
GENESEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

The semi-monthly meeting of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, January 10, 2008 in the Harris Auditorium, Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

APPOINTED MEMBERS

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Bob Ranger, Genesee County Planning Commission
Jeff Wright, Genesee County Drain Commissioner
James Pomeroy, Ex-Officio, Road Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vacant Position, Citizen Representative

STAFF PRESENT

Amy M. McMillan, Director
Ron Walker, Deputy Director
Matt Armentrout, Maintenance Supervisor
Deborah Wilkes, Secretary
Leisa Gagne, Finance Officer
Nancy Edwards, Program Specialist
Hilda McShane, Marketing Specialist
Kathi Whitcomb, Recreation Programmer
Kendre Chapman, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Barkey, Commission Legal Counsel
Larry Stricker
Rich Richardson, Safari Club
Gerry Myers, Crim Fitness
Jerry Preston, FACVB

(1) **CALL TO ORDER**

President Krapohl called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

(2) **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President Krapohl asked for nominations for President. Commissioner Ted Henry nominated Joe Krapohl as president of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission. Nomination was supported by Commissioner James Washington.

There were no other nominations for president.

Motion for unanimous ballot for Joe Krapohl for President

Action Taken: Motion by Commissioner Bogardus
Support by Commissioner Speed

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9-0

President Krapohl asked for nominations for Vice President. Commissioner Raynetta Speed nominated James Washington as vice-president of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission. Nomination was supported by Commissioner Bob Ranger.

There were no other nominations for vice president.

Motion for unanimous ballot for James Washington for Vice President

Action Taken: Motion by Commissioner Ted Henry
Support by Commissioner Jeff Wright

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9-0

President Krapohl asked for nominations for Secretary. Commissioner James Washington nominated William Lucas as secretary of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission. Nomination was supported by Commissioner Ted Henry.

There were no other nominations for secretary.

Motion for unanimous ballot for William Lucas for Secretary

Action Taken: Motion by Commissioner Joe Krapohl
Support by Commissioner Bob Ranger

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9-0

(3) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Larry Stricker of 3547 N Gale Rd., Davison stated that across the board we are doing a good job. In his travels across the state, they stop in hotels and they see brochures for Crossroads Village. "A lot of good things are going on and thank you very much for what you do."

Rich Richardson, 2226 Ridgemoor Court, Burton, is glad to see that the board formed a committee regarding to the issue of the deer herd in the Genesee County Parks. He would like to encourage the board to move along on this issue because the deer herd is multiplying. He would like to volunteer if the public is welcome to be on the committee. He understands that in some areas hunting is not going to be allowed, like For-Mar, but the issue still needs to be addressed. The Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge is an excellent example of how they are able to control their deer herd. In Wisconsin, you must shoot a doe in order to earn a chance to shoot a buck. That is another example of ways people control their deer herd. He is willing to volunteer for this committee and he knows others who would volunteer because they have something to contribute.

He asked if there are areas now opened for snowmobiles. Ms. McMillan said that there have always been designated areas for snowmobiles and off-road vehicles for as long as the parks commission has been in business.

(4) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion: There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the items on the consent agenda.

Action Taken: Motion by Commissioner Ranger
Support by Commissioner Speed

Roll Call: Yeas: Pomeroy, Henry, Krapohl, Lucas, Ranger, Speed, Washington, Wright
Nays: None

Secretary failed to ask for the vote of Commissioner Bogardus

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

(5) REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Richfield Landfill - We have received the technical materials that supported the Remedial Action Plan (RAP). They are quite voluminous, but they been reproduced and are being distributed to the people who are the technical analysis and hopefully we will be able to analyze them before the next meeting and have a recommendation to the board for our position to be taken with respect to the remedial action plan.

