

**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, March 24, 2005, 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

Bob Ranger, Jr., Designee
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT:

APPOINTED MEMBERS

Shirley Prater

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Bonita White, 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
Nancy Edwards, Recreation Program Specialist
Leisa Gagne, Financial Affairs Officer
Kimberly L. Cunningham, Secretary
George Wilson, Park Ranger

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Barkey, Commission Legal Counsel
David Graham, *The Flint Journal*
Raymond Hile

CALL TO ORDER

President Krapohl called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Krapohl requested any corrections and/or additions to the minutes.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Washington, supported by Commissioner Speed, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2005 regular meeting as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

President Krapohl advised that anyone wishing to address the Commission should state their name and address for the record and that comments will be limited to three minutes.

Charles Walton of 5118 E. Carpenter Rd., Genesee Township stated the following:

My purpose this morning is to inform the Board of a project that I would like to undertake in our township, which is the construction of a Veteran's Memorial. I became interested in this last summer when I visited the Davison Township Memorial, which is currently under construction. In discussing that with some friends, I made a visit to Clio and was equally impressed with what they had done for their veterans. At that point, I decided to visit Mr. Streeter, our township supervisor, and when I asked him why isn't this happening here, his response was "No one had expressed a concern". So, here I am. Mr. Streeter told me that I was the first one. It is no longer just me. There are others. On my way home that day from the Township office, I spotted what I thought to be the ideal location, which, unfortunately, is County Parks' property. This location is the southwest corner of Genesee and Stanley Roads, back behind the caboose. It is a very nice setting. They had done a nice job of making it look like a nice park. I don't know how much it gets used, but I'm sure if we used at least part it for a Veteran's Memorial, it would be better used. I have talked to the organizers of the projects in Clio and Davison who suggested that I talk to my County Commissioner. Yesterday, I spoke with Mrs. Bogardus and she recommended that I inform the Board today of my intentions. There are three other people that are members of my committee at this point, Jim Gray, Norma Vohwinkle, and Dave Stephens, who is a Township Trustee. Our hope is that we can work together to make a beautiful place to honor Genesee Township veterans. I thank you for your attention.

President Krapohl stated that if there are no objections from the Commission he knows that Mr. Walton probably has some concepts and ideas and to contact our Parks Director and work with her. I'm sure we can come up with some type of an agreement.

Mr. Walton stated that is very encouraging. This was a good use of his time this morning. He thanked the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. McMillan stated that we have the usual thank you letters for your review, but she would like to draw specific attention to a number of our other communications. First, there has been a considerable amount of interest on the part of the Commission and the constituents that you represent regarding the placement of the animals at Mott Farm. Ms. McMillan provided the Commission with an e-mail from Megan McMahon. Megan works for the Department of Environmental Quality as her profession, but her interest is animal rescue organizations. She is the person who is coordinating the placement effort of these animals. The e-mail that you have in front of you describes how each of the animals will be placed. We are working with Megan and with the Flint Community Schools to facilitate that process. Ms. McMillan stated she received an e-mail from Rachel Higdon at Baker College. The Baker Vet Tech program will be on-site on April 4 to do inoculations and vaccinations, dental work, and neutering because they have some grants to assist with that. The Baker Vet Tech program has committed to coming back to the farm to accomplish those things so the animals will be easier to place, which is everyone's ultimate goal.

Ms. McMillan stated that she also received a letter from some people who are concerned about the closing of Mott Farm and she provided a copy of that letter to the Commission (a handwritten letter).

Ms. McMillan stated that included is a letter that we sent to Mr. Wood at the Department of Natural Resources. Two meetings back, the Commission authorized us to request the granting of an easement through For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum for the purposes of constructing the northeast server interceptor.

Ms. McMillan stated we also have a request from Dr. Eric Rebek at MSU for permission to do a study at For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum to determine if we are infested and at what level we are infested with the emerald ash borer. Both our Horticulturist and our Naturalist are for this study, and unless there are any objections from the Parks Recreation Commission, it is Ms. McMillan's intention to approve the request that Dr. Rebek has made to us.

