

**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, May 26, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission, 5045 Stanley Road, 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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

APPOINTED MEMBERS

Shirley Prater

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Dave Miller, Genesee County Road Commission

STAFF PRESENT

Amy M. McMillan, Director
Ron Walker, Facilities Management Director
Roxy Moreno, Planning & Development Director
Nancy Edwards, Recreation Program Specialist
Leisa Gagne, Financial Affairs Officer
Kimberly L. Cunningham, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Barkey, Commission Legal Counsel
David Graham, *The Flint Journal*
Eric Hopson, Genesee County Purchasing

CALL TO ORDER

President Krapohl called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

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Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Washington, supported by Commissioner Speed, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 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. There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. McMillan stated that she wanted to draw special attention to the letter to the Mott Foundation. She stated a little over a month ago when the Commission accepted the report from the consultants on the efficiency study of Crossroads Village; they directed the Parks Commission to seek funding to implement some of those changes. Ms. McMillan further stated she has been meeting with the Mott Foundation and have a proposal into them for their consideration in the amount of \$400,000. This will assist the Parks Commission with the top priorities of some of the policies and practices outlined in the proposal as well as assisting the Parks with some programming costs this summer, with signage, and with a major landscaping initiative at the Village. Ms. McMillan stated that she hopes by the next Commission meeting she will have more specific direction from the Mott Foundation regarding that proposal. She further stated it is being considered under the Presidential Fund of the Mott Foundation and Mr. White is involved in that process.

Ms. McMillan stated that in the Commission packet there is also a letter from the James Welch Foundation notifying the Parks Commission that they have been funded for \$5,000. This is a grant proposal that Nancy Edwards wrote to support our summer programming. Ms. McMillan stated we are very excited about that and that this is one of two grants we received to support our For-Mar on the Road programming this summer. This grant is going to go a long way in providing services for a lot of folks.

Ms. McMillan stated that also enclosed is a copy of Resolution 05-169. The Resolution is by the County Board assigning the Project Labor Agreement to our painting project at Crossroads Village. Ms. McMillan stated that she also has late-breaking news regarding the painting project, which is added to the agenda today.

REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Attorney Barkey stated that he has two matters to report. The first, through the good work of the Director, two organizations have voted to support our position in the Oregon Township/Marathon Township tax dispute. The Michigan Association of County Parks

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& Recreational Organizations and the Michigan Recreational Professional Association have both endorsed our position with respect to those tax disputes. Attorney Barkey stated he will be in contact with them to determine whether they will take a step beyond that and file as a friend of the court in that tax dispute adding their clout to our position, giving a policy dimension to the position that we are taking so it is no longer a local issue anymore. It will be more of a statewide issue and the Tax Tribunal will have that before them when they consider our position.

Second, regarding Mott Farm, Attorney Barkey stated we finally have a checklist between the Flint Community Schools and the Parks Commission. There are 33 items on the checklist. He stated we have agreed to what items are on the checklist, but haven't quite come to full agreement about what steps need to be taken to satisfy both parties with respect to every one of those items. Notably among those items that are not resolved are the environmental items, which both sides are working on the environmental issues presented by closure of the farm. The good news is that on the other items, the removal of buildings, the cleanup of the site, and the like, very gratifying progress is being made. For the most part of the 33 items on this list that are non-environmental in nature, agreement about what needs to be done in order to resolve it and steps that need to be taken to resolve each of those items have been achieved and tremendous strides have been taken. We are confident that the vast majority of those items will be addressed and will be taken care of by June 16 when the farm closes.

President Krapohl asked if there were any questions for legal counsel.

Commissioner Bogardus asked if the Tax Tribunal decision was a final decision and if it can be appealed anywhere. Attorney Barkey stated it could be appealed to the Court of Appeals. Commissioner Bogardus asked if the National Parks and Recreation Association apt to weigh in on a state issue. Attorney Barkey stated they are not likely to. He further stated that we have made a request to the Michigan Municipal League that they consider intervening, but they may not because they have constituents on both sides of the issue. Attorney Barkey stated that state laws differ from state to state with respect to the taxation of public property. Attorney Barkey also stated he doubts that they would have an interest sufficiently strong to intercede.

DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT

Parks Status Report

Mr. Walker stated:

Memorial Day – Memorial Day is just around the corner and the fireworks permit has been approved for fireworks on the 29th. As long as there is no lightning, we're good.

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Mounds – At the Mounds on the 15th of May, we had an exceptional first day when we opened the Mounds for the rest of the area. Before May 15th, the Mounds is limited to the scramble area. It was almost a record day for attendance and revenue that was brought in that day.

Wolverine Campground – At Wolverine Campground, the staff was busy putting out the fire rings, getting the grass mowed, and turning the water back on. We are all set for that.

Crossroads Village – At Crossroads Village, we had to replace a couple of the boiler tubes on the sawmill. This was a hurry up project to get it completed so we were operational on opening day.

Boat Launch – The boat launch at Linden County Park was closed on May 15th. A few people launched their boats—not a great deal, but enough to make it worthwhile for their investments.

Flushing County Park -- At Flushing County Park, the Flushing Trailway has pretty much been completed. We have a punch list to do yet and to go through. We are going to be walking through that Friday morning with Rowe Engineering going over some of the concerns that we have from the Parks' point of view. The view from the bridge over the Flint River is excellent. It is quite a site. I'm sure that everyone will enjoy the trailway.

Painting Bid Tabulation -- Ms. McMillan stated to add on to Mr. Walker's report; the Commissioners have in front of them the bid tabulation for exterior restorative painting of various buildings at Crossroads Village. She stated that you would recall we have had conversations about the painting project at recent Commission meetings. These bids were received by the Purchasing Department yesterday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. They were evaluated by the Purchasing Department and by our staff and we are ready to bring them to the Parks Commission today for a recommendation. Normally, we wouldn't want to bring something of this magnitude to you so quickly, however, this is a very time sensitive project. Ms. McMillan stated we want people to begin painting next week and to take advantage of the good June weather and the relatively slow start to the season for some of our painting contractors.

Ms. McMillan stated the project was bid in such a way that each bidder bid separately on each building at Crossroads Village. They bid that way with the understanding that any single building could be awarded to any contractor and any combination of buildings could be awarded to a contractor based on whether they were the lowest qualified bidder. The lowest qualified bidders are those with stars on the bid tabulation sheet. Each of these bidders have met the requirements in terms of the major contract addendum, which is the Project Labor Agreement; any insurance requirements that we have; and if they do not have a Certificate to do Business approved yet, it is pending.

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When we ask you today to award these bids, if a company's Certificate to do Business with Genesee County is only pending, your vote today is pending the successful completion of that process. The manner in which we will also ask you to approve the bids will allow administration to go to the next lowest qualified bidder if a bidder declines to do the work and if we can afford to do that. In some cases, there are only a few hundred dollars difference in the prices. In some, there are several thousand. So, we will need to stay within our budget regardless, but that will give us the flexibility to hit the ground running and get this major project underway. The sources for our funding are a \$40,000 grant from the Mott Foundation (which was one of their trustees initiatives at the end of the last calendar year) as well as funding from one of our endowment programs at the Community Foundation that provides us with a regular source of income to do special projects at Crossroads Village. Mr. Hopson is also here from the Purchasing Department. If you have any questions regarding the bidding process, either he or Parks staff would be happy to answer them for you.

President Krapohl asked if any of the Commissioners had any questions.

Commissioner Bailey asked if they have provided proof of insurance. Ms. McMillan stated they are required to do that in the bidding packet.

Commissioner Bogardus asked if the painters would be painting when people are in the Village. Ms. McMillan stated sometimes yes. She stated we are hoping that they can schedule their work either before 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday through Friday or anytime during the day on Monday and Tuesday because we are closed on those days. Ms. McMillan further stated that clearly our painters come in modern vehicles with modern equipment, but the restoration process, in itself, is educational for people who are at the Village and we tend not to get complaints if people see that there is something big going on. Our big thrust is to get in there and get it done. Commissioner Bogardus asked if there was a timeframe. Ms. McMillan stated at the pre-bid meeting one of the main focuses was that time was of the essence. The bidders understand that this is a project that once a bid is awarded that progress is expected immediately. Commissioner Bogardus asked if there was a starting time in the bid packet. Ms. McMillan stated yes that it was included in the packet.

