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## EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

September 2, 2020

The Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission met virtually.

**PRESENT:** Eric Deibel, Duane Eldred, Jack Duffy, Sarah Ferguson, Robert McConnell, Rob Piercefield, Kathy Webber

**ABSENT:** Brian Droscha and Jane Whitacre

**GUESTS:** None

**STAFF:** Troy Stowell-Director, Jackie Blanc-Operations Manager/Naturalist, Crystal Smith – Recreation & Event Coordinator

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McConnell called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

### 2. INTRODUCTIONS/CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

#### A. Approval of Agenda

August Agenda was reviewed and amended. Motion made by Deibel, second by Eldred to approve the agenda with an addition to add 9.A. Resolution Supporting the Ballot Proposal to Amend the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. Roll call vote 7-0 to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

#### B. Approval of Minutes

August minutes were reviewed. Motion made by Piercefield, second by Ferguson to approve the minutes. Roll call vote 7-0 to approve the minutes. **Motion Carried.**

### 4. STAFF REPORTS

- Jackie Blanc gave a brief overview of her report that was distributed by email.
- Crystal Smith gave a brief overview of her report that was distributed by email.
- Director Stowell gave a brief overview of his report that was distributed by email.

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

### A. Master Voucher

August Master Voucher was reviewed. Motion made by Piercefield, second by Ferguson to approve the Master Voucher. Roll call vote 7-0 to approve the voucher. **Motion carried.**

### B. Financial Report

August Financial Report for was reviewed. Motion made by Deible, second by Eldred to receive the Financial Report. Roll call vote 7-0 to receive the report. **Motion carried.**

## 7. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

### A. Friends of Eaton County Parks – No representative

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

**A. 2021-2025 Parks Master Plan** – Director Stowell asked the Commission to review the draft and submit their input to him by September 18, 2020.

**B. Crandell Park Development** – Director Stowell gave a status update on the Crandell Park kayak launch.

**C. Fitzgerald Park Lease** – Discussion was held on the Lansing State Journal's article on the future expansion of the Grand Ledge Waste Water Treatment Plant located at Fitzgerald Park and the impact on the park and its effect on the upcoming renewal of the lease.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Resolution Supporting the Ballot Proposal to Amend the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund** – Director Stowell explained the proposal and distributed a draft Resolution for the Commission to review. Discussion was held. Motion made by Eldred, supported by Deible to approve the Resolution of Support as written. Roll call vote 7-0 approved the Resolution of Support. **Motion carried.**

## 10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

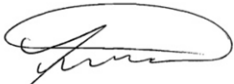
## 12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at either Lincoln Brick Park, Grand Ledge OR virtual based on Executive Order. There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made. The regular meeting was adjourned by Chairman McConnell at 6:58 p.m.

For the Commission,



Troy Stowell- Director of Eaton County Parks

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