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EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

March 3, 2021

The Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission met virtually.

PRESENT: Eric Deibel, Brian Droscha, Jack Duffy, Sarah Ferguson, Alisa Gonzales-Pennington, Jon Horford, Barbara Rogers and Jane Whitacre

ABSENT: Duane Eldred and Kathy Webber

GUESTS: Riley Spayde - FOECP

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ferguson 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

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Rogers, second by Droscha to approve the consent agenda that included March Agenda and February minutes. **Motion carried.**

4. STAFF REPORTS

- Crystal Smith gave a brief overview of her report that included Family Campout at Fitzgerald Park on June 5th, Summer Camp at Lincoln Brick starting June 12th for 9 weeks, Ledges Car Show at Fitzgerald Park on July 10th, and Waterfest at Crandell Park on August 14th.
- Jackie Blanc gave a brief overview of her Operations and Naturalist Report that was distributed by email for the Department
- Director Stowell gave a brief overview of his report that was distributed by email.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Master Voucher

February Master Voucher was received. Motion made by Droscha, second by Deibel, to receive the Master Vouchers. **Motion carried.**

B. Financial Report

February Financial Report was received. Motion made by Droscha, second by Deibel, to receive the Financial Reports. **Motion carried.**

7. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

A. Friends of Eaton County Parks – Riley Spayde state Gerry Goffin and himself attended the previous Rotary Meeting and felt it was a great meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. “Restore Our Parks” Long Term Revenue Subcommittee Report

Chairman Ferguson and Director Stowell recapped the meeting that was held on February 8, 2021. They discussed branding structure, identified need/value of investing in the parks, and set the goal of being on the ballot in 2022.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Re-allocation of FY21 Capital Outlay – Crandell Park

Motion was made by Droscha, second by Whitacre to reallocate the \$50,000 in Capital Outlay from the culvert improvement project to the expansion of the parking lot at Crandell Park. Discussion was held. **Motion carried.**

B. FY 2022 Capital Requests Discussions

Director Stowell gave an overview of possible capital requests for FY 2022. The items included (3) vehicle/trail infrared counters, Pickleball courts for Fitzgerald Park, fishing pier at Lincoln Brick Park. He asked the Commissioners to review the new master plan and email him their suggestions.

C. Reschedule of April Parks Commission Meeting

Motions made by Droscha, second by Deible to reschedule April 7th meeting to April 14th. Discussion held. **Motion approved.**

10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None


12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2021 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 Ferguson at 6:43 p.m.

For the Commission,



Troy Stowell- Director of Eaton County Parks

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