
GENESEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

The semi-monthly meeting of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 22, 2009 in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach St., Flint, 48502.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Krapohl, Jim Washington, Billy Bradshaw, Bob Ranger, Archie Bailey, Mike Keeler, Bill Lucas, Ted Henry

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Wright, Patrick Gleason

STAFF PRESENT: Amy McMillan, Director; Ron Walker, Deputy Director; Deborah Wilkes, Secretary; Nancy Edwards, Program Coordinator; Brian Barkey, Legal Counsel; Leisa Gagne, Finance Officer;

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Madore

(1) **Call To Order**

President Krapohl called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

(2) **Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission**

No one from the public addressed the commission.

(3) **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Lucas

Supported by Commissioner Washington

Motion and support for approval of the consent agenda items.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Bailey, Bradshaw, Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Lucas, Ranger, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Jeff Wright and Patrick Gleason are absent.

MOTION CARRIED 8-0

(4) **REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL**

A Hearing was held in Oakland County probate court yesterday (October 21, 2009) on the Martha Merkley Trust in front of Judge Pezzetti. We did not know that it would be contested. On Tuesday we received a petition from an attorney in Ferndale representing Deborah Lewis and Philip Kinsel and, on the day of hearing the Attorney General filed a response as well. We presented evidence and exhibits. We have one more document to send her. No ruling was made yesterday.

Commissioner Bailey asked if we had an expected date for her response. Mr. Barkey said we do not, but we do expect a prompt ruling. She is aware of the time constraints we are under.

(5) **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A. **Discussion:** Richfield Township is considering purchasing some property that would lead into Richfield County Park for the purpose of using it as a non-motorized pathway or perhaps a footpath into the park. He has asked the commission to endorse the concept of purchasing the property for this purpose. Richfield Park has always been a great partner with the Genesee County Parks and we wish them the best of luck.

Commissioner Henry asked if their purchase of this property would relieve the parks of any liability. Also, have we checked with the rangers for any restrictions they may want to put on the entrance. Ms. McMillan stated that Richfield Township is the owner of the property therefore the liability of the property lies in their hands. She also stated that it is simply a pedestrian entrance and it is not a matter of concern. If it were a vehicular entrance we would have had to study traffic patterns.

Commission Keeler suggested some alternatives to paving should they decide to pave in the future when funds become available for the township. Crushed limestone and crushed used asphalt works well. Ms. McMillan said she has heard of crushed sugar cane, but isn't sure if it has been tested in our area.

Ms. McMillan stated: Staff would like to recommend endorsement of Richfield Township's purchase with the understanding that:

The endorsement does not imply the parks commission has finances to contribute to the purchase of the property;

Nor does the parks commission anticipate having funds available to assist in the construction of a non-motorized pathway or footpath.

Nor does the parks commission make a formal commitment to amend the master plan to provide for a separate or different routing of entrances to the park.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Henry
Supported by Commissioner Keeler

Motion to support the concept of Richfield Township developing a non-motorized pathway on the east side of Richfield County Park with the understanding that the Parks Commission is not implying any financial support.

Yeas: All Yeas

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Jeff Wright and Patrick Gleason

MOTION CARRIED 8-0

(6) OTHER BUSINESS

The movie *alleged* is completed. Some of the crew, staff and producers will be here a couple more weeks. There has been a uniformly great response to this project. Ron Walker and Garry Pringle did a phenomenal job on site and Hilda McShane did a great job as well. Not only have we formed some great friendships but equally important, perhaps more importantly to the parks commission, we made some great business connections for pursuing this type of work into the future and we will be aggressively recruiting these types of revenue-generating opportunities both for Crossroads Village, the parks in general and with the larger goal of bringing these dollars into the community. Michigan is in a very competitive position with their tax credit incentives to compete for this type of movie production work. We also understand that commercials will be part of this tax incentive program. We have asked their location manager and if he could spend some time with us to help us re-tool and re-focus to bring the work of filming commercials to our parks. These generally have shorter time commitments and could be ideal for us.

Halloween attendance has been affected by the weather, when it is poor, attendance is poor and when the weather is nice, attendance is great.

The first week of November the director will be on vacation. She will make sure you have contact information for her.

We had several (four) quotes for the pavilion roof repairs at Flushing County Park. We went with the lowest bidder of 40-year shingles. The estimate for materials and installation is \$13,090.00 from J. B. Supply. Staging begins this week and replacement of the roof begins next week.

(7) **OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

Commission Henry asked about a media push for Halloween. Ms. McMillan said we are all over the television, radio, some print (due to the irregular printing of newspapers) and we have a tremendous database of emails that receive reminders.

(8) **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

Joe Madore thanked the parks commission for their consideration

(9) **ADJOURNMENT**

With no objections made, President Krapohl adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.