

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
GENESEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Harris Auditorium of the County Administration Building, 1101 Beach St., Flint, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

APPOINTED MEMBERS

Joe Krapohl, President
James Washington, Vice President
William Lucas, Secretary
Archie Bailey
Rose Bogardus
Raynetta Speed

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Dave Miller, Genesee County Road Commission
Bob Ranger, Jr., Designee
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Jeff Wright, Genesee County Drain Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

APPOINTED MEMBERS

Shirley Prater

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

None

STAFF PRESENT

Amy M. McMillan, Director
Ronald Walker, Facilities Director
Roxy Moreno, Planning and Development Director
Leisa Gagne, Financial Affairs Officer
Nancy Edwards, Recreation Program Specialist
Bob Davis, Park Planner
Kimberly L. Cunningham, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Olof Karlstrom, Commission Legal Counsel
Eldon Card, Citizen
Jeff Blackwell, Citizen
Don Dunklee, Citizen
Diane Densmore, Citizen
Ed Fuller, Citizen
Richard Doak, Citizen
Michael Dickerson, Citizen
Kurtis Silvey, Citizen
Ryan Moffatt, Citizen

OTHERS PRESENT CON'T:

Glenn Brown, Citizen
Betty Johnson, Citizen
Rich Richardson, Citizen
Arlene Minto, Citizen

CALL TO ORDER

President Krapohl called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. President Krapohl stated that the approval of the minutes of the January 13, 2006 meeting would be moved up to number 2 if there are no objections.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12 AND 13, 2006 MEETINGS

President Krapohl requested any corrections and/or additions to the minutes. Commissioner Bogardus asked that her comments on page 4 regarding measuring children be stricken from the record.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Washington, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2006 regular meeting as amended and the minutes of the January 13, 2006 strategic planning retreat minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STATEMENT FROM THE GENESEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is committed to providing many diverse recreational opportunities to our residents in the County Parks system. Recently we received a request to allow limited bow hunting for deer in certain county parks. While this request is sure to spark interest from many groups, the Commission will, as always, act in the best interests of our users and facilities.

Currently the Park Director and her staff are in the process of implementing many organizational and operational changes at park headquarters and Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad. This is in addition to the normal hectic activity of preparing the County Parks for the busy summer season. Therefore, it is the intent of the chairman of this Commission to appoint a committee to begin the preliminary research on what the process involves for investigating this request. The committee will not be for the purpose of determining if this request should be granted, only for identifying the process needed to fairly evaluate this request.

Before the Commission proceeds with determining the outcome of this request, we have a few issues to be resolved:

- The Commission is currently in a dispute with Oregon Township over placing park properties on the tax roll. Oregon Township takes the position that Genesee County Park properties should be placed on the tax roll and be taxed accordingly. The Commission believes that our properties are for recreational purposes and should be exempt from property taxes as per State of Michigan tax laws. The issue is now before the State Tax Tribunal awaiting a decision. While we are optimistic we will prevail in our appeal of this matter, we must not assume anything at this point in time. A decision against the Commission would not only affect the future of our park properties, but in addition all park property throughout the state. Marathon Township and the Village of Columbiaville also have placed park properties on their respective tax rolls. These are also being disputed through the appropriate appeal process and must be resolved satisfactorily.
- The Commission is also involved in many policy changes for how we operate at Crossroads Village and firmly committed to improving the operating efficiency at CRV while providing an outstanding venue and experience for our visitors. This is a

project that we have been involved with for the past year and committed to ensure that we follow it through to a successful completion and implementation.

- Finally, the Commission has a millage renewal request before the voters scheduled for the 2006 August primary. It is imperative that this millage request be passed. We as commissioners will be actively involved with promoting this millage renewal. If this millage renewal is not successful, the result would be the cessation of all operations and closing of the county parks which would be a travesty for the citizens of Genesee County.

