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## EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

October 7, 2020

The Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission met virtually.

**PRESENT:** Eric Deibel, Brian Droscha, Jack Duffy, Sarah Ferguson, Robert McConnell, Rob Piercefield, Kathy Webber, and Jane Whitacre

**ABSENT:** Duane Eldred

**GUESTS:** Brandy Hatt

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McConnell called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

### 2. INTRODUCTIONS/CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

#### A. Approval of Agenda

October Agenda was reviewed. Motion made by Droscha, second by Webber to approve the agenda.

**Motion carried.**

#### B. Approval of Minutes

September minutes were reviewed. Motion made by Droscha, second by Webber 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.
- Director Stowell gave a brief overview of his report that was distributed by email.

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

### A. Master Voucher

September Master Voucher was reviewed. Motion made by Droscha, second by Deibel to approve the Master Voucher. **Motion carried.**

### B. Financial Report

September Financial Report for was reviewed. Motion made by Droscha, second by Webber to receive the Financial Report. **Motion carried.**

## 7. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

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

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

**A. 2021-2026 Parks Master Plan** – Director Stowell gave a brief update on the Master Plan and said that the plan was developing on schedule.

**B. Crandell Park Development** – Director Stowell gave a status update on the Crandell Park kayak launch, the new vault restroom. Brandy Hatt, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement Officer with Eaton County Planning and Zoning, was introduced and discussion was held on the expansion of the current parking lot.

**C. Fitzgerald Park Lease** – Director Stowell gave an update on the short term park lease, stating that the City of Grand Ledge and Eaton County have both signed the new lease. Vice Chairman Webber stated she is still attempting to gather information on the expansion of the water treatment plant at Fitzgerald Park through the Freedom of Information Act and was looking to approach the City of Grand Ledge about the advantages of using solar power for the expansion.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

None

## 10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

## 12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Droscha positively commented on the new vault restroom at Crandell Park.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4 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 7:32 p.m.

For the Commission,



Troy Stowell- Director of Eaton County Parks

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