

EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

April 3, 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, Robert McConnell, Kathy Webber, Steven Weigel, and Jane Whitacre

ABSENT: Duane Eldred, Rob Piercefield, and Kevin Thom

GUESTS: Terrance Augustine – Eaton County Board Chairman, MSU Students Zach Vega and Hannah Bryant

STAFF: Troy Stowell-Director, Allison Goodman – Recreation & Event Coordinator, Jackie Blanc – Naturalist and Operation Manager, and Melody Smalley-Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McConnell called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

2. INTRODUCTIONS/CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman McConnell welcomed Michael Doty to his first meeting as an official board member and Allison Goodman to her first meeting as a new staff member.

3. CONCENT AGENDA

Consent agenda includes current agenda and previous month's minutes. Motion made by Droscha, second by Webber to approved the consent agenda.

Motion carried.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Director Stowell and Operation/Naturalist Blanc gave brief overviews of their reports that were distributed by email. Allison Goodman gave a brief overview of her activities of her first couple of weeks and an overview of the direction she is planning on achieving with the recreation and events.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Master Voucher

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

B. Financial Report

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

7. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- A. **Friends of Eaton County Parks** – No representative
- B. **Barry Eaton District Health Department** – No representative

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Long Term Revenue Exploratory Work Group Update** – Brief discussion was held. A survey is being sent out to the Commissioners to get a better understanding of their support and views on an alternate long term revenue source.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Non-motorized Regional Trail Study – Draft Discussion** – Zach Vega and Hannah Bryant gave a presentation of their class project of exploring the expansion of a trail system that would connect the ALIVE and Crandell Park.

10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

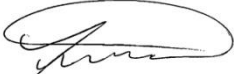
12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Droscha said that he and attended the Jerry Roe Memorial service and he and Rick Jones are working on establishing a Historic Foundation in Roe’s honor.
- Commissioner Webber asked the Commission if there would be interest in cell towers on park property as an additional revenue source.
- Commissioner Doty stated the Annual Hugh Heward Challenge on the Grand River is Saturday, April 27, 2019.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 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 7:40pm.

For the Commission,



Troy Stowell- Director of Eaton County Parks

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