Commissioner Speed asked who the fifth bidder was. Ms. McMillan stated that the fifth bidder was Stanaj Development, which is a company from outside of Genesee County. Ms. McMillan believed from the Wayne County area. In almost every single case, they were by far the highest bidder.

Commissioner Wright asked if the contractor would be required to put up a performance or guaranty bond. Ms. McMillan stated she didn't believe we required a performance bond. Mr. Hopson stated he wasn't sure if a performance and payment bond was required. Typically, when we ask for them, it is at 100% of the contract value. Mr. Hopson stated he didn't have the document in front of him. Also, he stated as a matter

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of clarification, the County typically include in all of our bid packets a bidders insurance checklist that is developed by the County Risk Manager. Upon getting awarded the contract, a successful bidder has to provide proof of insurance consistent with the bidder's insurance checklist before they can begin work.

Commissioner Wright stated that he didn't want to hold up the project, but he was looking to see if a performance bond was required. He stated it would be something worth having and that, normally, performance bonds have two years of performance. Ms. McMillan stated that we do have warranty requirements. She further stated that when the Parks does a major construction project a performance bond is required. She further stated that for some of these painters the work that they have been recommended to be awarded is less than \$10,000. A performance bond can add up to 20 to 30 percent to a \$10,000 project budget. Ms. McMillan stated that it is a balancing act.

Ms. McMillan stated that she is requesting that the Commission award the following projects to the following bidders:

1. Davison Depot to Niles Industrial; \$8,070
2. Fowler Barbershop to All Pro Painting; \$2,840
3. Clayton Township Hall to Genesee Painting; \$4,491
4. George Durand Law Office to All Pro Painting; \$2,875
5. Ice House to Genesee Painting; \$2,338
6. Wisner Carriage Barn to All Pro Painting; \$4,560
7. Mill Street Warehouse & Dining Room to Valley Painting; \$12,327
8. Atlas Mill to Valley Painting; \$11,025
9. Gazebo to Valley Painting; \$1,883
10. Buzzell House to Valley Painting; \$4,117
11. Coldwater Road Chapel to Valley Painting; \$5,101
12. Fox House to Valley Painting; \$6,135
13. Meeting Hall to Valley Painting; \$3,319
14. Durant Barn to Valley Painting; \$2,614
15. Manwaring Building to Valley Painting; \$3,622
16. Attica Hotel to Valley Painting; \$10,029
17. Charles W. Parker Carousel to Niles Industrial; \$9,398
(Friends of the Carousel is helping to offset the cost of painting that building. They have already committed to a \$5,500 donation.)
18. Calkins Barn to All Pro Painting; \$8,920
(You will note that there is a considerable difference between the lowest bid and the highest bid on the Calkins Barn project. Mr. Walker did speak with All Pro Painting and confirmed that this was, in fact, a good price for them.)
19. Fenton Carriage Barn to All Pro Painting; \$3,785
20. Eldridge House to Niles Industrial; \$4,342

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Ms. McMillan stated that the total amounts to be awarded are Valley Painting \$60,172; All Pro Painting \$22,980; Niles Industries \$21,810; and Genesee Painting \$6,829. The grand total is \$111,791.

Mr. Hopson stated that a performance bond is not required. However, there is a guarantee in the bid packet that reads:

The successful contractor shall guarantee all workmanship and materials to be free from defect, rust and/or peeling for a period of one year from date of final completion. Upon notification, the contractor shall within five working days correct such defects and/or deficiencies at its own expense. Final acceptance does not relieve a contractor or firm of responsibility for latent defects or deficiencies.

Mr. Hopson stated that providing a performance or payment bond is an additional expense to the contractor, which would be reflected in their bid.

