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EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

August 3, 2022

The Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission met at Lincoln Brick Park.

PRESENT: Jack Duffy, Eric Deibel, Brian Droscha, Sarah Ferguson, Alisa Gonzales-Pennington, and Barbara Rogers

ABSENT: Christopher Arndt, Duane Eldred, and Jane Whitacre

GUESTS: Riley Spayde – FOECP, and Bob McConnell

STAFF: Travis Keeton – Director, Jackie Blanc –Operations Manager/Naturalist, and Melody Smalley – Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Droscha called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Motion made by Rogers, second by Duffy to delay any further action until Chairman Ferguson arrived. **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Ferguson called the Parks Commission meeting back to order at 6:11pm.

2. INTRODUCTIONS/CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Ferguson thanked the commission members for coming tonight. Ferguson explained that the Eaton County Parks Commission has been dissolved by the Board of Eaton County and this would be their last official meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Droscha, second by Rogers to approve the August 2022 agenda and June 2022 minutes. **Motion carried.**

4. STAFF REPORTS

Keeton and Blanc gave a brief overview of reports that were distributed by email.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Riley Spayde stated the "Renew our Parks" committee has been successful and there would be an Eaton County Parks millage on the ballot in November.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion made by Duffy, seconded by Deible, to receive 2022 June and July Master Vouchers and Financial Reports. **Motion carried.**

7. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- A. Friends of Eaton County Parks**

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Capital Purchases** – Keeton stated that we are still waiting to receive the zero turn and one-ton dump truck from this years’ capital purchases.
- B. Parks Millage** – Keeton reiterated that there will be an Eaton County Parks millage on the November ballot.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Priority Health Grant** – Keeton stated that the grant was completed for submission earlier today.
- B. Deed Transfer for Dyer Kiln Historic Site** – The property was originally gifted to the Eaton County Parks Commission. The board has been asked to transfer the deed for the Dyer Kiln Historic Site to Eaton County. Motion made by Droscha, second by Deible to postpone the discussion of the transfer of property until further legal advice is obtained. **Motion carried.**

10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob McConnel, former Chairman of Eaton County Parks Board, stated that the millage is good news for the County and park system. McConnell also stated that the reason behind creating a Parks Commission board was to create a bridge from the County to the public; and hopefully down the road, the County will re-recognize the importance of the Parks Commission and reinstate it.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

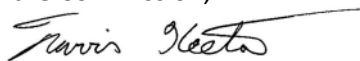
13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Droscha stated that he has enjoyed his time on the Parks Commission Board and he is now much more aware of how politics can help and hinder a parks’ system.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There is no next scheduled meeting at this time. There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made. The regular meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ferguson at 6:48 p.m.

For the Commission,



Travis Keeton, Director
Eaton County Parks and Recreation

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