

EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

August 7, 2019

The Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission met in regular session at Lincoln Brick Park, 13991 Tallman Road, Grand Ledge.

PRESENT: Eric Deibel, Michael Doty, Brian Droscha, Duane Eldred, Robert McConnell, Rob Piercefield, Kevin Thom, Kathy Webber, Steven Weigel and

ABSENT: Jane Whitacre

GUESTS: Scott Houseman, Riley Spade, Gerry Goffin, Rhonda Martin

STAFF: Troy Stowell-Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McConnell called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

2. INTRODUCTIONS/CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman McConnell had no remarks for the good of the order.

3. CONCENT AGENDA

Consent agenda includes current agenda and previous month's minutes. Motion made by Doty second by Droscha to approved the consent agenda.

Motion carried.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Director Stowell gave brief overviews of their reports that were distributed by email.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Master Voucher

The April Master Voucher was distributed and reviewed. Motion made by Droscha, second by Doty to approve payment of the voucher. **Motion carried.**

B. Financial Report

Financial Report for April was reviewed. Motion made by Droscha, second by Deibel to receive the report. **Motion carried.**

7. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- A. Friends of Eaton County Parks** – No representative. Friend of the Parks President Spade invited the Commission to the Friend's upcoming Dinner Fundraiser to be held on September 15, 2019 at Sanctuary Sprits in Grand Ledge.

Gerry Goffin informed the Commission of the Friend's efforts in fundraising for a Memorial Bench in honor of Roger Harris to be placed at Crandell Park once funds have been obtained.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Long Term Revenue Exploratory Work Group Update** – Chairman McConnell gave a report on the progress meeting held with the Committee and the next steps moving forward.

Motion by Doty, Support by Droscha for the establishment of a Parks “Yes” Committee to focus on public support and advocacy for the parks. **Roll Call Vote, Unanimous**

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **MOU Grand Ledge National Honor Society** – Director Stowell presented an Memorandum of Understanding between the Parks Department and Honor Society for an Adopt-a-Park Program for the Disc Golf Course at Fitzgerald Park to include beautification and improvements for the high school volunteer group.

- B. **Parks Re-Branding Update** – Director Stowell presented the latest version(s) of the Parks Logo Concept to the Commission for discussion and remarks.

10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Houseman (817 N Clinton St Grand Ledge) gave remarks regarding the condition of the Boardwalk at Keehne Environmental Area and continued vandalism

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Doty invited those in attendance to attend the Ribbon Cutting for the new Rotary Amphitheater at Jaycee Park in Grand Ledge.

Commissioner Droscha presented an issue regarding a tree in the line of sight for motor vehicles at Crandell Park

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Lincoln Brick Park, 13991 Tallman Road, Grand Ledge. There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made. The regular meeting was adjourned by Chairman McConnell at 7:05pm.

For the Commission,



Troy Stowell- Director of Eaton County Parks

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