Commissioner Ranger asked if All Pro was checked because of the price being half the price on the Calkins Barn. He asked did you check on any of the other ones because there are a few other ones that are 50% less. Is there a reason why some of them are only 100 and some are 50%? Ms. McMillan stated that the Stanaj Development's bids are essentially for the Davison Depot twice the amount of the others. She stated that they don't know for certain, but reasonable expectations are that they are not from the area; they may have had a different understanding or approach to the project; or they may not have done work in Genesee County before and decided that they would like to get into the bidding process, but maybe weren't able to accomplish the jobs so their bids are higher; sometimes companies will throw something at the wall and see what sticks. As Ron has talked about at previous meetings, when we got quotes on these projects last year, almost all of our verbal quotes came in at double the amount of what we are paying this year. Sometimes, contractors have a different perspective about what the job is really worth to them and what their costs really are. There is no way of telling what an individual bidder's philosophy was and the manner in which they approached the project. Commissioner Wright stated that usually the ones that are bidding high are pretty busy already. Commissioner Ranger stated he understands that but he wanted to know why we checked out one bid on one building to make sure that was a good bid. Commissioner Ranger asked if that was correct. Ms. McMillan stated she did say that. Mr. Walker stated that the reason for that is that he saw that there was a \$20,000 difference, but he didn't notice that the next low bid was \$11,000. He stated he saw the \$20,000 and he thought he'd better call and make sure that their bid was good bid before we accepted it.

Commissioner Bailey asked Mr. Hopson if the guarantee that he read to us County language also and how does it equate with a performance bond. Commissioner Bailey

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further stated that the premium on a \$1,000,000 performance bond is about \$8,000 and on one of these it is minimal. Commissioner Bailey asked what is the difference Mr. Hopson stated that in some instances it is wise to get a payment and performance bond. Being able to collect on a payment and performance bond is another matter. In some instances, it is not always wise to demand a payment and performance bond because typically the bonding company rather than payout will hire another contractor to complete the job. In some instances, given the value of the contract itself, it might be more prudent to establish criteria as to what is acceptable work. It is the intent to not pay the contractor until the work is completed because of the additional expense associated with getting a performance and payment bond and the difficulty associated with being able to collect on a performance and payment bond. Most bonding companies before they payout will offer other remedies, and in fact, that is typically the language in a performance and payment bond. Usually a bonding company has several remedies. One of those remedies is to get another contractor to complete the work. Ms. Hopson stated, in his view, it really depends on what you are attempting to accomplish, the value of the contract, and how the bidder is being paid for completing the work.

Commissioner Bailey asked what is the payment schedule for this project. Ms. McMillan stated payment is made at the completion of the project. Commissioner Bogardus asked if it is building-by-building, company-by-company. Ms. McMillan stated building-by-building.

Mr. Hopson further stated that if you were going to award all the buildings to one vendor it might have been prudent to ask for a performance and payment bond. To the extent where we are dividing the work up, this may take away from the value of having a performance and payment bond in place with respect to individual contractors being awarded certain components of the work. Mr. Hopson stated that if we were making progressive payments to the contractor that would be more of a concern. If the contractor failed to complete the work and you had already paid 50% of the value of the services, then, obviously, that would be a concern. If your intent is to pay the contractor upon completion of the work, this is less of a concern.

Commissioner Wright agreed with all of Mr. Hopson's points and this is a smaller project. The performance bond has more to do than just paying a contractor. If they don't go in there and prep the buildings properly, the paint could peel off in two, three or six months. This is where a performance bond protects. The fact that the paint job is defective and doesn't show up until after the fact you would have a legal vehicle to at least get the bonding company to get somebody back out there to fix it. There is some language, according to Eric, in there that there is a warranty, but there is no teeth to that. You call up a contractor and say, "your job's messing up" and the contractor says, "I don't think so. I'm not going to do anything with it." Commissioner Wright stated he recommends in the future that on all projects, the Parks Commission consider a performance and guaranty bond because at the end of that two-year period most

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contractors that he deals with state it is a cost of doing business. It protects the Parks Commission and contractors get the money back at the end of two years. It is not something that really comes out of the contractor's pocket.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Lucas, supported by Commissioner Wright to accept the recommendation for the exterior restorative painting of the buildings at Crossroads Village as listed in the bid packet and memorandum.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. McMillan then asked Ms. Moreno for her report.

Mrs. Moreno stated:

Adopt-a-Park – We have a lot of interest in the adopt-a-park program. G.L.O.W., which is a walking group, was out to Richfield Park on the 15th of May and cleaned up around Pavilion #4.

