



GENESEEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: April 10, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Cathy Lane

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Patrick Linihan, Parks Director; Jeff Johns, Deputy Director; Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager; Bill Wilkins, Detective; Beth Schrader, CRV Event Coordinator; Emily Stetson, Park Program Manager; Cassie Voelker, Director of Finance and Park Operations; Jackie Domerese, Communications, Event, and Brand Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Ben Schmidt, 5296 N Center Rd

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.

No public comment.

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.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Keeler
Supported by Commissioner Washington



GENESEEE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lane

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Marketing team revamping the staff training videos
- Swag for staff
- Introduction of Jeff Johns, Parks Deputy Director
- Staff training this week
- Maple Syrup Fest was a great event
- Construction crew is at Wolverine Campground pouring pads and accessibility upgrades, and ADA parking and access at Buttercup Beach
- Met with Six Rivers Land Conservancy to discuss partnering to help save land in danger and for recreational opportunities
- Maintenance is cleaning up storm damage
- Melissa Gagne completed and submitted four DNR grants
- Anthony Walter completed and submitted a trail grant
- Staff is working on a centennial grant for Crossroads Village for interpretive signage
- We have 12 candidates for the Crossroads Village Assistant Manager position

A. PRESENTATION: MELISSA GAGNE, PARKS OPERATIONS MANAGER – STAFF TRAINING

B. REQUEST TO APPROVE ADOPT A PARK AGREEMENTS (KGCB)

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval of thirty-eight Adopt a Park agreements for City of Flint parks and spaces, through Keep Genesee County Beautiful.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Avery

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE AGREEMENTS AND OBTAIN SIGNATURES FROM PRESIDENT.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lane

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

C. REQUEST TO APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT – CHEVY COMMONS PLAY GARDEN

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval of an amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc. (MVVA), for changes in the scope and budget of the Chevy Commons Play Garden design and project administering services, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,547,800.00. NO USE OF PARKS FUND. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

Keeler: Where will this be?

Linihan: Chevy Commons off Kearsley St entrance

Keeler: Will the rest of Chevy Commons be metal?

Linihan: The play garden is natural based and the rest will stay the same.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Avery

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lane

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

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

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval of an agreement with Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) for the purpose of providing work experience to WIOA eligible youth and for For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum to serve as a worksite for students. This is paid by GISD through a Michigan Works! Grant. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND. NO USE OF PARKS FUND.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Keeler

Supported by Commissioner Figueroa

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lane

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

E. REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF CAPITAL ASSET OVER \$30,000

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval to dispose of a capital asset over \$30,000 in accordance with Genesee County Purchasing Policy methods.

Clemons: Will the liquor license be used elsewhere?

Linihan: No.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Figueroa

Supported by Commissioner Washington

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF CAPITAL ASSET AND REFER TO BOC APPROVAL PROCESS.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lane

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS— NONE.
6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Krapohl: Welcome to Commissioner Goetzinger. Welcome to Deputy Director, Jeff Johns.
Washington: Welcome to both.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager, certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the April 10, 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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