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EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

October 2, 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, Kathy Webber, Steven Weigel and Jane Whitacre

ABSENT: Kevin Thom

GUESTS: Riley Spade and Gerry Goffin

STAFF: Troy Stowell-Director, Jackie Blanc-Operations Manager/Naturalist, Melody Smalley-Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McConnell called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

2. INTRODUCTIONS/CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman McConnell asked for the previous month's minutes to be amended to include in the Introduction/Chairman's remarks to reflect his concerns for "*critical needs for park funding.*"

3. CONCENT AGENDA

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

4. STAFF REPORTS

Director Stowell gave brief overviews of their reports that were distributed by email. Jackie Blanc gave a verbal staff report that included vandalism at Fox Park where the 2 people were caught and are being prosecuted.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Master Voucher

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

B. Financial Report

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

7. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- A. **Friends of Eaton County Parks** –Friend of the Parks President Spade thanked the commissioners that attended the Annual Fundraising dinner and a \$5,000 profit was made.
- B. **Barry Eaton District Health Department** – No representative

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Yes Committee Updates** – Director Stowell stated were 2 principle outcomes from the last meeting.
 - 1. Gaining support to move forward with letters to potential members
 - 2. Survey to help determine community support
- B. **2021-2026 Parks Master Plan Schedule** – Director Stowell stated that the month of November will be the beginning process

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **2020 Approved Capital Outlay** – Director Stowell distributed the approved capital outlay purchases approved by the County for information purposes only.
- B. **2020 Parks Fee Schedule Review** – Director Stowell distributed next year’s fees for reservation and vehicle entry fees. No increase for 2020. However, it was recommended that if changes are wanted for 2021 fiscal year, early spring would be the time to review and motion to have the fees set for reservations that begin in October for the next calendar year.

10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

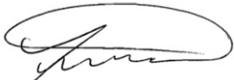
12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 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 7:14pm.

For the Commission,



Troy Stowell- Director of Eaton County Parks

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