



# GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

Get away. Right away.

COMMISSION MINUTES: June 12, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:

President Joe Krapohl  
Secretary Anne Figueroa  
Commissioner James Avery  
Commissioner Domonique Clemons  
Commissioner Gary Goetzinger  
Commissioner Michael J. Keeler  
Commissioner Cathy Lane  
Commissioner Kevin Sylvester

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vice President James Washington  
Commissioner Gloria Nealy

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tom Kehoe, 4304 E Stanley, Genesee  
Brandon Sandler, Genesee County Clerks Office

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: Avery, Clemons, Figueroa, Goetzinger, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Sylvester

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

#### 4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Free events last weekend
  - Genesee County Day saw almost 3900 people, county departments and other resources
  - Get Youth Outdoors day had a record of over 1000 people, UAW 659 gave away 264 fishing poles, new pavilion in full use
- Wolverine Campground exceeds expectations with 60% booked overall
- Mounds ORV is seeing an increase in attendance
- Boat launch attendance down due to cold weather and Lapeer County redoing the bridge
- Midwest Invitational Rodeo is this weekend
- Flint River Watershed Coalition open house today
- Construction crew completed accessible spots at Buttercup Beach
- The Native Plant Sale at For-Mar is June 28, pre-orders accepted until June 20
- Working with Gov Deals to get the Genesee Belle listed
- Welcome Scott Burnett, CRV Assistant Manager

#### A. REQUEST TO APPROVE AGREEMENT- FLINT INSTITUTE OF MUSIC

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval of an agreement with the Flint Institute of Music to provide contracted talent for ten events at various locations between June 25 and December 12. NO USE OF PARKS FUND. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

Krapohl: Like the old music in the parks.

Goetzinger: Is this a single person or couple people playing?

Linihan: Yes.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Clemons

Supported by Commissioner Lane

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Clemons, Figueroa, Goetzinger, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Sylvester

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

B. REQUEST TO APPROVE AGREEMENT – KEARSLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests approval of an agreement with Kearsley Community Schools to authorize use of the parking lot at Bray Rd and Carpenter Rd as a designated bus stop for students of Kearsley Community Schools and in accordance with the rules, regulations, and policies of the Commission.

Goetzinger: Will this change on demand?

Linihan: No, this is a regular stop.

Lane: Compliment to staff for looking for solutions in a professional manner.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Lane

Supported by Commissioner Sylvester

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Clemons, Figueroa, Goetzinger, Keeler, Krapohl, Lane, Sylvester

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Nealy, Washington

MOTION CARRIED 8-0-2

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS—

Krapohl: Update on the dam.

Linihan: Contractor is coming in to assess additional concrete repair and scheduling.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Keeler: Pat Cromley performs jazz at Pierce Park on Fridays through October for free. June 24, Spicer Engineering will be rolling out possibilities for Pierce Park solutions. Nominated Max Brandon to the Old Grow Network.

Clemons: New online system for Clerks Office – Official Records Online (ORO) requests, applications done online. Move to the tower August 4-8, so the office will be closed. Events – Saturday is the Veterans Resource Rally. Thursday, June 19 is the Max Brandon Juneteenth Celebration from 12-5, parade starts at 5.

Avery: Fundraising to recoup funds not received from federal for Berston Field House. The building is 70% complete. The property has not been developed. The goal is for the facility to be inclusive.

Sylvester: We had a great event last Monday for the completion ceremony of our digesters at the ARTP Wastewater facility, which produces the output. Thank you to Commissioner Figueroa for representing the Parks Commission at the event.

Lane: Accolades to all staff.

Figueroa: Events this past weekend were organized, effective, and smiles on staff faces. Applaud staff all over.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM.

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