
GENESEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

The semi-monthly meeting of the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, April 23, 2009 in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach St., Flint, 48502.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Lucas, Joe Krapohl, Patrick Gleason, Archie Bailey, Jeff Wright, Billy Bradshaw, Bob Ranger and Mike Keeler.

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Washington, Archie Bailey

STAFF PRESENT: Amy McMillan, Director; Ron Walker, Deputy Director; Deborah Wilkes, Secretary; Hilda McShane, Marketing Specialist, Nancy Edwards, Program Coordinator; Katie McGlashen, Park Naturalist; Brian Barkey, Legal Counsel.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

President Krapohl called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 or discussed in the consent agenda.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Lucas

Supported by Commissioner Wright

Motion and support for approval of consent agenda items.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Bradshaw, Gleason, Henry, Krapohl, Lucas, Ranger, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Washington, Keeler (Mike Keeler arrived at 10:09 and missed vote).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

(4) REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

The judge heard arguments in the Spencer case. The judge asked for some additional authorities and took it under advisement. As soon as the judge makes a decision, Mr. Barkey will inform the board.

(5) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Marketing: 2009 Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad brochure has arrived and there are copies available for you today.

The 2009 Spring/Summer Family Fun Guide is on line and print copies should be arriving soon.

Two segments of Newsmaker on ABC12 are being filmed on Friday.

B. Employment: Most of the seasonal workforce is back to work. Training sessions have been held for toll booths, mounds staff and maintenance. If good weather continues we'll be mowing the parks very soon. There are only park rangers, naturalist and a barber position(s) open.

C. Grant: We received a grant from Home Depot for \$4500. On May 7th there will be approximately 75 volunteers from the Home Depot employees along with member from nearby neighborhood associations working in Linden County Park. They will be painting pavilions, building picnic tables and benches and a small rest area along the new trail.

Recently we have been notified that we received a grant from the Michigan Arts Council. This was surprising because they have been zeroed out of the State budget this year. We have two more

proposals going into the Ruth Mott Foundation for programming at For-Mar and another to underwrite our Summer Theatre program. These theatre productions will be performed in Kearsley Park, Max Brandon and one other park in the City of Flint as well as inside our County parks and Crossroads Village.

D. **Water levels:** The water levels at the reservoir are set to be raised and up to normal levels by May 1st. The process is controlled by the City of Flint and always goes slower than the fishermen would like. We always ask that folks are patient. A trip around the lakes (by the Director) showed a tremendous amount of activity around them. Parks are all open and barring poor weather and road conditions they will remain open. Restrooms are not open so portable toilets are placed in the parks at this time.

E. **Volunteer Dinner:** Thank you to the commissioners who attended the program. The volunteers always appreciate your appearance.

F. **Staffing:** There have been considerably less employees working on the retail areas of the Village and they have done a tremendous job setting up the merchandise.

(6) OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

(7) OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Gleason complimented the Director and staff for the great program for the volunteers who provide a great service to the parks. He was impressed with the program and what a great way to say thank you to the individuals of this County who dedicate a tremendous amount of time to make the whole system flow.

Commissioner Ranger also complimented the staff on the evening. This was his first time to attend and said when you start handing out awards for people who donate 32 years of service, this is astonishing. He commends the staff and the volunteers both.

President Krapohl noted that some people don't even have 32 years seniority on their job and some of these people have donated 30 years of their life to something they passionately love. The food was very good as well.

President Krapohl said the public information meeting on wildlife management would start at 11 am today. The sub-committee members are encouraged to stay and the rest of the commissioners are also welcome to stay. Ms. McMillan will make a presentation and then the public will have the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

(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 10:13 a.m.