Ms. McMillan stated that we also have a letter from the new race director of the Crim Festival of Races. Deb Kiertzner and I met a couple of weeks back, and as you know, the Commission is a sponsor. We talked about increasing the number of programs and activities that the Crim does in the Parks and increasing our interaction directly with the Crim Training Program. Sponsoring the Crim Race is a really cost effective investment for us.

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Ms. McMillan asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Lucas asked if a vote had to be taken for the MSU study. Ms. McMillan stated no that she just wanted to let the Parks Commissioners know about it.

REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Attorney Barkey stated that he had two items to report. First, Attorney Barkey stated that the protest to the action taken by Marathon Township in assessing the parcels of property that are County owned and administered by the Parks was properly filed with the Board of Review for Marathon Township last week. The next step is that we will hear from Marathon Township about whether they will grant the protest. Attorney Barkey stated that he would be surprised if they granted it. He expects that further action will be necessary to appeal that denial to the Michigan State Tax Tribunal.

Fenton Charter Township – AYSO Soccer Complex

Attorney Barkey stated that the second item is regarding the AYSO Soccer Complex in Fenton Charter Township. He stated that before the meeting he passed out a copy of a resolution and insurance certificates to the Parks Commissioners. At the last meeting, the Parks Commissioners received a request to consider approval of the final implementation of the master development plan for the soccer complex. It was tabled until this meeting so that Attorney Barkey could see if he could get AYSO to give us insurance certificates. They insured not only the work they intend to do as part of the final development, but the summer's activities as well. One certificate has been issued in the name of the County and the other one has been issued in the name of the Parks Commission. Attorney Barkey proposes to the Parks Commission that they consider approving the requested approval of the final phase of the master development plan for the soccer complex in Fenton Charter Township conditioned upon securing this insurance and keeping this insurance in effect.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Lucas, supported by Commissioner Washington, to accept the Resolution granting approval to proceed with the final phase of the master development plan for a park/soccer complex upon lands licensed to the Township and sublicensed to AYSO Region 417.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT

Parks Status Report

Mr. Walker stated:

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Ingram Property Land Sale – The Ingram property land sale is now being advertised for sale and packets are available at the County Purchasing Department. We received some calls first thing Monday morning.

Railroad Shop – At the Railroad Shop, we are putting the tubes in the boiler on Engine 464. This is the start of the last step to getting 464 ready for operation. It is a pretty exciting time right now for the guys at the Railroad Shop.

Marathon Township – Staff is working on detailed maps to show those locations where we are being taxed. This is a real time consuming project.

Mounds ORV/Consumers Energy -- We met with Consumers Energy on installing a new 46,000-volt power line through the Mounds, along the railroad track. Consumers Energy has a current easement and there is an existing 46,000-volt line through there. They are needing to move that 20 feet either way so they are not working near the lines that are live. We are going to meet again on-site to see if it meets both our needs and to see what they are really proposing. When we see that, we will come back with something more detailed.

Crossroads Village Carousel – We are working on new gears in the carousel making sure it is all ready for spring. We will be looking at the clutches on the ferris wheel— pretty much getting everything ready for operation.

Ms. McMillan asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Walker. There were none.

4-C's Program at Courtland Center -- Ms. Moreno stated that the Parks' staff was at Courtland Center for 4C's days. There was over 1,000 children who came through our exhibit. Courtland Center was filled with a lot of exhibitors. The captain of the Genesee Belle worked at the booth and had a fishing exhibit where children could fish for a fish or seahorse. There was also hands-on activities for the children. It was a very successful day for us.

Reunion, Reunion -- Ms. Moreno stated that on March 19 a workshop was held at the Mill Street Dining Room called "Reunion, Reunion". There were about 150 people in attendance. People who attended were interested in planning some type of reunion.

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast -- Ms. Moreno stated that on March 13 the Lions Club had their pancake breakfast at For-Mar. The winning photos of the photo contest were also on display. The photo exhibit will be at For-Mar until March 27. After that date, a slideshow will be on the Parks' website.

