



GENESEE COUNTY PARKS

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COMMISSION MINUTES: August 14, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Vice President James Washington
Secretary Anne Figueroa
Commissioner James Avery
Commissioner Bill Brandon
Commissioner Domonique Clemons
Commissioner Gary Goetzinger
Commissioner Michael J. Keeler
Commissioner Cathy Lane
Commissioner Kevin Sylvester

MEMBERS ABSENT:

President Joe Krapohl

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Jeff Johns, Deputy Director; Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager; Beth Schrader, Crossroads Village Event Coordinator; Jackie Domerese, Parks Communications, Event, and Brand Manager; Anthony Walter, Parks Operations Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Kehoe – 4304 E Stanley, Genesee, MI
Northwest Beekeepers 4-H Club

1. CALL TO ORDER. Vice President Washington 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. Vice President Washington 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-B AS LISTED IN PACKET.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Brandon, Clemons, Figueroa, Goetzinger, Keeler, Lane, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Krapohl

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

4. DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Thank you to Commission
- DeWaters pavilion update
- Kudos to Park Maintenance for their efforts on the trails and storm damage clean-up
- Friends of For-Mar: A Wine Walk with Friends is Friday – sold out event
- Halloween Hustle – present medal and race hat
- Day Out With Thomas – at Crossroads Village this weekend and next weekend
- Thank you to the Railroad Restoration Shop for their work on the new benches along the depot boardwalk at Crossroads Village
- Fairytale Festival attendance brought it into the top 5 events of the year
- Mott Lake Regatta – special shout out to Jackie Domerese, Beth Schrader, Anthony Walter, Ryan Farney, Rick Witham, and Jerry Henson for making the event successful

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE AGREEMENT – NORTHWEST BEEKEEPERS 4-H CLUB

Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval of a Partnership Agreement with the Northwest Beekeepers 4-H Club to provide and maintain up to 20 hives at Crossroads Village. Term: Through September 30, 2026. NO USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND. NO USE OF PARKS FUND.

Figueroa: Will there be presentations?

MSU: Yes.

Figueroa: Will you be harvesting honey to sell?

MSU: Yes.

Keeler: Do we have pollinator gardens at Crossroads?

MSU: Yes.

Johns: The Master Gardeners have planted pollinator gardens.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Lane

Supported by Commissioner Brandon

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Brandon, Clemons, Figueroa, Goetzinger, Keeler, Lane, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Krapohl

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

- B. REQUEST TO APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – SWEET TOOTH DESSERT TASTE FEST
Genesee County Parks and Recreation staff requests the approval to submit a Special Event Liquor License Application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to allow liquor sales at Sweet Tooth Dessert Taste Fest, held at Mott Park Rec Area on Sunday, August 31 from 2:00 – 8:00pm.

Brandon: Is this an annual event or first year?

Stetson: First year.

Brandon: Do we have any experience with them?

Stetson: Yes, they are park adopters.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Goetzinger

Supported by Commissioner Clemons

MOTION AND SUPPORT TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Avery, Brandon, Clemons, Figueroa, Goetzinger, Keeler, Lane, Sylvester, Washington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Krapohl

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-1

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS—
None.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Keeler: Litter in the road leading up to the area on the bike trail where the gate was removed.

Johns: We will address that.

Lane: Encourages MSU and 4-H Club to expand. Thank you to staff for efforts in City of Flint parks.

Figueroa: Thank you to staff. Good job. The parks are well utilized and well run.

Washington: To staff, "you're highly appreciated... staff and leadership are tremendous." Thank you to leadership for their influence. Appreciation to commissioners. Beekeepers will be a great program.

7. ADJOURNMENT. Hearing no objections to adjournment, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.

I, Melissa Gagne, Parks Operations Manager, certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the August 14, 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.