



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: May 22, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioners James Avery, Domonique Clemons, Gloria Nealy

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Patrick Linihan, Parks Director; Jeff Johns, Deputy Director; Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager; Rick Witham, Chief Park Ranger; Emily Stetson, Park Program Manager; Cassie Voelker, Director of Finance and Park Operations; Beth Schrader, CRV Event Coordinator; Anthony Walter, Parks Operations Manager; Gerald Driggett, Park Ranger; Andrew Owens, Park Ranger; Jackie Domerese, Communications, Event, and Brand Manager; Jerry Henson, Recreation Programmer

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Kehoe, 4304 E Stanley, Genesee

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.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Keeler
Supported by Commissioner Lane



GENESEE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Clemons, Nealy

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ranger Presentation – Recognition of Gerald Driggett for life saving award and Andrew Owens for award of professional excellence.
- Getting parks open this week
- Crossroads Village opening weekend entry is free to veterans
- Mounds ORV Salute to Service weekend
- Parks Playbook is out
- Senior Power Day and Headstart Day recap
- Stewardship Day with Parks staff, KGCB staff, and volunteers
- The new water tank has been installed in the water tower at Crossroads Village
- Mounds ORV revenue and attendance are up
- Introduction of our new recreation programmer, Jerry Henson
- For-Mar Nature Day Camp still has spots left for 11-14 year olds
- Horticulture staff are getting native plants ready for native plant sale
- Invitation to Nancy Edwards retirement open house
- Tuesday – public engagement meeting for the Chevy Commons Play Garden

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE AGREEMENT- UPTOWN REINVESTMENT CORPORATION (FRWC)

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval of an agreement with Uptown Reinvestment Corporation, Inc. (URC) to support requirements of a permanent easement in support of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant TF23-0013, the development of an accessible launch at the confluence of Swartz Creek.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Lane

Supported by Commissioner Washington

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Clemons, Nealy

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

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

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests approval of Adopt A Park agreements for Hardenbrook Park, Ophelia Bonner Park, Sarginson Park, Thread Lake Park, and the Flint Tennis Club area in Kellar Park.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Washington

Supported by Commissioner Figueroa

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Clemons, Nealy

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

C. REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (KGCB)

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests approval to accept a grant, in the amount of \$12,000.00, from the Mary Elizabeth Adams Manley Beautification Fund through the Community Foundation of Great Flint for swing set safety improvements in the City of Flint parks system. No match.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Keeler

Supported by Commissioner Washington

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Clemons, Nealy

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3

D. REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (FRWC)

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval to accept a grant, in the amount of \$13,000.00, from the Community Impact Fund IV, Sara McDonnell Voyle Fund through the Community Foundation of Greater Flint for Kayak Flint programming. No match.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Lane

Supported by Commissioner Keeler

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Avery, Clemons, Nealy

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5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS—

Krapohl: Thank you to UAW local 659 for their contributions to the pavilion at Bluegill Boat Launch. It is great for the community.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Washington: Congrats and job well done to the Chief Park Ranger and Park Rangers. Thank you for your leadership.

Keeler: Are the native plants perennials?

Linihan: Yes.

Goetzinger: Noticed the stack of trusses at For-Mar.

Linihan: It's for the pavilion required through MiLeap as an educational space next to DeWaters.

Goetzinger: Congratulations to Keeler for reappointment to the Parks Commission.

Sylvester: June 2 at 10:00am – groundbreaking and ribbon cutting for the Anthony Ragnone Wastewater Treatment Plant – increasing efficiency, to keep rates in check, and reduce our footprint.

Lane: Congrats to the Park Rangers.

Krapohl: Flagpole damage has been submitted to insurance.

Krapohl: To Goetzinger and Board of Commissioners, we respect the process of the BOC, looking for continuous improvements and are happy to share information with the Board of Commissioners.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager, certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the May 22, 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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