



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

Get away. Right away.

COMMISSION MINUTES: February 27, 2025

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 Cathy Lane
Commissioner Gloria Nealy
Commissioner Kevin Sylvester

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Gary Goetzinger

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; Michael Horton, Chief of Locomotive Operations; Michael Kimball, Director of Railroad Operations; Courtney Prout, Park Naturalist; Nicole Ferguson, Chief Park Naturalist; Jackie Domerese, Communications, Event, and Brand Manager; Anthony Walter, Parks Operations Manager; Kari Koske, Administrative Assistant; Jess Pannett, Horticulturist

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Kehoe, 4304 E Stanley, Genesee Twp, MI
Ben Schmidt

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 Lane

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Goetzinger

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Iron Belle Trail plowing 9 miles of trail for access in the winter
- Railroad Trucks have been in production for 2 years and they are on their way
- Staff have done a great job plowing
- Toboggan Hill and snowmobile trails have been open more this year than the past 2 years combined
- Leadership meetings with different tours and topics of park areas. Thank you to Melissa and Cassie for spearheading interviews with all full time staff.
- Friends Symposium for Parks Friends Groups – March 22, 9-1, Parks Commissioners invited
- Staff training and onboarding
- Successful job fair at Crossroads Village

A. PRESENTATION: ACTION PLAN 2025

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS— NONE.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Krapohl: Rangers are ambassadors for safety. Focus on accessibility and continuous improvement. Appreciate the effort.

Lane: The staff are positive, intellectual, hard-working people.

Washington: Exceptional presentation. Notice body language and see leaders supportive of each other. This information should permeate the community, the more information, the better understanding everyone has. Hats off to staff. Congratulations.

Keeler: Fun from my perspective to see you enjoy what you are doing. Thank you.

Nealy: Thank you to staff.

Figueroa: The passion is evident from staff. Thank you.

Krapohl: What is good for the customer, not us. The focus is on the people and customers.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM.

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