When the Commission has a satisfactory resolution of these outstanding issues, we can then proceed with researching and evaluating this request for limited bow hunting. Finally, pending these resolutions, it would not be responsible and prudent on our part to allocate funds for any studies or hearings until we are assured that we have the necessary resources in place to continue long-term operations of the county park system. The Commission will make it known when this request will be discussed and conduct public hearings to allow public input on this issue.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

President Krapohl asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to address the Commission. President Krapohl stated that per Commission rules speakers have three minutes to make their comments and should state their name and address for the record.

Tom Wright of 12340 Miller Rd., Lennon, Michigan (Genesee County taxpayer) states the following:

He wanted to thank the Parks Commission for the comments on the bow hunting issue, which is the reason he is here. He wanted to put a little different angle on it as the Commission goes about their deliberations. He understands that it may take months or years to decide. He would like to approach it from an economic standpoint and from a quality deer management standpoint and what it means to the State of Michigan. Mr. Wright further stated that last year over 750,000,000 dollars was spent in retail sales related to just deer hunting alone in the State of Michigan. Other associated monies that were spent in the activity of deer hunting were over 1.2 billion dollars for the State of Michigan. Needless to say, deer hunting and the deer herd in Michigan are a vital resource to all of us, whether we hunt or not. We have learned over the years that there have been a lot of studies done and a lot of studies are going on now related to how best to manage the herd itself as a renewal resource. A lot has been done on quality deer management and the issue of maintaining the appropriate level or the appropriate population for the habitat and what the habitat can support is critical. If you get too many deer, you invite malnutrition and disease. Right now, the State of Michigan (the DNR) is going through and has been for the last several years extensive studies and looks at issues such as chronic wasting disease and tuberculosis disease. If we get chronic wasting disease in Michigan, we've got a major problem. Mr. Wright stated that he would just like to point out that there are other issues of whether just somebody has the opportunity to hunt or not. He thinks that as responsible stewards of a very vital natural resource, that being our wildlife, that we owe it to the wildlife to look at this in a responsible manner.

Lynn Roberts of 620 State Park Rd., Ortonville, Michigan (Oakland County), stated as follows:

He is here to ask the Board to consider opening Mott Lake to bow fishing for carp in the area that is east of Genesee Road. This is the area where two years ago the Parks opened to waterfowl hunting. Bow fishing for carp has a season that starts on May 1 and goes until August 15. Therefore, it wouldn't interfere with the early nuisance goose season, which starts on September 1. He stated that he realizes one of the primary concerns is safety. He has suggestions along that line where rules could be put in place that will not allow people to be wandering through the parks with a bow to fish. It is a state law that when you are transporting a bow in a vehicle it is either cased or unstrung. He further stated that if we use the boat launch that is at the Stanley Road area only for bow fishing and add a park rule where you could only transfer your bow to and from the boat and the vehicle at the water's edge of the boat launch that would eliminate anyone going through the parks property with a bow. Also, if you set a limit of where they could start bow fishing (within 100 feet of the boat launch), this would get them out and away from the area for bow fishing. The state also has a law that is in place that is wanton waste, which addresses the proper way to have your equipment. The arrow has to be attached securely to the bow to legally bow fish. This eliminates anyone from simply going out there and shooting arrows from their bow at the fish. This wanton waste law also covers the proper disposal of the fish, wherein the fish can't be shot and left on the water or on parks property. This wanton waste law is considered a misdemeanor and carries up to 90 days in jail and \$500 fine. Also, the other point Mr. Roberts wanted to make is if the Parks had a rule where you could only bow fish from a watercraft, it would keep people from wading the shorelines bow fishing and everyone would be out in the water and having a good time bow fishing.

Mr. Roberts further stated that he tried bow fishing on Holloway for quite a while and that worked out nice; but when you're bow fishing, you are standing in your boat waiting for a fish to come within 15 feet for a shot and out on Holloway there are the jet skis and people skiing. Riding the wakes while you're trying to stand in a boat, it gets a little rough at times. Mott Lake would be a good area for the bow fishing because the Parks already has in place a no wake rule, which is going to make it safer for the bow fishermen. Thank you.

