



# GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: June 27, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:

President Joe Krapohl  
Secretary Anne Figueroa  
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, Commissioner James Avery

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; Anthony Walter, Parks Operations Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Kehoe, 4304 E Stanley, Genesee, MI

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Joe Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 Figueroa

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- This is the first week of the For-Mar Day Camp – 22 spots out of 240 are open. Day Camp training was completed with AED/First Aid/CPR, active shooter training.
- July is Parks and Recreation month.
- Get Out & Play Day at the Capitol saw 2,000+ day camp kids – For-Mar Day Camp staff was there.
- The latest For-Mar Pop-Up program, in partnership with FIM, Flint Public Library, and Planning Commission, had 160 people show up.
- Update to Trust Fund project at Branch Road Fishing Site.
- Oddities event at Crossroads Village has Paranormal Investigations and the Jason from the first Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> movie.
- Wolverine Campground – 90% full this week and 100% full for the holiday.

A. REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR FOR-MAR DAY CAMP

Request approval to accept a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, in the amount of \$11,952.00, for the For-Mar Nature Day Camp program. Funds will be used toward the scholarship portion of the program. No match.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Lane  
Supported by Commissioner Figueroa

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ACCEPT GRANT AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

B. REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR STATE PARK

Request approval to accept a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, in the amount of \$300,000.00, for the State Park in Downtown Flint Endowment Fund. Funds will support the operations and maintenance of the State Park in Flint. No match.

Keeler: How much action has there been in the state park area?

Linihan: The Fabri Dam is being taken out.

Keeler: How much will be done this year?

Linihan: They will work on the Hamilton Dam. Three/fourths will be done this year.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nealy

Supported by Commissioner Keeler

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ACCEPT GRANT AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

C. REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT – SUMMER YOUTH INITIATIVE (SYI)

Request to accept a grant from the Genesee Area Focus Fund (GAFF) and Genesee Chamber Foundation (GCF), in the amount of \$15,159.00, for the annual SYI program. This allows the employment of up to 8 teens during the summer season. No match.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nealy

Supported by Commissioner Lane

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ACCEPT GRANT AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

D. APPROVE EXPENSE – WEBULDFUN, INC. (KGCB)

Request to approve an expense to Webuldfun, Inc. for the purchase of playground equipment for River Park in the City of Flint, through Keep Genesee County Beautiful. Total expense: \$65,714.70. Sourcewell Contract #010521-LTS. NO USE OF PARKS FUND. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nealy

Supported by Commissioner Figueroa

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPENSE AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

E. APPROVE EXPENSE – CRV HALLOWEEN SUPPLIES

Request to approve expenses to purchase candy, cider, donuts, paper projects and supplies for the Crossroads Village Ghosts & Goodies Program in a budgeted amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. Supplies and products are purchased from all solicited vendors, based on availability and price. Items will be purchased across FYE 2024 and FYE 2025. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

Lane: Do businesses donate? Chambers?

Linihan: Yes, we are increasing our chamber memberships.

Lane: Mention and encourage donations – enhance our safe event.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nealy

Supported by Commissioner Lane

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPENSES AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

F. APPROVE AGREEMENT – GISD (FOR-MAR)

Request to approve an agreement with Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) for For-Mar staff to provide hands-on science and nature-based programs for 21<sup>st</sup> Century afterschool students. GISD will pay For-Mar for services up to \$10,020.00. Programs will run through June 30, 2025. NO USE OF PARKS FUND. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nealy

Supported by Commissioner Keeler

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

G. APPROVE DECLARATION OF ACTION – THE GREAT(EST) AMERICAN CLEANUP (KAB)

Request to approve the proposed Declaration of Action for the Great(est) American Cleanup, an initiative with Keep America Beautiful (KAB).

Keeler: What does this do?

Stetson: It makes the declaration official for the campaign, showing support to back up the initiative.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Keeler

Supported by Commissioner Lane

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE THE DECLARATION OF ACTION FOR THE GREAT(EST) AMERICAN CLEANUP AND OBTAIN SIGNATURES FROM PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

H. APPROVE PROCLAMATION – JULY AS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

Request to proclaim July as Park and Recreation Month in Genesee County, jointly with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Nealy

Supported by Commissioner Lane

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY AS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH AND OBTAIN SIGNATURES FROM PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS— NONE.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Krapohl: We've received no official complaints to respond to. Addressing comments of "good old boys network" – We have women on this Commission who are talented and do a lot. I take exception to that statement. This is not "good old boys". We appreciate all regardless of gender.

Keeler: Shared information regarding the passing of Riley McLincha. He helped redo the gates, marked every ¼ mile on the trail, and did a lot for Parks.

Figueroa: Riley embraced life and was a renaissance man.

Krapohl: He was a good representative for Genesee County. On behalf of the Commission, we extend our condolences to his family.

Lane: Suggestion for memorial garden at Crossroads Village.

Linihan: Trail amenities.

Krapohl: Agree to have staff come back with suggestions.

Lane: Thank you to For-Mar and staff for keeping the park well kept.

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

I, Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the June 27, 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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