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## EATON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

November 3, 2021

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

**PRESENT:** Duane Eldred, Brian Droscha, Jack Duffy, Sarah Ferguson, Barbara Rogers, and Jane Whitacre

**ABSENT:** Eric Deibel, Alisa Gonzales-Pennington, Jon Horford

**GUESTS:** None

**STAFF:** Troy Stowell-Director, Jackie Blanc-Operations Manager/Naturalist

### 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

#### Additions to New Business

#### A. SB 704

#### B. Charlotte Optimist Park Lease Discussion

Motion made by Droscha, second by Whitacre to approve the consent agenda that included the November agenda and October minutes. **Motion carried.**

### 4. STAFF REPORTS

- Crystal Smith's Recreation and Events report was given by Director Stowell
- 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

None

### 6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

#### A. Master Voucher

October Master Vouchers was received. Motion made by Rogers, seconded by Droscha, to receive the Master Vouchers. **Motion carried.**

**B. Financial Report**

October Financial Report was received. Motion made by Droscha, second by Rogers, to receive the Financial Reports. **Motion carried.**

**7. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**

**A. Friends of Eaton County Parks – No report**

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Chairman Ferguson and Director Stowell discussed actions by the Friends of Eaton County Parks who have entered into an agreement with Marketing Resource Group to fund the execution of public opinion polling regarding a potential 2022 Parks Millage. Discussion held on types and methods of questions to be explored.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. SB 704**

Director Stowell introduced SB 704 to the Commission which allocates \$150 million of federal ARP funds to local parks. The bill currently is in committee. Director Stowell will draft a letter of support once the bill advances to be sent to state representatives.

**B. Charlotte Optimist Park Lease**

Director Stowell gave an update to the Commission in regards to the expired lease for the park. Though contact with the optimist Club regarding insurance, it was identified that the current lease expired 9/2008. Commission gave verbal approval to begin drafting a new lease with the Club to be presented at the December meeting.

**10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

None


**12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 1 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 6:47 p.m.

For the Commission,



Troy Stowell- Director of Eaton County Parks  
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