Ed Fuller of 5374 Stanley Road, stated as follows:

He is a retired Local 599 member for 34-1/2 years. He is in favor of bow hunting on park property in the Hogbacks area. He has deer in his backyard every day and the deer are digging in his shrubs. He is a deer hunter and a bow hunter. He stated he likes deer. He has also had the opportunity to have property in northeastern Michigan where the tuberculosis came into our state. He also has had the opportunity to go to the Metropark area working with the DNR and the overpopulation of deer there. They did a study on the blood, fetuses and everything of the deer and how overpopulation affects those animals. We don't need chronic wasting disease and tuberculosis in the area and where the DNR would have to come in and kill all the deer. We have to manage our finances at home; we need to manage our wildlife; and we need to manage our deer as well in the Genesee County Parks area. Thank you for your time.

Don Dunklee of 11202 E. Carpenter Rd., Davison, MI stated the following:

Mr. Dunklee thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and wanted to leave a copy of his notes. He stated he is opposed to allowing hunting in the Genesee County Parks not from the point of view of a bow hunter more from the point of view of some other issues that are going to be involved. Like the bow hunter who wants to now add

another hunting function to the Mott Lake, the parks is going to have something out of control that they are not going to be able to afford down the road. Pretty soon, there will too many hunting activities and they are contrary to the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission. In a review of the original Master Plan and Purchase Agreements to that property, Mr. Dunklee thinks if you go back and look at the original sale of the Hogback area, one of the stipulations is that hunting is not to be allowed on that property as part of the original sale. Mr. Dunklee asked the following questions: Are portable tree blinds going to be allowed or are we going to put tree blinds in there at county expense? Are they going to be handicap accessible? What areas are the hunters going to be allowed in? Will it be a lottery system? Will it be anyone who wants to walk in and hunt? Education is important for the public at large--if they know hunting is allowed, you're going to have a problem with people thinking or assuming that once it's open they can go in at will and hunt during the season so that will make an overpopulation of hunters, which will create other issues. Has the park attorney advised regarding the legal issues regarding changing the Master Plan to allow hunting (that is a significant change in the Master Plan)? Will the park be closed to all other activities during the hunting season? Will hunters be required to drag their deer by hand or will they be allowed to take off-road vehicles back in there to damage the Hogback area (a sensitive area)? The parks don't have the ability to be able to police it. Right now, the parks have already closed significant areas in the parks in Genesee County because they can't afford it. How are you going to police the hunting issue? What fines are going to be in place for people who abuse it? Will there be day permits only? If you allow bow hunting now, is it going to expend to gun hunting? Mr. Dunklee said personally he would like to see what Detroit Metropark does with the deer population problem and controlling the deer.

Mr. Dunklee stated he is an organic farmer so he uses no chemicals or pesticides. He stated there is not an issue with overpopulation of deer eating his crops. He has a larger problem with people trespassing with four-wheeler, off-road vehicles destroying the crops. Actually, raccoons are more of a problem with corn than deer are. Deer do eat some of the crop, but they are more of a grazing animal. Raccoons love corn and they destroy more of his corn than the deer do. He stated he has had no significant problem with the deer. If you go on-line and look up a couple of the major seed companies that do test plantings in this area, this year they advertise that they have had one of their greatest yields of all time of their test seeds and test plots within a mile and a half of the Hogbacks. This would indicate to Mr. Dunklee that farmers are not having a significant problem if they advertise on open websites that they have record yields of corn. This contradicts any issues regarding the food.

Mr. Dunklee stated that he is opposed to changing the laws of the parks to allow any hunting. He further stated that he knows the parks has done it on a test basis, but he doesn't think the parks has the resources or tax dollars and he wouldn't be willing to approve the millage if hunting is going to be allowed in the parks in areas that should be for education of our people in Genesee County. He is in favor of making a bow hunting range to teach kids how to shoot—a passive range where they can go out and learn how to properly bow hunt, which could be sponsored by the DNR and the different bow clubs. To allow open hunting, Mr. Dunklee thinks that there are other resources that are more available and he doesn't think there is an overpopulation problem at this point. Thank you.

