

EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

March 6, 2019

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

PRESENT: Brian Droscha, Duane Eldred, Robert McConnell, Rob Piercefield, Kevin Thom, Kathy Webber, and Steven Weigel

ABSENT: Eric Deible and Jane Whitacre

GUESTS: Terrance Augustine – Eaton County Board Chairman, Riley Spayde – Friends of Eaton County Parks, and Michael Doty

STAFF: Troy Stowell-Director 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 that offered to serve on the board and congratulated those that were elected at the previous meeting.

3. CONCENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Director Stowell gave a brief overview of his Director and Operation/Naturalist reports that was distributed by email. The reported included an update on Allison Goodman – Recreation and Event Coordinator, that is starting and an update on John Westbrook – Maintenance. Stowell gave brief overview of two events scheduled for Crandell Park: Fishing it Forward and the Waterfest.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Doty gave a brief introduction of himself.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Master Voucher

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

B. Financial Report

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

7. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- A. Friends of Eaton County Parks** – Riley Spayde gave an overview of the work that has been completed by the Trail Crew. Spayde also stated they are looking into a new venue for the Friend’s Annual Dinner fundraiser.
- B. Barry Eaton District Health Department** – No Representative

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Long Term Revenue Exploratory Work Group Update** – No update, except they are looking at dates for the next meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Non-motorized Regional Trail Study – Draft Discussion** – Director Stowell distributed a rough draft prepared by the MSU students in regards to their trail study. He also stated that someone will be at the next meeting for a Q&A.

- B. FY 2019/2020 Group Discussion & Priorities** – Director Stowell distributed a Capital Improvement Plan Considerations list and asked for the Commissioners input for project ideas from the Commission for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 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 7:25pm.

For the Commission,



Troy Stowell- Director of Eaton County Parks

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