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EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

January 8, 2020

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

PRESENT: Jack Duffy Brian Droscha, Sarah Ferguson, Robert McConnell, Rob Piercefield, Kathy Webber, Jane Whitacre, and Steven Weigel

ABSENT: Eric Deibel and Duane Eldred

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

None

3. CONCENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda for January 8, 2020 Meeting

Motion made by Droscha, second by Whitacre to move item 9B – 2020 Park Commission Election of 2020 Officers to the beginning of the meeting to item #3A on the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Droscha opened the floor for nominations for 2020 officers.

Commissioner Droscha opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chairman. Motion mad by Commissioner Whitacre, second by Commissioner Weigel to retain Bob McConnell as Chairman. There being no other nominations Commissioner Droscha closed the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to retain Bob McConnell as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

Chairman McConnell opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman. Motion mad by Commissioner Whitacre, second by Commissioner Droscha to retain Kathy Webber as Vice Chairman. There being no other nominations Chairman McConnell closed the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to retain Kathy Webber as Vice Chairman. **Motion carried.**

Chairman McConnell opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary. Motion mad by Commissioner Droscha, second by Commissioner Weigel to retain Jane Whitacre as Secretary. There being no other nominations Chairman McConnell closed the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to retain Jane Whitacre as Secretary. **Motion carried.**

B. Approval of Minutes

December minutes were reviewed. Motion made by Whitacre, second by Piercefield to approve the minutes.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Director Stowell gave a brief overview of his report that were distributed by email.

Jackie Blanc gave a brief overview of her report that was distributed by email and distributed a handout on her upcoming events.

Crystal Smith's report was distributed by email.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Master Voucher

December Master Voucher was reviewed. Motion made by Droscha, second by Doty to approve the voucher.

Motion carried.

B. Financial Report

December Financial Report for was reviewed. Motion made by Droscha, second by Weigel to receive the report.

Motion carried.

7. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

A. Friends of Eaton County Parks –Friend of the Parks President Spade stated they are still looking for members to join the organization

B. Barry Eaton District Health Department – No representative

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Master Plan Updates – Director Stowell referred back to his Director's report with a brief overview.

B. Crandell Park Exercise – Director Stowell collected the information from the Commissioners exercise from the previous meeting and stated he would consolidate the information for the next meeting.

C. "Restore Our Parks" Updates – Commissioner McConnell gave a report of the previous committee meeting in which retired Jackson County Parks Director gave a presentation on the Jackson County Parks Millage and all things that went into getting the item on the ballot and the success and turn out. An updated information sheet was distributed to the Parks Commission outlining the basic tenants of the group's efforts and what a potential parks millage would entail. Each item was discussed in depth.

1. Motion was made by Weigel, second by Droscha "To support a millage proposal concept developed by the Restore Our Parks Committee. Once those concepts are finalized and approved by the Parks Board, then send a resolution to the Eaton County Board of Commissioners for a decision." Commissioner McConnell called for a roll call vote. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Memorial Bench Program Guidelines

Discussion was tabled.

10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

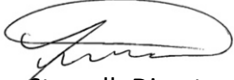
12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Droscha said he noticed a wedding was held at Crandell Park on New Year's Day.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2020 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 8:00 p.m.

For the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy Stowell', is written over a horizontal line.

Troy Stowell- Director of Eaton County Parks

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