Diane Densmore of 4094 N. Washburn Rd., Davison, MI stated the following:

She is an Oregon Township resident, but a taxpayer in Genesee County as well. Her

husband and herself have pursued a lifestyle in that neighborhood for the better part of the last two decades. She stated they strongly oppose the opening of the Hogback area for hunting for several reasons, one of which is that the area surrounding the Hogbacks is already very heavily hunted. As the people on the park board already know, we always have problems with poaching and trespassing. Ms. Densmore's primary reason is that she considers that to be the last oasis in the area for those that enjoy horseback riding, hiking, bird watching, and she would really implore the board to consider the diversity of the activities and the fact that they all have a right to have a place where they can pursue those activities without the threat of hunting. She stated currently hunting starts October 1 and her animals and herself go into a lockdown mode and stay that way until January 1. They don't go out before daylight; they always come in before dark; they wear hunter orange; they try to follow all the rules. Unfortunately, the hunters that they encounter don't do that. She is very concerned about the impact that this type of abuse might have on her neighborhood. Thank you.

Richard Doak of 5345 Remington Dr., Lapeer, MI 48446 stated the following:

The Hogback area right now, as far as he can see, is kind of a stagger area outside of the equestrian area, which only comprises of a few acres of the whole piece of property there. Elba Road has been known for years to be a deer problem area for car accidents. At any time of the year, you can go down Elba Road from McDowell north and see a number of deer lying in the ditches. He walks that area every spring looking for dropped horns and the deer on the road are not the only problem. There are dead deer that crawl off that nobody ever takes into consideration. You can travel down the road any time of the day or night and you better keep your eyes open for deer. The deer are a consistent problem. Thank you.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. McMillan stated that there are a number of communications for your information today. She stated that she would like to alert everyone that Mr. Miller has been formally reappointed to represent the Road Commission on the Parks Commission. Ms. McMillan stated she would like to welcome him back and thank him for his service.

Ms. McMillan further stated that earlier this year she informed the Parks Commission that right around Christmas she received a very welcomed, surprise gift from the Mott Foundation in the direction of Ms. Lovett, who is one of their trustees, of \$40,000 which is to be used the maintenance and refurbishing of the buildings at Crossroads Village. We have thanked her and will keep her and the Mott Foundation Board up-to-date as to how we will be spending that money and the specific progress of those projects.

She further stated that the quarterly statement on the Martha K. Merkle Charitable Trust is also attached. As you know, the Merkle Trust underwrites approximately 40% of the operating costs of For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum.

She further stated that also included for enjoyment is a story from *The Burton News* regarding one of our seasonal employees. Harry Gruwell is one of our conductors at Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad. You can't miss him—he has a big handlebar, white mustache and he is really an outstanding member of our team. He is an expert at customer service and is very passionate about the Huckleberry Railroad.

REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Attorney Karlstrom stated they are still awaiting a decision from the Tax Tribunal concerning the Oregon Township issue. The case has been presented and it's before the judge and everybody is awaiting his decision. Oregon Township has also sued us for fire runs in the Hogback area and that case has been now been removed to the circuit court from the district court from where it was pending.

Commissioner Bogardus asked how much the Parks Commission is paying each year that we will be asking to get back if we win. Ms. McMillan stated that the Commission has paid a little over \$200,000 to date. Oregon Township's assessment of the value of those parcels they are taxing is nearly \$3,000,000.

DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT

Parks Status Report

Ms. McMillan asked Ron Walker for his report.

Mr. Ron Walker stated:

Stepping Stone Falls Trailway – We had discussions with the DEQ on the permitting process for that project and we are informed that it is in the public notification process. We have not received information on when that public notification will take place. It will take about 20 days to go through the process starting from approximately January 20.

Northeast Sewer Relief – It is proceeding down Stanley Road to the east and is at the corner of Stanley and Dort Highway right now. We met with the contractor at the Carpenter Road site for a roadway that needs to be installed for their pipeline. At the same time, we also need access for our trailway for asphalt and broad braces coming in. We are being able to work together with that so we can have two uses for that roadway.

Christmas at Crossroads – All the Christmas displays now are in storage and Christmas is done for the year.

