

**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, July 8, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Parks Administrative Headquarters, 5045 Stanley Road, Flint, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

APPOINTED MEMBERS

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

None.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

APPOINTED MEMBERS

Shirley Prater
Fred Shaltz

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

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

STAFF PRESENT

Amy M. McMillan, Director
Roxy Moreno, Planning & Development Director
Ron Walker, Facilities Management Director
Ruth Whitehead, Financial Officer
Hilda McShane, Marketing Specialist
Nancy Edwards, Recreation Program Specialist
Betty Miet, Stenographer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Barkey, Commission Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

President Krapohl called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Krapohl explained that because of the lack of a quorum, approval of the minutes will be referred to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

President Krapohl requested anyone wishing to address the Commission to state their name and address for the record and limit their comments to three minutes. No one from the public was present.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. McMillan pointed out the complimentary letters attached to the agenda. She explained that the Freedom of Information Act request from Bob Iwankiw on Mott Farm is also attached. That request was denied by Dan Harrell because it was too broad; he asked Mr. Iwankiw to narrow his request to specific documents. The copy of the FOIA from Matt Bach, Staff Writer for the *Flint Journal*, is also attached. Mr. Bach wanted the environmental assessment report completed on Mott Lake. She asked that he submit a FOIA request because he wanted it on the day it was released. The FOIA request was approved, and he received a copy.

REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Barkey reported that he has not received a notice from the Flint School Board regarding Mott Farm, as yet.

DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT

Parks Status Report

Facilities Management – Mr. Walker reported that at the last Parks' Meeting, the new playground equipment for Linden Park was approved. A pre-construction meeting will be held the last of July, and construction should start the first of August. At Crossroads Village, he explained that half of the boards are in place for the new wood boardwalk from Wisner Carriage Barn to the Village Chapel. The new steam boiler at the Cider Mill, to replace the old worn out one, needed to be repaired because the manufacturer had problems making the boiler. It should be back in place by next week. Regarding the Genesee Belle, he explained that the whole boat has been looked over and a few things had to be replaced such as a fan belt and water pump. At Timber Wolf Campground, new equipment was installed in the primitive toilets and they were painted. The Trustees have also been working on the entrance road. New 4x4 fencing has been installed to dress up areas where people are not supposed to drive.

Commissioner Bogardus asked if the whistle on the Genesee Belle has to be so loud? Mr. Walker stated that the whistle is needed to notify other boats on the water, but he will look into our ability to lower the volume. President Krapohl reported that some people have told him they were happy about Buell Lake. Commissioner Lucas stated that he has heard excellent reports on Wolverine Campground over the 4th of July. Ms. McMillan explained that there are very good staff out there this year, and they are getting very positive comment cards back. President Krapohl explained that he has had excellent comments on the second shift campground people out there.

Planning & Development – Ms. Moreno reminded everyone about tonight's Mustard's Retreat performance at For-Mar for the Music in the Parks series. She reported that the Flint Area Gospel Choir at Max Brandon Park was an outstanding concert with approximately 150-250 people attending. They passed out information packets that included "Vote August 3" on them. She also showed the Commissioners the new brown bag lunch bags for the Genesee Belle, created by the Print Shop. These bags also have the Genesee Belle Cruise schedule on them. These will be distributed to all Genesee County employees with their paychecks.

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Ms. Moreno praised Ms. Edwards' efforts with the big screen movies at Bluebell Beach. The movie shown was Shrek 1, which was very successful with 50-75 people sitting on the ground, and another 200 people in cars. Ms. Moreno pointed out various up-coming events from the "Celebrate Summer Fun Guide." There will be a Drum Making Workshop at the Linden County Park, a Star Party at Buell Lake County Park, and Ballroom Dancing at Flushing Park. Ten couples came to the first ballroom session, which includes three weeks of lessons. As a member of the Cumulus Club, these events are advertised on radio stations 105, 1570, 103.9, and 92.7. There are also commercials on CARZ 108.

Ms. Moreno reported that the Parks Commission was awarded a \$500 mini-grant from "Genesee County Beautiful." Children from Buenche Elementary School will tend a flowerbed at the front of Max Brandon Park, planting perennials, and then annuals in the spring. Commissioner Bogardus asked about planting bulbs in the fall. Ms. Moreno stated that she will suggest this to Brian VanPatten. She explained that part of the reason the Parks Commission was awarded this grant is because it is part of the grant that Bunche received earlier. Parks staff will do science and math testing with the children, also.

Ms. Moreno reminded the Commissioners that the Parks Report will be in the mail on August 16th or 17th.

She reported that there is a new penny press machine out at Crossroads Village. It is located at the Carousel, costs 51 cents, and produces a penny that is elongated/oval. Three collectors have already traveled specifically to see it.

Director's Report – Ms. McMillan pointed out the millage information available for the Commissioners. She explained that information has been handed out at Bluebell Beach, when people leave Crossroads Village, and tonight at For-Mar. Ms. Moreno explained there are 3,000 lunch bags available. Ms. McMillan reported that the Friends of Genesee County Parks will run television and radio ads soon.

Ratification of Payment of Bills –

Ms. McMillan stated that the ratification of payment of bills will be referred to the next Parks Commission meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

Ratification of Commissioner Investments –

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OTHER BUSINESS

None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Bogardus stated that as a Parks Commissioner for a total of ten years, she wanted to congratulate Ms. McMillan and staff for supporting a wonderful and active parks system. Commissioner Speed stated that she had an opportunity to ride the Genesee Belle on Memorial Day, and found it a very nice evening event.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no objections, President Krapohl adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Recorded by:

Betty Viet
Stenographer

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