(6) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Purchase of Vehicles for the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission

Discussion: The County Parks maintains our own motor pool. The vehicles proposed to the board for purchase are the vehicles that were approved during the budget process by our board and were also approved by the Board of Commissioners when our budget was adopted. The State bid list has been approved by the Board of Commissioners. Ms McMillan explained that the Tahoe will be outfitted for the Ranger Division; the pick-up truck will be assigned to the Maintenance Division. The Trailblazer may replace the Deputy Director's vehicle or be the vehicle assigned to the new Facilities Management Director. The Saturn Vue, which gets better gas mileage and has the most American-made parts and/or is assembled in the United States, will replace the Director's vehicle. The vehicles that are kept are recycled into our pool of vehicles. Commissioner Henry asked how many vehicles the Parks Commission keeps. Ms McMillan stated that there are approximately 30. We also purchase used vehicles for seasonal maintenance staff. The fleet numbers will remain the same.

Staff asks that the board approve these purchases today and we will place the orders and hopefully they will arrive as they become available.

Motion to support to approve the request for the replacement vehicles listed:
2008 GM Tahoe, 2008 GM $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickup, 2008 GM Trailblazer and 2008 GM Saturn Vue.

Action Taken: Motion by Commissioner Lucas
Support by Commissioner Washington

Roll Call: Yeas: Wright, Washington, Speed, Ranger, Lucas, Krapohl, Henry, Pomeroy, Bogardus.
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9-0

(7) OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Krapohl told the Board that the Hunting Sub-committee met yesterday (January 9). The sub-committee will have a speaker about the deer browse at our next scheduled meeting, January 24, and they will probably bring a recommendation on the process in which to proceed with addressing the issue of wildlife management.

President Krapohl read a letter he received from Sheriff Pickell regarding the sheriff's experience with his granddaughter at Crossroads Village. You will receive a copy in your next commission information packet.

President Krapohl reminded the commissioners about the invitation to participate in the Flint Area Convention and Visitors Bureau strategic planning meetings. There are several sessions available and he would encourage park commissioners to attend one of the sessions. The CVB is asking for our input and, with the diversity and experience we have to offer it would be very valuable to attend and contribute our ideas. Contact Cheryl DeFrain at the FACVB 232-8930 and let her know which session you can attend.

(8) OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Commissioner (and re-elected Secretary) Lucas thanked everybody for their support and for putting him back on the executive board.

Commissioner Henry asked if we supply the Outlet Mall in Birch Run with brochures. Ms. McShane, Marketing Specialist stated that normally we do stock them with brochures but this year we ran out early. We are working on a RFP for more brochures this year.

Commissioner Wright thanked Mr. Lucas, Mr. Washington and Mr. Krapohl for the good job they do and that is why they are back as officers of the Commission. He appreciates the extra time and effort required to operate...inaudible.

Commissioner (and re-elected Vice President) Washington said that this is a great commission to work on. He likes that even if we disagree, we are not disagreeable and we walk out of the room respecting each other. He appreciates the confidence placed in him by putting him back in office. "We endeavor to give you 110 per cent and not lose any of your confidence".

Commissioner (and re-elected President) Krapohl echoed Commissioner Washington and Lucas and thanked the Board for their confidence. "We do consider ourselves a team, we happen to chair the meetings and happen to hold office but everybody is a valuable member of this team; and that includes the staff..." We look forward to a very enjoyable year. There are a lot of exciting things planned with over 600 programs this summer in our County Parks. The opportunities that this Commission is providing to the residents of this county continue to grow, and our satisfaction ratings continue to grow. He is confident that as we take on new challenges in the new year we will be successful in what we do.

(9) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Larry Stricker, referring to summer boat launching, said that he would like to see the gates moved back to make at least another two launch areas that are better for launching boats. He has seen shanties on the ice as well this winter.

Rich Richardson asked to clarify the minutes from the December 13, 2007 meeting regarding the Safari Club taping the hunting area. Mr. Stricker brought that to the board and he is not a representative of the Safari Club. Mr. Richardson asked that the Safari Club issue be struck from the minutes - it was not the Safari Club that requested that. Mr. Richardson stated that he was voted a representative of the Safari Club and he is the person who will speak for the Safari Club.

President Krapohl stated that the minutes only reflect what was said and it does not commit the Safari Club and there is no obligation on the club's part to provide the tape. It was just a comment that someone made. Mr. Richardson's comments will also be included in the minutes from this meeting.

(10) President Krapohl adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m. to proceed with a luncheon for honorees.