

Members Present: President Joe Krapohl, Vice President Jim Washington, Secretary Bill Lucas, Commissioners Cloyce Dickerson, Ron Winters, Mike Keeler, Archie Bailey,

Members Absent: Commissioners Gleason, Henry and Wright

Staff Present: Amy McMillan, Director; Ron Walker, Deputy Director; Leisa Gagne, Finance Officer; Nancy Edwards, Program Specialist; Hilda McShane, Marketing Specialist; Deborah Wilkes, Secretary

Others Present: Brian Barkey, Legal Counsel; Joe Madore, Richfield Township Supervisor, Chief Gritzinger, and numerous seasonal Park Rangers

Call to Order. President Krapohl presided over the meeting and called meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Opportunity for the public to address the commission. President Krapohl asked if there is anyone wishing to address the Commission. Per commission rules each person shall have three minutes in which to address the commissioners. No one addressed the commission.

2) Consent Agenda. Discussion: President Krapohl asked if any commissioners wished to remove any items from the consent agenda. No items were removed.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Lucas

Supported by Commissioner Washington

Motion and support for approval of consent agenda items A-C as listed.

Roll Call

Yeas: Bailey, Dickerson, Keeler, Krapohl, Lucas, Washington, Winters

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Henry, Gleason and Wright are absent

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4) Report from Legal Counsel. Mr. Barkey has no report today.

5) Director's Report.

A. 2011-12 Budget The budget process is progressing. The County's budget, including the Parks budget must be adopted by the 30th. If there are any changes in the budget that have been approved by the Parks Commission and forwarded already, we will bring those changes back to you to ratify.

B. Chief Greg Parks Retirement. It is Ms. McMillan's great pleasure to recognize Greg Parks, Chief Park Ranger, soon to be private citizen, for his service to the Genesee County Parks. Ms. McMillan congratulated and thanked Greg Parks for his services. President Krapohl presented Chief Parks with a plaque and, on behalf of the entire Genesee County Parks Commission, thanked the Chief for his commitment and dedication to the GCPRC and to the people of

Genesee County in the role of Chief Ranger from 2007-2011. He also commented that it speaks highly of him that so many of his friends and peers came to the meeting today to recognize Greg's retirement.

Commissioner Bailey said he has known Chief Parks since he was the Mayor at City of Flushing in 1999 and Greg was on the City of Flushing Police force. This is the second retirement he has seen for Greg.

Chief Parks said it has been a pleasure and he's made many friends and he will miss a lot of people and thanked everybody in attendance.

President Krapohl read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Gregory Parks has served as Chief Ranger of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission from 2007 to 2011, and

WHEREAS, he has displayed his dedicated commitment to public service as Chief Ranger, and

WHEREAS, he has shown support for the Commission's mission of providing safe recreation areas for the citizens of Genesee County, and

WHEREAS, he has lead the Park Ranger Division in a conscientious and competent manner with dedication and integrity, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission, meeting in formal session on September 22, 2011, does hereby recognize the contribution made by **GREGORY L. PARKS** and presents this resolution as a gesture of appreciation.

Commissioner Dickerson thanked Greg Parks for his service to the community and the (Parks) Board congratulated him on his retirement.

Commissioner Washington thanked Chief Parks for his time, service and dedication. President Krapohl invited those in attendance to stay for a reception for Chief Parks immediately following the meeting.

6) New Business. There is no new business.

7) Opportunity for Commissioners to address the Commission. Commissioner Keeler said that soon the community will be able to walk or bike, or all the way from Swartz Creek to Genesee by bike path.

8) Opportunity for the public to address the commission. No one from the public addressed the commission.

9) Adjournment. Hearing no objections, President Krapohl adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.