Watershed Meeting – There is a Watershed meeting that will be taking place February 1 through the Drain Department (Water Management Department). Jim Gerth at the Drain Department can give you more information on that. Basically, the program is mandated through the federal government and gets down to the water quality of the State of Michigan and all of the storm water runoff that affects the park facilities also, which goes into Mott Lake, which is some of the reasons for our beach closings at Bluebell Beach. It ultimately all gets to the Great Lakes, which impact everyone in the state. This will be a very important meeting when it takes place.

Winter Sports Activities – We were very fortunate to receive some snow last Saturday. We were able to open up Toboggan Hill and some of our snowmobile areas for a short time. It was one to two days before we closed it again due to the snow being gone.

Ms. McMillan stated a couple of things of follow-up to Mr. Walker's report. First of all, just a reminder that the funding for the Stepping Stone Falls segment of trailway is coming largely from the State of Michigan through MDOT in an enhancement grant, through the Planning Commission's program that they administer "The Transportation Improvement Program", and through matching funds for those grants from the Ruth

Mott Foundation. We are getting about \$600,000 worth of project for less than \$20,000 of Commission money that will benefit park trail users county wide. This is a very big project and Mr. Walker is doing a very good job working through a rather intricate permitting process. The DEQ is sometimes a challenge to get through. Mr. Walker and the consultants are doing a very good job with that.

Ms. McMillan wanted to remind everything that regarding outdoor, winter activities, i.e. sledding, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, we do have two criteria that has to be met and those sometimes don't go hand-in-hand. One is that there must be at least three inches of snowfall and that is very easy to measure. The second that must be met is that the ground must also be frozen. Given the winter that we have had, it is possible for us to have three inches of snow and a pretty darn sloppy ground underneath. Even if we do have three inches of snow, the conditions may or may not be met for cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, or sledding. Last Saturday night was a pretty close call on the frozen ground issue, but because we did knew that people would be out and about, we did open up those sledding hills so that county park staff would monitor them. If you have neighbors or constituents calling you and asking, "why aren't you allowing sledding we just got a big snowfall", it is because the ground is mud underneath. Snowmobiles, sleds, and to a lesser extent, cross-country skis will tear up and damage the turf if the ground is not frozen. Those are the two criteria that we consistently require for those activities.

Ms. McMillan then asked Roxy Moreno for her report.

Ms. Moreno stated the following:

2006 Genesee Belle Brochures – The 2006 brochures are in. The brochures include lunch cruises, dinner cruises, and specialty cruises. You can pick them up from her today or stop in the office and pick them up. We have added a dessert cruise this year, which sounds really good, chocolate pizza or caramel apple cheesecake and a melon cooler punch. If that doesn't say summer, she doesn't know what does.

For-Mar Foundation Board Meeting – Nancy Edwards attended the board meeting yesterday. They approved that they were going to purchase some benches. They purchased one bench for the arboretum and six benches for the nature preserve.

For-Mar On the Road Program – The For-Mar On the Road Program is being funded by the Merkley Trust in the amount of \$5,000. All of the nature programs will be in the Celebrate Summer Fun brochure that will be coming out this spring.

Special Events – Nancy Edwards is in charge of the special events programs. She informed Ms. Moreno that there are already five fishing tournaments beginning Memorial weekend. The tournaments will be at Bluegill and Walleye Boat Launches.

Day Out With Thomas – Ron Walker and Roxy have been charged with making sure that Day Out With Thomas, which is going to be here August 18-20 and 25-27 at Crossroads Village, is an event that every visitor will leave having a wonderful experience. This is our objective. Yesterday, there was a preliminary meeting with the work plan team for the project, which is going to be a huge undertaking. We met with everyone closely connected with this event, from the retail operations to crowd control, marketing, food service. We have been in close contact with the HIT Entertainment coordinator, who is out of Allen, Texas, and who will be here for the six days of the event. The largest HIT Entertainment has ever had for a two weekend event is 52,000

people. We have had hundreds of requests for information from our website and hundreds of calls. We are expecting to have a really outstanding event and are going to do everything we can to make sure that anyone who attends has a wonderful, wonderful time.