Keep Genesee County Beautiful -- Ms. Moreno stated that on March 5 the Parks was also involved in the Keep Genesee County Beautiful conference. The Parks Commission had a table at the conference that day. Ms. Moreno stated that she asked

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Ron Walker's mother to be a judge for the leadership conference. Mrs. Walker was so nice and accepted and had a great time doing that. We really enjoyed working with her.

Music in the Parks -- Ms. Moreno informed the Parks Commission that we will be doing Music in the Parks again this summer. The first concert will be at Crossroads Village on June 21. Another concert is scheduled for July at For-Mar and at Linden County Park in late-July.

Ms. Moreno stated that today Hilda McShane is attending a Wayside Signage meeting which is part of the automotive heritage committee. We have the Wisner Barn at Crossroads Village. We also have the Billy Durant Garage at Crossroads Village. Those are two historical buildings that are historical to the automotive heritage of the area. We will have signage that will be placed probably on Bray Road telling visitors that those buildings are there.

Ms. Moreno stated that Nancy Edwards will be attending careers fairs starting next month. Ms. Edwards will also be working closely with Crossroads Village this summer to help with programming there.

Ms. Moreno asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Speed asked if this was the first time we did "Reunion, Reunion" and if we received bookings from it. Ms. Moreno stated that this was our fourth year and we did some receive bookings for our pavilions.

Ms. McMillan stated that for anyone who doesn't know Mrs. Walker, in addition to being Ron's mother, is also the chief operating officer of Walker Farms and Greenhouse. Mrs. Walker is really an expert in her right on plants and beautification and that is how she is involved in the Keep Genesee County Beautiful efforts.

Ms. McMillan also wanted to mention the Automotive National Heritage Area, which includes Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad. Ms. McMillan believes that signs will be at Stepping Stone Falls to highlight Mr. Mott's role in developing the Parks Commission and Mott Lake. The Automotive National Heritage Area is funded by the National Parks System and stretches throughout southeastern Michigan, including Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland, Ingham, and Genesee Counties. This is a very large project and it is a real privilege and honor to be part of it.

Application for Concession License

Ms. McMillan stated that you may recall during the budget process we determined that we were no longer going to operate concessions ourselves at Bluebell Beach, Buttercup Beach, or the boat launches. The Parks Commission will continue to operate our concession at Stepping Stone Falls. Part of the budget process asked the staff to bring back to the Commission a license agreement to which we could seek requests or

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proposals to provide concession operations at those facilities. Ms. Edwards put together the draft agreement and coordinated with our legal counsel. The result is before you. Our legal counsel also coordinated with the Risk Manager's Office in determining the insurance amounts that are required for the project. Ms. McMillan asked the Commission to review the Concession Agreement and approve it today. This will authorize us to contract for those services should there be an interest. Ms. McMillan stated that only pre-packaged foods would be sold.

President Krapohl asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Bogardus asked if we had privately operated these before and if this is just for this year. Ms. McMillan stated it will allow us to license vendors to sell food items on Parks' property. Commissioner Bogardus asked if they would be driving through the campgrounds. Ms. McMillan stated no. The Parks Commission has their own store at the campgrounds. They would only be selling at Buttercup Beach. Buttercup Beach has a separate parking lot and separate entrance from the campground.

Commissioner Lucas stated that we have these people coming on our property trying to sell food anyhow. He stated we might as well license them.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Lucas, supported by Commissioner Speed, to approve staff's recommendation of the application for concession license.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Request from Richfield Park BMX Association Contract

Ms. McMillan stated that the next action item is a request from Richfield Park BMX Association to renew their contract for use of the BMX track. The Commission has had a relationship with the BMX Association for many years. We have a formal contract that generally runs in a two-year cycle. The contract does require that the Association provide insurance to the Parks Commission and to the County. Ms. McMillan would like the Commission to authorize her and Mr. Barkey to approve a contract when the conditions of that contract regarding insurance are provided to us.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Speed, supported by Commissioner Washington, to accept staff recommendation for the renewal of the Richfield Park BMX Association contract subject to the receipt, review, and approval of required insurance by staff.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Linden County Park Non-Motorized Pathway Project Funding

