

EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

May 1, 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, Duane Eldred, Robert McConnell, Rob Piercefield, Kathy Webber, and Steven Weigel,

ABSENT: Kevin Thom and Jane Whitacre

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

STAFF: Troy Stowell-Director, 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 6:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

2. INTRODUCTIONS/CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman McConnell thanked the Commissioners for responding to the long term revenue survey and complimented Director Stowell on his utilization of the MSU graduate students for the trail study.

3. CONCENT AGENDA

Consent agenda includes current agenda and previous month's minutes. Motion made by Doty second by Deible 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.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Master Voucher

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

B. Financial Report

Financial Report for April 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

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Non-motorized Regional Trail Study

Director Stowell gave a brief overview of the presentation the MSU students gave for their final project at MSU.

B. Long Term Revenue Exploratory Work Group Update

a. Parks Capital Improvement and Critical Needs Presentation

Director Stowell presented a power point summarizing some of the conditions and needs for capital improvements in the park system.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was held about rotating the Park Commission Meetings to other Eaton County Parks for the summer months.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Droscha encouraged everyone to attend the Waterfest meetings and event to be held on June 8th at Crandell Park.
- Commissioner Doty stated the Hewitt Canoe run was successful with over a 100 participants and complimented the Fitzgerald Park staff for their readiness for the event that passed through Fitzgerald Park.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 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 7:35pm.

For the Commission,



Troy Stowell- Director of Eaton County Parks

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