



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: January 9, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:

President Joe Krapohl
Vice President James Washington
Secretary Anne Figueroa
Commissioner James Avery
Commissioner Michael J. Keeler
Commissioner Cathy Lane
Commissioner Kevin Sylvester

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Domonique Clemons, Gloria Nealy

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Patrick Linihan, Parks Director; Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager; Nancy Edwards, Recreation Programs and Grants Officer; Rick Witham, Chief Park Ranger; Kassie Hyde, Marketing Assistant; Beth Schrader, CRV Event Coordinator; Allyson Voelker, Marketing Assistant; Emily Stetson, Park Program Manager; Cassie Voelker, Director of Finance and Park Operations

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Kehoe, Genesee Twp, MI

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Joe Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Moment of silence for President Carter.
2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – PARKS COMMISSION
President Krapohl asked for any nominations for the office of President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Parks Commission

Commissioner Lane nominated Joe Krapohl for the office of President. Support for nomination by Avery.

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE PARKS COMMISSION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025.

YEAS: Avery, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Nealy

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-2



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Commissioner Figueroa nominated James Washington for the office of Vice President. Support for nomination by Avery.

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PARKS COMMISSION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025.

YEAS: Avery, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Nealy

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-2

Commissioner Keeler nominated Anne Figueroa for the office of Secretary. Support for nomination by Washington.

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE PARKS COMMISSION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025.

YEAS: Avery, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Nealy

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-2

3. PUBLIC COMMENT. Anyone wishing to address the commission must state their name and address and they have 3 minutes to speak.

Public comment received.

4. 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.

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, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Nealy

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-2

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Thank you to all who visited Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad during the Christmas program
- Looking into new displays for the Christmas at Crossroads program

- Reservations for 2025 had \$145,000.00 in sales opening day. 10 years ago, opening day sales were \$23,000.00. Memorial weekend for 2025 is almost fully booked.
- Staff taking down displays from the Christmas program.
- Car 42 in the Restoration Shop is down to the studs. Piloting a program to add insulation.
- A grant was submitted to the C.S. Mott Foundation for the restoration and rebuild of Engine 464 at the Huckleberry Railroad
- Our annual job fair will be held on February 8 at Crossroads Village
- For-Mar staff is working on Day Camp relicensing and enhancing the scholarship piece

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE AGREEMENT – GENESEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval of a license agreement with the Genesee County Agricultural Society, for the purpose of the special event “Genesee County Agricultural Society’s Genesee County Fair” to be held at E.A. Cummings Center through 2029.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Lane

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Nealy

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-2

B. REQUEST TO APPROVE AGREEMENT – CITY OF FLINT

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval of a Parks Partnership Agreement with the City of Flint for the continued maintenance of City of Flint parks.

Keeler: Is everything the same?

Linihan: Yes.

Lane: Thank you to Parks and staff for the collaborating and helping City of Flint residents.

Linihan: Thank you to Nancy Edwards and Emily Stetson from Keep Genesee County Beautiful for building those relationships.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Lane
Supported by Commissioner Washington

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Nealy

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-2

C. REQUEST TO WAIVE PARK RULES FOR SPECIAL EVENT – MARINE PROP RIDERS

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval to waive Park Rules in support of the hydroplane races event at Mott Lake and Bluebell Beach, August 9-10, 2025.

Waiver includes special use of Bluebell Beach and Mott Lake, submission of Administrative Order Permit to DNR to waive the no-wake rule, and submission of application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) for a special event liquor license.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington
Supported by Commissioner Figueroa

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE WAIVER OF PARK RULES FOR SPECIAL EVENT.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Nealy

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-2

D. REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT – GREAT LAKES FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval to accept a grant from the U.S Department of the Interior's Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act, as part of the Fish and Aquatic Conservation – Aquatic Invasive Species grant program, in the amount of \$160,647.30 total, in support of the Flint River Restoration Project.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Keeler
Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Figueroa, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clemons, Nealy

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-2

E. INFORMATIONAL ONLY: 2025 MICHIGAN DNR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff will be requesting public input and request to apply for four (4) Michigan Department of Natural Resources grants at the next Parks Commission meeting on January 23, 2025. Public notice will be posted advertising public comment.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS— NONE.

7. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Krapohl: Thank you to the Commission for your confidence. Toured the Restoration Shop. It is very well run, very friendly, clean and safe. The staff shared their appreciation for the Commission.

Washington: This is a great organization. Pleasure to serve. Thank you to staff and leadership.

Keeler: State Park – exciting for Genesee County. Adding to Genesee County is fantastic.

Avery: Great job to Genesee County. Happy New Year.

Sylvester: Thank you to staff – tremendous job. Happy to see the same leadership.

Lane: Compliments and thank you to staff.

Figueroa: Kudos to staff. Thank you to staff, always upbeat, smiling, and it is a pleasure.

Krapohl: Looking forward to 2025.

8. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager, certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the January 9, 2025, 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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