Flint River Watershed Coalition -- On May 21st, the Flint River Watershed Coalition had their big Flint River cleanup, all the way from Lapeer to Flushing. Ms. Moreno was at the Holloway Dam site. There were about 20 to 25 volunteers there. Ms. Moreno passed around pictures of the volunteers at Holloway. Mr. Walker's staff picked up the many bags of trash that they pulled out of the river, along the shore, and in the woods. There were even fisherman on the cement area of the Holloway Dam when we were cleaning and they were inspired to help us clean.

Asthma Walk -- The Asthma Walk at Bluebell Beach was also May 21st. There were a lot of walkers at the event.

For-Mar Hearing Impaired Hike – Also on May 21st at For-Mar, we had our first hearing-impaired hike. This is a new area that we are getting into. We are fortunate to have a very knowledgeable seasonal employee who also knows sign language and has been doing it for years. She came up with the idea of this new program. The hike was very successful.

Radio Interviews/Senior Power Day -- Ms. Moreno stated she did a couple of radio interviews yesterday morning on CARS 108 and WFNT. WFNT was a huge sponsor of yesterday's Senior Power Day at Crossroads Village. Ms. Moreno passed around

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pictures of Senior Power Day, which included pictures of the Governor receiving a gift basket from Joe Krapohl. There were about 1,700 people attending Senior Power Day.

Music in the Parks – Ms. Moreno stated that the Park Commissioners should have received their invitation to the Music in the Parks fundraiser on the Genesee Belle. Ms. Moreno passed out extra invitations to the Park Commissioners to display in their office so people know that the fundraiser is coming up. The invitations also list the concerts scheduled. Ms. Moreno stated that three concerts would be at For-Mar, Linden County, and Crossroads Village.

Burton Rotary Pavilion - Ms. McMillan stated that the Burton Rotary is just about finished with the pavilion at Davison Roadside Park. The Rotary has extended an invitation to all of the Park Commissioners through Ms. Moreno. She stated that she would make sure everyone gets an e-mail or letter to attend the dedication on June 30th at 12:00 noon. Ms. Moreno stated that Commissioner Hammon and the Burton mayor would be there, along with other dignitaries. Ms. Moreno stated it really turned out to be a really nice pavilion.

Crossroads Village Themed Months - Ms. Moreno passed out a brochure talking about the themed months, June, July, and August. The brochure gives information on what is happening June (Flint's Firsts), July (Crossroads Country Fair), and August (Trains, Planes, and Automobiles). Ms. Moreno stated if the Park Commissioners need more of these please let her know and she will make sure they get more.

Parks Reports - Ms. Moreno stated that she has Parks Reports available if anyone would like extra copies.

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

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Washington, supported by Commissioner Lucas, to ratify payment of bills for the time period of May 9, 2005 through May 17, 2005.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ratification of Commissioner Investments – Ms. McMillan recommended approval.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Speed, supported by Commissioner Washington, to ratify wired payments of investments for the time period of May 2, 2005 through May 9, 2005.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. McMillan stated that it appears that due to vacation schedules we may have a quorum issue in July. Ms. McMillan stated what she would like to do is move the 14th meeting up to the 7th if at all possible. Ms. McMillan stated that this is the Thursday after the 4th of July. Because we did adopt the meeting schedule, we will need a vote to make that change.

Action Taken – Motion by Commissioner Lucas, supported by Commissioner Ranger, to change the July 14, 2005 Commission meeting to July 7, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the County Parks Administration Building.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. McMillan stated that Kim would make the necessary notifications through the legal process.

Ms. McMillan stated that she has one other item of other business today. Some of you may know and others may not, Dave Graham is retiring from the *Flint Journal* at the end of this month. This is his last official meeting with us as a reporter from the *Flint Journal*. We would just like take a minute to recognize all of the great things that he has done for Genesee County Parks in promoting our facilities through making people aware of the various programs and facilities that we offer. He has also been a great user of the Genesee County Parks and we hope that he will continue to be in his semi-retirement. Ms. McMillan stated that we put together a little Parks gift basket for him. Nothing of great financial value, but we hope he appreciates the sentiment. Ms. McMillan stated we really wish Dave well in his retirement.

