLY: TRAIL ETIQUETTE
- 5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS— NONE.
- 6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Krapohl: Congratulations to Commissioner Avery for being selected as the new Executive Director of Berston Field House. Attended the Wolverine Campground ribbon cutting and took a tour of the improvements. "...it looks great, Anthony has done a great job, we have talented, dedicated staff." Ron Walker was featured by Genesee County today.

Keeler: State Park setup – is it paved between sections?

Linihan: Depends on the section. We are looking at connection options for the Chevy Commons to Mott Park section. Happy Hollow is natural until the Grand Traverse section.

Davis: Can we put together a directory to help point calls in the right direction? Nature centers.

Linihan: Depends on what it is. We refer to Howell Nature Center. We can educate staff.

Lane: Appreciation of staff reports, "...excellent group of people who love their job."

Figueroa: Had a great time and tour of Wolverine Campground. Applaud staff for being creative and innovative at Crossroads Village.

Krapohl: Compliments to the mosaic mural at FRWC building.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 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 May 23, 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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