
GENESEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

The semi-monthly meeting of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at the Genesee County Parks & Recreation's Administrative Headquarters, 5045 Stanley Road, Flint, 48506.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Joe Krapohl, Vice President Jim Washington, Secretary Bill Lucas, Jeff Wright, Gayle Reed, Mike Keeler, Cloyce Dickerson, Patrick Gleason, Ted Henry

MEMBERS ABSENT: Archie Bailey

STAFF PRESENT: Amy McMillan, Director; Nancy Edwards, Recreation Programmer; Leisa Gagne, Finance Officer; Hilda McShane, Marketing Specialist; Deborah Wilkes, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Barkey, Legal Counsel; Jerry Preston, Flint Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau

(1) Call To Order

President Krapohl called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

(2) Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission

President Krapohl asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Commission. According to Commission rules, there is a three minute time limit for anyone wishing to address the commission. No one addressed the Commission.

(3) Consent Agenda

Discussion: President Krapohl asked if any of the commissioners wished to remove any items from the consent agenda for further discussion. No items were removed for further discussion.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Lucas
Supported by Commissioner Washington

Motion and support for approval of the consent agenda items.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Dickerson, Gleason, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Lucas, Reed, Washington, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Bailey is absent.

MOTION CARRIED 9-0

(4) REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Spencer Case

Discussion:Mr. Barkey requests for a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss the tactics and strategy of the Spencer vs Genesee County Parks Case # 08-88715 CH

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Lucas
Supported by Commissioner Keeler

Motion and support to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15-268(e) for the purpose of discussing the Spencer vs Genesee County Parks, Case #08-88715-CH on the advice of legal counsel that public discussion would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the Parks Commission and the County.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Wright, Krapohl, Dickerson, Keeler, Washington, Gleason, Lucas, Reed, Henry
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Bailey is absent

MEETING ENTERS CLOSED SESSION AT 10:05 A.M.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Lucas
Supported by Commissioner Keeler

Motion and support to resume Open Meeting.

Yeas: All yeas
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Bailey is absent

OPEN MEETING RESUMES AT 10:25 A.M.

President Krapohl asked if there were any other questions for legal counsel at this time. Seeing none, he proceeded with the Director's report.

(5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Waterfowl Hunting

Discussion

Staff is requesting action by the commission to allow waterfowl hunting for the 2010-11 season as this is an amendment to park rules that prohibit hunting in the parks.

Commissioner Wright asked if all the rules and regulations are the same as everywhere. Ms. McMillan stated that our regulations follow the DNRE regulations.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Wright
Supported by Commissioner Washington

Motion and support to accept staff recommendation for waterfowl hunting during the DNRE established 2010-11 hunting season per the rules, dates, times and fees as stated.

Yeas: All yeas
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Bailey is absent.

MOTION CARRIED 9-0

B. *MRPA PROfessional* magazine

Ms. McMillan told the commissioners that Genesee County Parks and the staff are the cover story on this month's MRPA PROfessional magazine. She congratulated our employees on that recognition.

(6) OTHER BUSINESS

There is no other business.

(7) OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Keeler asked about the article in the Flint Journal regarding the bike trail. Ms. McMillan said that MDOT acquired that as a transportation corridor. About 3-4 years ago, Flint Township asked if we might consider providing maintenance on the trail. It was never brought to our commission and our financial circumstances have changed considerably over the last 3-4 years. Ms. Karen Miller from Flint Township recently asked if the Parks Commission was still interested in maintaining the non-motorized part of the trail. Ms. McMillan explained that financially we were not in the position to maintain the trail; but, if Ms. Miller wished to make a formal request, Ms. McMillan could bring that request to the commission. There has not been a formal request as of yet. Furthermore their maintenance concerns were beyond mowing alongside the trail and emptying trash. It also included mosquito spraying, which we don't do. We can provide technical assistance, but at this point in time we cannot make any commitments beyond the property that we currently own and operate.

Commissioner Keeler asked if they (Flint Township) had raised the money needed to begin the project. He said that trail is an important segment to connect various areas. Commissioner Henry stated that they have raised the necessary funds, however the maintenance issue was skirted around at the (Flint Twp) meeting.

Commissioner Wright asked about Timberwolf maintenance. The entrance road is getting overgrown around the curves in the road, and people walk along there with the car traffic as well. The walking trails are getting overgrown as well. Ms. McMillan said she would check on it and report back with him in two weeks.

Commissioner Henry mentioned that the group that initially approached him about getting the roofs repaired in Flushing County Park noticed the new shingles and wanted him to pass along an "atta-boy" to the parks for the newly roofed pavilions. Ms. McMillan also said she got a phone call from someone who couldn't say enough good things about Flushing County Park and the pavilions. He appreciated the fact that we planned and saved for that project and he was very happy to see the work completed.

Commissioner Lucas asked if there was electricity to those pavilions. Ms. McMillan stated there is not.

(8) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

President Krapohl offered the public another opportunity to address the commission. No one addressed the commission.

(9) ADJOURNMENT

With no objections made, President Krapohl adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.