Ms. McMillan stated the next item is notification that the Michigan Department of Transportation is awarding us a grant for construction of a pathway from the city limits of the City of Linden through Linden County Park to the corner of Linden and Owen Roads. This is a grant for which we applied for funding in December of 2001 and the State has just received the money that was required from the federal government. This grant would require the Parks Commission to provide approximately \$60,000 in cash matching funds. Approximately \$55,000 is cash to match the construction of the pathway itself. Another \$5,000 would be required to offset the engineering costs. ATIP Grant to the Planning Commission, which Mr. Ranger is familiar, is funding approximately 75% of the engineering costs. The Parks Commission does not currently have any funding allocated for these matching funds. We have had considerable discussions about how delicate our fund balance actually is. Ms. McMillan stated the Commission can decide to make three decisions today: 1) to reject the grant outright, 2) to accept the grant outright and authorize staff to take the matching funds from our fund balance, or 3) authorize Commission staff to seek that \$55,000 in matching funds prior to formal acceptance of the grant (Ms. McMillan's recommendation). The grant does go through the Road Commission. The Road Commission is the Act 51 agency—the Parks Commission is not. The Road Commission actually receives the funds. We would like the opportunity to try to come up with that \$55,000 since we have already got about \$15,000 of the engineering funds in the bank. Ms. McMillan stated she would hesitate to take the cash out of our fund balance at this time, particularly, as we still have tax issues pending in Lapeer County.

Commissioner Ranger asked how much time to we have to let the grant set there while we try to raise matching funds. Ms. McMillan stated that since MDOT has left it there for four years, before letting us know we are getting the money (which was not their fault), we do have approximately one year. Once we sign a contract, we actually have three years in which to construct the project.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Bailey, supported by Commissioner Bogardus, to authorize Commission staff to seek \$55,000 in matching funds prior to formal acceptance of the grant.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mott Lake Non-Motorized Pathway and Bridge Project

Ms. McMillan stated the Commission anticipating this grant award has already received the matching funds required for the construction of the Mott Lake Pathway and Bridge Project, which is consistently referred to in-house as the "Stepping Stone Falls Project", that will build a pathway and a pedestrian bridge at the corner of Carpenter and Bray Roads, where the current Flint River Trail ends over the river and through the woods to

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Stepping Stone Falls. We received \$140,000 in cash matching funds from the Ruth Mott Foundation at the end of 2004. Because there were four years that elapsed between the time we initially requested funding and the time that MDOT approved it, MDOT has additional construction requirements over the course of this time which would have increased the cost of the project. MDOT has actually assigned more dollars to us than we originally requested. We will be staying with our budgeted amount. We also have TIP money from the Transportation Improvement Program that is covering 75% of the matching funds. The Commission approved our acceptance of the funding from the Ruth Mott Foundation and the TIP Program and now just needs the formal approval of accepting the grant from MDOT.

President Krapohl asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Speed asked if the Parks Commission was using fund balance. Ms. McMillan stated we are not using fund balance. We actually set aside the money, which is approximately \$20,000.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Lucas, supported by Commissioner Washington, to formally accept the MDOT grant for Mott Lake Non-motorized Pathway and Bridge Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Washington, supported by Commissioner Speed, to ratify payment of bills for the time period of March 7, 2005 through March 14, 2005.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ratification of Commissioner Investments – Ms. McMillan recommended approval.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Lucas, supported by Commissioner Washington, to ratify wired payments of investments for the time period of March 2, 2005 through March 14, 2005.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS

For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum Master Plan

Ms. McMillan stated she has one item of other business. She stated the Parks Commission received a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Community Forestry Grants Program at the end of last year to develop a master plan for the arboretum at For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum. The DNR was only able to fund part of our request because of their own budgetary problems. Rather than the \$20,000 that we requested, the DNR was able to provide us with \$10,000. As a result of the reduction of that scope, we asked their permission to reduce the scope of our original project. Rather than doing the entire master plan at one time, we developed two phases. The first would concentrate on using the information that we have gathered for our inventory analysis to make specific recommendations regarding planting, the care of planting, and wildlife management. It will also review the programs that we offer as part of the Arboretum.