Mr. Graham thanked the Parks Commission. He stated that he has been covering the Parks on and off for 35 years. He was a Lapeer Bureau reporter in the early 1970's and covered a meeting where Ken Smithee had to hold off a bunch of really ticked off Holloway Reservoir residents who were losing their houses and property for the Holloway Park. He further stated he covered the opening of Crossroads Village in 1976. He also stated he has fond memories of that day. He stated it was a great pleasure covering the Parks for all those years. Thank you very much.

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Commissioner Bogardus asked if the Parks Commission could offer Mr. Graham a contract for goose removal from Mott Lake.

Commissioner Wright congratulated Mr. Graham and stated he did a great job on the rustic camping article.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

President Krapohl asked if there were any Commissioners who would like to address the meeting.

Commissioner Wright asked if there is a program in the Hogbacks or Toboggan Hill area where the Parks is marking trails. Ms. McMillan stated no. Commissioner Wright stated he was out there last week and someone has gone through the trails and put a yellow triangle on just about every tree. He stated you couldn't go down the trails without seeing 20 triangles. Ms. McMillan stated she would go out and take a look and get back to Commissioner Wright.

Commissioner Bailey stated he wanted to wish to his neighbor and fellow Scot happy retirement. He stated that his wife, when she was on the Board, had a lot to do with Christmas at Crossroads and establishing it. She gave great credit, but not often to the *Flint Journal* for making that first Christmas at Crossroads successful.

Commissioner Bailey stated that he chairs VAAA and he wanted to tell this Board that there is great concern on that Board about what is being done with these geese. He stated that Ben Mata has a theory that hummingbirds come from South America and - descend on the backs' of these geese. Commissioner Bailey told Ben that we would have him at the Parks to check out these geese. Ben believes that they serve as a magnet for hummingbirds. The meeting really got out of hand because people didn't know whether Ben was serious or not. Commissioner Bailey stated he would like Ms. McMillan to send out an inspector to check these geese to see if there are any hummingbirds on them, stuck to their wings or whatever it is. Ben is convinced that if we get rid of these geese there will be no hummingbirds in the area. Ms. McMillan stated that that is an interesting theory. She stated that she will let the goose chasers know that because she's not getting close to one of those geese without extreme protective wear and/or one of Dave Graham's guns. Ms. McMillan stated she doesn't know if Mr. Mata was being facetious or not. She knows that he is a very colorful storyteller. She stated that for those people who may be concerned about something like that, there is no hummingbird habitat at Bluebell Beach where the geese are leaving daily reminders of their presence. Also, there was a story in the *Free Press* yesterday about the dearth of Canada geese everywhere other than the suburbs. She stated if the DNR is really looking into this and concerned as they say, our geese will then be relocated to other suburbs rather than dinner tables. Commissioner Bailey stated that they ended the discussion with a roll call vote sending the geese from our

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Parks to Ben's backyard so that he could watch them. Ms. McMillan asked if Commissioner Bailey could get her an address so she could make that happen.

Commissioner Lucas stated that Commissioner Prater couldn't attend the Commission meeting today because she has an election. Commissioner Lucas informed the Parks Commission that John Lukes, who used to be editor and recording secretary of Local 599, died a couple days ago. He stated there would be a memorial service at 599 tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bogardus stated that the Rotary Pavilion looks really nice. She also stated that the walkway looks really good.

Commissioner Bogardus stated that the pecans sold at Crossroads Village should be sold every day, but the gentleman said he is not available all the time. Ms. McMillan stated that he is there at various times throughout the year. Ms. Moreno stated that he is there at big events, i.e. Labor Day, 4th of July, Halloween, etc. Commissioner Bogardus also thanked Mr. Graham.

President Krapohl stated that the only thing we can ask out of a reporter is to be fair. He stated Mr. Graham has been fair and fairly positive for the Parks and we appreciate that. President Krapohl wished Mr. Graham good luck and to send us some retirement pictures once in a while.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

President Krapohl asked if any other members of the public wished to comment. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objections, President Krapohl adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Recorded and transcribed by:
Kimberly L. Cunningham, Secretary

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