
GENESEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, December 11, 2008, in the Mill Street Dining Room of Crossroads Village, 6140 Bray Rd., Flint, MI.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Krapohl, President
Bob Ranger, Ex-Officio
James Washington, Vice President
Jeff Wright, Ex-Officio
Ted Henry, Commissioner
Mike Keeler, Citizen Representative
Bill Lucas, Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Raynetta Speed, Commissioner
James Pomeroy, Ex-Officio
*Rose Bogardus

STAFF PRESENT: Amy M. McMillan, Director
Nancy Edwards, Recreation Program Specialist
Hilda McShane, Marketing Specialist
Leisa Gagne, Finance Officer
Tyler Barto, Parks Intern
Debra Gray, Seasonal Office Aide
Teneisha Calhoun, Seasonal Marketing Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Barkey, Legal Counsel
Joe Madore, Richfield Supervisor
Cliff & Sharon Black, Friends of the Carousel

(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**

No members of the public wished to address the commission at this time.

(3) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion: There are no items to be removed for further discussion from the consent agenda.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Lucas
Supported by Commissioner Washington

Motion and support for approval of consent agenda items.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Lucas, Ranger, Washington, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioners Speed and Pomeroy

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

(4) **REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL**

Discussion: Ticket Web Contract Extension. An addendum to the user agreement between Genesee County Parks and Ticketweb, the entity that actually sells Day Out With Thomas. We have been presented with an addendum to the current agreement we have with them to extend the agreement with two major changes. The date when the contract ends would be extended by one year and increase the basic user fees slightly to \$3.55 per ticket (.05 increase). The papers are in proper legal form and Mr. Barkey suggests that we approve the addendum. Ms. McMillan stated that although we don't have our contract signed with HIT Entertainment yet, HIT has given us the

approval that once the contract is signed we can put the ticket sales on-line for DOWT 2009. If we approve the contract extension today, we can be ready to start selling tickets tomorrow.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Henry
Supported by Commissioner Lucas

Motion and support to approve the addendum to the TicketWeb contract for the sale of 2009 Day Out with Thomas tickets.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Lucas, Ranger, Washington, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioners Speed and Pomeroy

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

(5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Five Year Plan - Ms. McMillan apologized that the draft of the Five-year plan is not yet complete. It will be ready in January.

B. Grant awarded to Friends of the Crossroads Carousel - Ms. McMillan introduced Cliff and Sharon Black from the Friends of the Carousel. Mr. Black told the commission that he is the president of the group that was started in 1984. The year 2012 will be the 100 year anniversary of the Carousel. The group is a 501c (3) organization working toward the restoration and maintenance of the Crossroads Carousel. To date, \$272,236.31 has been used toward this effort. It is hoped that by 2012 all 36 horses and the chariots will have been fully restored. It costs approximately \$850 to refinish each horse. In October the group received notice that the National Carousel Association awarded a grant toward the maintenance program of the carousel. This grant is in the amount of \$3,000. This is the first time the Friends have applied for a grant and only four of these grants are awarded every year. (see letter attached).
The Parks Commissioners and Ms. McMillan congratulated the Friends of the Carousel on receiving the grant and expressed their gratitude for all their efforts toward the maintenance of the carousel.

C. Staff & Attendee Introductions - Ms. McMillan asked Nancy Edwards to introduce Tyler Barto. Tyler is an intern from Northern Michigan University who will be spending 400 hours with Nancy to assist with programming until the end of April.

Ms. McMillan also asked Ms. McShane to re-introduce Teneisha Calhoun, who is the seasonal marketing assistant.

Ms. McMillan asked Commissioner Wright to introduce Joe Madore, the newly elected supervisor in Richfield Township.

D. Ms. McMillan asked the commissioners to approve an abbreviated schedule of Parks Commission meetings. When all commissioners and citizens representatives are (re)appointed in January, we will bring back the schedule for the remaining months of 2009 to be approved at that time.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Keeler
Supported by Commissioner Wright

Motion and support to approve the schedule of Parks Commission Meetings for 2009.

Yeas: Seven (Henry, Keeler, Krapohl, Lucas, Ranger, Washington, Wright)
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioners Speed and Pomeroy

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(6) OTHER BUSINESS

Hilda presented a framed picture commemorating the Huckleberry Radio Hour as a thank you to each commissioner. Ms. McMillan thanked the commissioners for their time in the last year. She stated that with this commission we have a strong team with outstanding communication between staff and the commission and it has enabled progress and positive changes at the Parks. It's been a great 2008 and it will be a tremendous 2009.

(7) OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Lucas wished the staff and fellow commissioners a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Henry noted that Commissioners Bogardus and Speed will no longer be on the board of commissioners or this parks board and thanked them for their years of service. He spoke to Commissioner Speed, who originally planned to attend but knowing this would be her last meeting, she found it very difficult to say good-byes.

The other commissioners also gave accolades to the departing commissioners and their invaluable contributions and abilities to rise above all issues to solve problems.

President Krapohl commented that so far the Christmas program is exceeding expectations, the fireworks were fantastic, the opening night buffet was great and he thanked all the staff and commissioners.

(8) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

No one from the public addressed the commission.

(9) ADJOURNMENT

With no objections made, President Krapohl adjourned the meeting at 10:40 and announced that a luncheon is being served and everyone is invited to stay for the meal.

*Rose Bogardus is now Register of Deeds and relinquished her seat on the Board of Commissioners and, likewise, will no longer be serving on the Parks Commission Board.