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EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

March 04, 2020

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

PRESENT: Eric Deibel, Brian Droscha, Duane Eldred, Robert McConnell, Rob Piercefield, Kathy Webber, Steven Weigel

ABSENT: Jack Duffy, Sarah Ferguson, Jane Whitacre

GUESTS: 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 6:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

2. INTRODUCTIONS/CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

3. CONCENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda for February 5, 2020 Meeting

March Agenda was reviewed. Chairman McConnell requested an amendment to the agenda to include *Item 10. C Alvin Whitfield Service Award*. Motion made by Droscha, second by Piercefield to approve the agenda with the amendment. **Motion Carried.**

B. Approval of January 2020 Minutes

February minutes were reviewed. Motion made by Droscha, second by Piercefield to approve the minutes. **Motion Carried.**

4. STAFF REPORTS

- Jackie Blanc 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 that included the Recreation and Event Coordinator report as well.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Master Voucher

February Master Voucher was reviewed. Motion made by Droscha, second by Deible to approve the voucher. **Motion carried.**

B. Financial Report

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

7. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

A. **Friends of Eaton County Parks** –Friend of the Parks, Gerry Goffin, stated they are still looking for members to join the organization and the mail drive would begin in a couple of weeks.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. **“Restore Our Parks” Updates** – Commissioner Webber shared informational updates and concerns relayed to her regarding the prospect of a millage. Discussion followed with the information shared.

1. Motion was made by Weigel, second by Droscha *“To table moving forward on a millage proposal concept that is being developed by the Restore Our Parks Committee that was presented at the January meeting.”* Commissioner McConnell called for vote. The results were 7 to 1 in favor of support (Commissioner Piercefield had previously excused himself from the meeting). **Motion Carried.**

B. **2021-2026 Master Plan Update** – Director Stowell distributed a schedule on behalf of Beckett & Raeder for meeting dates and times for the development of the upcoming Master Plan. Following the discussion of dates, motion made by Eldred to move the next Park Board meeting to Grand Ledge City Hall and to begin after the Master Plan meeting scheduled at that location, second by Droscha. **Motion Carried.**

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. **FY 2020/2021 Capital Improvement Discussion** – Director Stowell distributed a list of potential capital improvements for the next fiscal year.

B. **Memorial Bench Policy Adoption** – Operations Manager Blanc distributed a policy for memorial benches. The policy was reviewed. Motion made by Eldred, second by Droscha to approve the policy. **Motion carried.**

C. **Alvin Whitfield Service Award** – Discussion deferred to the next meeting.

10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Grand Ledge City Hall 310 Greenwood, Grand Ledge. There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made. The regular meeting was adjourned by Chairman McConnell at 8:03 p.m.

For the Commission,



Troy Stowell- Director of Eaton County Parks

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