



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: September 12, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Cathy Lane, Commissioner Michelle Davis

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Patrick Linihan, Parks Director; Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager; Cassie Voelker, Director of Finance and Park Operations; Leisa Gagne, Parks Operations Consultant; Emily Stetson, Parks Program Manager; Rick Witham, Chief Park Ranger; William Wilkins, Detective; James Swain, Park Ranger; Jackie Domerese, Communications, Event & Brand Manager; Beth Schrader, CRV Event Coordinator; Brandon Luna, Parks Project Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Kehoe, Genesee Twp, MI; Brent Guest (Disc Golf – Linden Project)

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 Washington

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Clemons, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Davis, Lane

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Staff Status Report from CRV Event Coordinator
- Chili Nights & Village Lights has 65 people registered and the band set
- 2nd Sturgeon Release coming up
- Flint River Watershed Coalition report
- Halloween Hustle at CRV has 250 people registered
- Camptober at Wolverine Campground – 2 weekends full, activities
- Hamilton Dam – started remaining substructure
- New Detective – Bill Wilkins
- Excavator outside for viewing – Brandon Luna, Park Project Manager
- Wolverine Campground tree planting volunteer opportunity
- Volunteer Halloween Hustle – October 26

A. PRESENTATION: BRENT GUEST, ED KOLEDO – LINDEN COUNTY PARK DISC GOLF COURSE

Clemons: Are you clearing land? Can we have a specialist come in?

Linihan: We can send a Naturalist out.

Clemons: Season cleanup – how much of an impact will there be?

Dean: Ideal timeline for clearing is before snow with a 12-month window.

Clemons: Will foot trails still be accessible?

Dean: With clearing the trails will be more accessible.

Clemons: What is the lifespan of concrete?

Dan: 30 years.

Clemons: Can businesses sponsor tees? If yes, is there a list of what can and cannot be supported?

Linihan: This is part of our sponsorship plan.

Keeler: How much clearing will there be around each hole?

Dean: Encourage you to visit Goldenrod to get a good idea.

Krapohl: Have you factored in parking?

Dean: Yes.

Krapohl: We ask that you call first before taking any trees. Has there been an economic impact study? Share with Patrick.

B. APPROVE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT – ABOVE PAR DISC GOLF CLUB (LINDEN)

Request to approve a partnership agreement with Above Par Disc Golf LLC for site improvements at Linden County Park for the development of a disc golf course, in cooperation with Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation. 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 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AND OBTAIN SIGNATURES FROM PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Clemons, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Davis, Lane

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

C. PARKS EXPENSE - GENERATORS

Request to approve an expense to Wolverine Power Systems for the purchase of Generac generators for Parks facilities, in a total amount not to exceed \$108,675.00. Sourcewell Contract #092222-GNR. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

Clemons: Would it be beneficial to get bigger permanent generators?

Linihan: If we had larger, we would overspend.

Keeler: How much of the building will this generator run?

Linihan: 100%

Keeler: New energy options – 30% discount from federal government.

Figueroa: Was solar considered?

Linihan: Not for this project.

Keeler: Battery prices are down; everything is coming down.

Figueroa: Can we cherry pick a facility to look at?

Linihan: Looking at solar is a great idea.

Krapohl: Facility assessment needs – short term needs backup now.

Clemons: Amend the motion to include looking into availability of alternatives.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Figueroa

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE EXPENSE AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS AND LOOK INTO ALTERNATIVES.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Clemons, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Davis, Lane

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

D. APPROVE AGREEMENT – GISD ELMER KNOFF LEARNING CENTER (FOR-MAR)

Request to approve an agreement with Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) for For-Mar staff to provide wildlife experiences to students at For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum. For-Mar will be compensated at a rate of \$2.00 per student per visit.

Agreement valid through April 10, 2025.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Sylvester

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Clemons, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Davis, Lane

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

E. 2025 PARKS HOURS & RATES

Request to approve proposed Parks hours, rates, and dates for all parks, except Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad, for 2025.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Clemons

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE PROPOSED 2025 PARKS HOURS & RATES.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Clemons, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Davis, Lane

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

F. 2025 CRV HOURS & RATES

Request to approve proposed 2025 hours, rates, and dates for Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Avery

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE PROPOSED 2025 CRV HOURS & RATES.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Clemons, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Nealy, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Davis, Lane

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS— NONE.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Krapohl: Recognize the Volunteer Dinner; 3 volunteers have provided over 40 years of service.

Washington: If you hear me immediately motion – I keep record of what’s been done, I look back. I’ve been on this board for 22 years and have seen a lot transpire. This is a great organization with the right people. I’m proud to be a part of this organization.

Clemons: Super excited for Chili Nights. Inform everyone of the major election, register to vote, absentee ballots are going out.

Figueroa: Love the enthusiasm brought to the parks, you bring passion, it is appreciated.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager, certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the September 12, 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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