Ms. McMillan stated as a follow-up to Ms. Moreno's report. Parks legal counsel and the HIT Entertainment legal counsel have agreed on the language required in order to meet the Michigan Freedom of Information Act requirement. The contracts were signed yesterday and put back in the mail so we are all set to go. We are also taking guesses (for bragging rights only—there is no financial benefits), but in our office, we like the opportunity to say "I told you so" or "I was right" about attendance. Ms. McMillan stated that she is at 40,000. So, if you want to put your guess in for numbers sometime before the event begins, please feel free to let us know. We are very excited about that event. Since we just signed contracts yesterday, no formal press has been done, but the response to the rumor mill has been phenomenal and we are really excited. We will also be coordinating with all of the appropriate local groups in terms of hoteliers and restaurant owners to allow them to cross-promote. We are really looking forward to a really exciting event, as are our volunteers and other support staff at Crossroads Village.

President Krapohl stated that they know that Thomas the Tank Engine is going to be a huge event. He has read through the contract that they have and it is very detailed on what the requirements are and he knows that it is going to take a lot of commitment from the staff to pull this off, but he thinks he speaks for the Commission when he says they are confident that they have the staff in place and this is probably going to be one of the outstanding summer events that has been seen in the County in quite some time. He further stated letting the staff know, Ron, Nancy, Roxy, Hilda, that the Parks Commission is comfortable with the direction that we are going in and that we know it is going to be a positive for the County. Thank you ahead of time.

Ratification of Payment of Bills – Ms. McMillan recommended approval.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Lucas, supported by Commissioner Speed to ratify payment of bills for the time period of January 5, 2006 through January 17, 2006.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: Bailey, Bogardus, Krapohl, Lucas, Speed, Washington, Ranger, Miller, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Prater

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9-0.

Ratification of Commissioner Investments – Ms. McMillan recommended approval.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Speed, to ratify wired payments of investments for January 4, 2006.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. McMillan informed the Parks Commission that if all continues to go well Mrs. Prater

should be joining us again in February. As you know, she has been recovering from an illness, but has been keeping in regular contact with our office so that she knows what's going on with the Parks Commission. We look forward to her physical return to the next Parks Commission meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

President Krapohl asked if any of the Parks Commissioners wanted to speak. There were none.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

President Krapohl asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to address the Commission.

Ryan Moffatt of 3422 Crandon Rd., Davison, MI 48423 stated as follows:

He supports opening the parks to bow hunting and that not a lot of people have access to land to hunt on. He further stated that he has to drive a while to go to property so he can hunt. Opening up the parks would allow more access for more people to be able to hunt. This would open up the doors for more people to actually get into hunting and give younger kids in the Genesee County area more things to do.

Kurtis Silvey of 1513 Colleen Ln., Davison, MI 48423 stated as follows:

He stated that his views pretty much reflect what Ryan said. He further stated that he has a two-year-old and a four-year-old and he has been hunting and fishing pretty much all his life. He thinks the values that hunting and fishing provide are very vital to children. With the video game age and the TV Age, this is something that we should cultivate and expand on. He stated that he doesn't own big tracts of land and he does have to travel to hunt so he thinks that the parks in the area would definitely make it easier for people that have children and can't get away to take hunting trips and to do things like that would definitely make it easier. The people that he hunts with and the friends that he surrounds himself with abide by all the laws and there are guidelines in place for that. There are guidelines in place for people that ride their horses and own land around there that would definitely be respected by people that he knows. For the select few that don't do that, there are laws in place to punish people for that. He stated he does support bow hunting and he thinks that it would greatly increase activities for kids and for families to share in the area.

President Krapohl stated he has two quick things. One, he stated previously he was going to appoint a committee. He knows of one Commission member who has expressed an interest. If there is any members of the Commission that would like to serve on the committee, let him know and he will take care of that at the next meeting. Number two, if there is anybody here today that would like to be notified when this meeting will be conducted to discuss the bow hunting issue, make sure you sign your name on the paper and we will notify you so you don't have to rely on the newspaper or the TV media for that.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objections, President Krapohl adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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