Since the DNR was only able to come up with \$10,000, we didn't want the project to run over \$20,000 because then we would have to pay anything in excess of our 50% match. We utilized the portion of the County's purchasing policy that allows us to seek quotes for projects under \$20,000. Mr. Van Patten, our horticulturalist, identified four very qualified firms from which to request quotes. Three of those four firms met with us a few weeks back at For-Mar. We developed a set of specifications for them in which to base a quote. All three of the firms in attendance provided us with a quote for the project. We reviewed the three quotes and selected two of the three firms to interview, which we did by phone last Friday. Those two firms are firms with which we have worked in the past, Rowe, Inc. and Wilcox Associates. We asked them a series of questions that were directly related to the proposal itself and to their project teams' experience because that experience is really what will make this project successful. After the interviews and after a further review of the proposals, we are recommending that the project be awarded to Rowe, Inc. Rowe, Inc.'s cost is higher than Wilcox. The purchasing policy does allow for us to make this recommendation for the Commission to approve it. The reason we are making the recommendation is because there is considerably more experience in arboretum planning and master planning on the Rowe team than there is on the Wilcox team. Very specifically, Rowe is subcontracting with Mr. Chapman, who is the director of Dow Gardens in Midland, which is a facility to

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which we all aspire in terms of quality. This will also provide significant training experience for our staff. We get a nice two for one benefit, not only the experience and expertise in planning, but also it will be an excellent professional development opportunity for our staff to work with Mr. Chapman.

President Krapohl asked if there were any questions or comments. Commissioner Bailey asked where the office of Wilcox is located. Ms. McMillan stated that Wilcox is located in Saginaw, Lansing, Traverse City, and a couple places in the state. Commissioner Bailey asked if interviews by phone for projects this complex were typical for the Parks and Recreation. Ms. McMillan stated yes this is typical. If it is a major project, like Phase 2, which is more conceptual, we will require in-person interviews. We will want to see examples of their design work.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Bogardus, supported by Commissioner Speed, for approval of the action requested items concerning the For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum master plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

President Krapohl asked if any commissioners would like to address the meeting.

Commissioner Bailey stated that he would like to discuss a couple issues. One is the Flushing Trail. Commissioner Bailey asked what the current status was of the Flushing Trail. Ms. McMillan stated the Flushing Trail is about 75% complete. As soon as the weather breaks, we expect that they will complete paving on the trail and the decking on the bridge. Commissioner Bailey asked, "Who are they". Ms. McMillan stated the contractor for the project. She stated that the Parks Commission is not actually administering the project. It is being administered by the City of Flushing, with oversight by the Road Commission. The City of Flushing is also an Act 51 agency.

Commissioner Bailey inquired about cleanup of the Mott Farm. He asked what is the plan for that. Ms. McMillan stated that it's the school board's responsibility for cleanup. They have provided to us a draft timeline, which we are in the process of reviewing. The Commission has authorized us to work with Insight Environmental in order to develop our own checklist so that when the cleanup is done we all agree that it is properly cleaned up and there won't be any dispute in the end. We will be meeting

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again with the school board April 15 (60 days out) for a progress report. We will be meeting with them again 30 days out and then again 15 days out so that we are all informed and on the same page. Commissioner Bailey asked who established the timeline for this cleanup. Ms. McMillan stated that the Flint Community Schools did. When the Commission took action to terminate the lease in December, it was to terminate with 180 days notice, which brings it to June 16. The Executive Committee met with members of the Flint school board and members of Mott Farm. Mr. Barkey has met consistently with the school district's legal counsel in order to facilitate the process and again make sure that everyone is on the same page.

