

EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

February 6, 2019

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, Rob Piercefield, Kathy Webber, Steven Weigel, and Jane Whitacre

ABSENT: Robert McConnell and Kevin Thom

GUESTS: Riley Spayde – Friends of Eaton County Parks

STAFF: Troy Stowell-Director and Melody Smalley-Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Stowell 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. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following Commissioners had expressed interest in following positions:

Chairman – Robert McConnell

Vice Chairman – Kathy Webber

Secretary – Jane Whitacre

Motion made by Commissioner Eldred, Second by Weigel to approve the nominations as slated.

Motion carried.

4. CONCENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Director Stowell gave a brief overview of his report that was distributed by email. This included his attendance to the mParks Conference & Trade show, the MSU Regional Trail Study, the new County website, and financial and grant updates.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Master Voucher

The January 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 January was reviewed. Motion made by Droscha, second by Deibel to receive the report. **Motion carried.**

8. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- A. Friends of Eaton County Parks** – Riley Spayde gave an overview of the work that has been completed by the Trail Crew at Lincoln Brick Park in regards to the removal of dead Ash trees. Spayde also said the annual membership drive has begun.
- B. Barry Eaton District Health Department** – No Representative

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Long Term Revenue Exploratory Work Group Update** – Director Stowell stated the January meeting was cancelled. Secretary Whitacre suggested the possibility of hiring a 3rd Party professional planning firm to assist in identifying the county resident’s wants and desires for the future development of our park system.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Capital Improvement Plan Considerations** – Director Stowell gave a general scope of the areas that are being looked into. These areas included: Large scale infrastructure improvements, expanding recreation development, improving accessibility and safety, and beautification.
- B. Lincoln Brick Dog Park Conceptual Plan Review** – A conceptual map was presented and Commissioners were asked to make notes on the map of any ideas or changes they would like to see added or removed.

11. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 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 Director Stowell at 7:02 p.m.

For the Commission,



Troy Stowell- Director of Eaton County Parks

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