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EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

September 1, 2012

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

PRESENT: Eric Deibel, Brian Droscha, Jack Duffy, Duane Eldred, Sarah Ferguson, Jon Horford, Barbara Rogers, and Kathy Webber

ABSENT: Alisa Gonzales-Pennington and Jane Whitacre

GUESTS: Riley Spayde – FOECP, Gary Goris – Vermontville City Council President

STAFF: Troy Stowell-Director, Jackie Blanc-Operations Manager/Naturalist, and Melody Smalley – Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ferguson called the Parks Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

2. INTRODUCTIONS/CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Droscha, second by Rogers to approve the consent agenda that included September agenda and June's minutes. **Motion carried.**

4. STAFF REPORTS

- Director Stowell gave an update on Crystal Smith's programs and activities.
- Jacki Blanc gave an update on her naturalist programs and operational projects in the parks.
- Director Stowell gave a brief overview of his report that was distributed by email.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Goris expressed his concerns of needing an upgraded gate system on the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail due to ATVs and dirt bikes utilizing the pedestrian trail. He also stated that prior to the beginning of tonight's board meeting he had the opportunity to speak with Jackie Blanc and was happy with the proposed gate system she has been working on.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Master Voucher

June, July, and August Master Vouchers were received. Motion made by Eldred, second by Rogers, to receive the Master Vouchers. **Motion carried.**

B. Financial Report

June, July, and August Financial Reports were received. Motion made by Eldred, second by Rogers, to receive the Financial Reports. **Motion carried.**

7. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- A. Friends of Eaton County Parks** – Riley gave a brief update on the golf fundraiser stating they netted approximately \$3,000. Riley also reminded the board that the annual dinner fundraiser will be held at Sanctuary Spirits on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. “Restore Our Parks” Long Term Revenue Subcommittee Report

Chairman Ferguson stated the FOECP meetings are now being split with a dedicated time allotment for the “Restore Our Parks” followed by the agenda for the FOECP regular monthly meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Vice Chair Election

This election was postponed to the October meeting.

B. Discussion Regarding Goats at Fox Park Landfill

Blanc proposed the idea of goats being placed at the landfill for weed and grass management for discussion. The board felt this avenue is worth further consideration and encouraged Blanc to continue working on the details for a future motion.

10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2021 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 Ferguson at 7:06 p.m.

For the Commission,



Troy Stowell- Director of Eaton County Parks

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