Commissioner Bailey stated that since his appointment to the Board he has met with a lot of fishermen and women regarding the fishing derby on Mott Lake. Commissioner Bailey stated he has received a lot of information from them and has received a lot of information from Ms. McMillan. He stated today he is going to meet with the sponsors of fishing derby on Mott Lake so he will have all three points of view. Commissioner Bailey stated he wanted to advise the Chairman that at the next meeting he probably will make a recommendation for an advisory committee to be appointed by this Commission to review fishing derby activities on Mott Lake. Commissioner Bailey stated he's not interested in terminating them, but he is interested in the condition of that lake. He stated so far the two groups that he has received information from have a very distinct, but opposite, point of view. Today, he is going get a third point of view and at our next meeting he's going to make a request through the Chair for the appointment of a study commission to look at the total picture. Commissioner Bailey stated he understood a permit has already been issued for the derby for this year so it is probably too late for action. Based on the information he has received from everyone so far, Commissioner Bailey thinks it is an issue specifically for that lake that we need to look at. Commissioner Bailey stated he wanted to advise the Commission in advance that he'll be talking about that in detail at the next meeting.

Ms. McMillan asked for a quick clarification of terms from Commissioner Bailey. Ms. McMillan asked Commissioner Bailey by fishing derby did he really mean tournament. Commissioner Bailey stated yes tournament. Ms. McMillan stated the reason she wanted that clarified is because June 11 we have free fishing days and the Parks Commission sponsors a youth fishing event on Mott Lake and it is called a fishing derby.

Commissioner Bogardus stated that she asked Mr. Walton to come to the meeting today. She stated the problem in finding a place for the Veteran's Memorial anywhere in Genesee Township is that there isn't a municipal center. There isn't a city in Genesee Township and the Genesee Township facility is much smaller in area than what the other outlying townships have. Commissioner Bogardus stated that she is hoping we can come up with a location. She stated Mr. Walton immediately saw the tie in with the Lions Club flag displayed. Mr. Walton didn't really want to come down because he said he really doesn't have any definite plans. Commissioner Bogardus

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told Mr. Walton that he should come down and let the public know because there are a lot of other veterans in Genesee Township that may be interested in getting involved. Ms. McMillan stated that when we meet with him we will try to understand what his ideas are in terms of size and scale. Ms. McMillan stated that there is a memorial at Bluebell Beach, but it is specifically to honor the visits of the traveling Vietnam Wall to the park and to recognize Vietnam era veterans. Ms. McMillan stated we have enough property in Genesee County in high visible locations. Ms. McMillan stated she would be happy to meet with Mr. Walton.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

President Krapohl asked if any other members of the public wished to comment.

Rod Chapman from Richfield Township stated the following:

Mr. Chapman wants to meet with Commissioner Bailey since he sponsors a tournament on Holloway. He is working with Nancy Edwards on the youth tournament/fishing derby. If anyone has any concerns or questions, he stated he would be glad to help. Mr. Chapman stated he has been sponsoring tournaments for seven years. He stated that he had concerns last year when the gentleman was raising heck about Mott Lake. A lot of the information he put out was not true. Commissioner Bailey stated he planned to meet with Mr. Chapman after the meeting today.

William Kerrison of 9132 Lawncrest Dr. stated the following:

Mr. Kerrison stated he would like to address what Mr. Chapman said about the information that he put out not being correct. Mr. Kerrison stated he is one of those tournament anglers. He is not just someone who fishes the lake. Mr. Kerrison stated that Mr. Chapman, he is sorry to say, sadly mistaken about the information that Mr. Kerrison put out about the horsepower on the boats and not being able to do no wake. Mr. Kerrison stated he is also a master ASE and state certified mechanic. Mr. Kerrison stated if anybody would like to check his credentials on this he would be more than happy to prove his insight on this. Mr. Kerrison stated the stuff that is going on with Mott Lake with the no wake instilled on these tournaments is definitely a bad, bad situation. This lake is too shallow. It's no wake. If you put boats with 18 to 20 foot on there with 225 horse motors on the back of them, they are not capable of going no wake. The speed those engines have to be idle at, once you put in it gear, you don't have to get it any throttle at all and you are already breaking the law on that lake. I've watched hundreds of bass boats leave that dock and, granted they try hard to make that boat go no wake, they get going and ease back on the throttle a little bit, the boat stalls. They do that two or three times, the throttle goes forward, the wake hits both shores—that's breaking the law. Personally, Mr. Kerrison doesn't understand how you guys can hand out permits to allow boats on the lake that aren't capable of being within the law that is on the lake. Thank you.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no objections, President Krapohl adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Recorded and transcribed by:
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