

Members Present: President Joe Krapohl, Vice President Jim Washington, Secretary Bill Lucas, Commissioners Lynch, Nolden, Dickerson, Wright,

Members Absent: Mike Keeler

Staff Present: Amy McMillan, Director; Barry June, Deputy Director; Leisa Gagne, Financial Officer; Danielle Fulcher, Marketing Specialist, Nancy Edwards, Programs and Grants; Michelle Maust, For-Mar EEOC; Deborah Wilkes, Secretary; Patrick Linihan, Administrative Intern

Others Present: Tom Kehoe, Chris Miller, Gail Viers-Cook

1) Call to Order. President Krapohl presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2) Recreation Programs & Grant Summary – Nancy Edwards gave a presentation about the recreation programs and grants for the past year including the number of programs, customers served and grant funds received.

3) Opportunity for members of the public to address the commission. Tom Kehoe, 4305 E Stanley Road commented that there is a tree on the park property that he donated. He and his family fertilize and water it and decorate it during the holidays, which puts the tree under considerable stress already. During the construction on Genesee Rd there is a park sign leaning against the tree that he wants removed. He also asked if there are any improvements to Genesee Rd or if it was replaced just like it was before. He also commented that everything is going well on the trestle project.

4) Consent Agenda. President Krapohl asked commissioners if there are any items they wish to remove from the consent agenda for discussion. No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Wright

Motion and support for approval of consent agenda items A through D, as listed.

Roll Call

Yeas: Dickerson, Krapohl, Lucas, Lynch, Madore, Nealy, Nolden, Washington, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Keeler is absent.

MOTION CARRIED 9-0

5) Director's Report

Our annual report will be appearing on our website. Within the next several months our website will be overhauled by Danielle Fulcher and our design team and our IT persons. It will be more mobile friendly. Mark Lantz, who designed our branding several years ago will be helping with that. He also worked on Pure Michigan and the Flint Genesee Chamber branding. The website should be done by early January.

The railroad trestle work is going well. Thanks to the contractor and our staff, who did an extraordinary job at planning in advance to make sure all the materials were on hand in advance and there has been no down time.

The Genesee Road crossing will be open sometime tomorrow (Friday the 25th) exactly as planned. Regarding Mr. Kehoe's question on whether there are any changes; we have no control over the roads. The Genesee County Road Commission has been working with SAGE for safe crosswalks in the County.

Ms. McMillan noted that our railroad master mechanic Ray Cash, lost his mother this week. We will share arrangements with you when they are available.

6) New Business

7) Opportunity for Commissioners to address the Commission.

Krapohl: noted that there was another fantastic volunteer dinner. We had six commissioners there. Thank you for showing up, it was a fun night, for some good volunteers, and good food.

McMillan: noted that Keep Genesee County Beautiful will be joining us next year so it will be even larger.

Madore: noted that it was the first time he has been able to make it to the dinner and he enjoyed it and all of the folks were very enthusiastic.

With the Keep Genesee County Beautiful (KGCB) becoming affiliated with the Parks, will everything be the same? How will their grants work?

McMillan: The Parks will apply for grants and KGCB) will become a program within Genesee County Parks. The grant would be held here at the Parks, and funds dispersed to the GGCB program. They will continue to operate at their own facility. There will be opportunities for some shared services.

Dickerson: He thanked those that attended his family and friends day at church, Amy and BB Nolden. The feedback was great and people appreciate seeing commissioners and directors attending. Many remembered Amy from the Berston event last Halloween, people knew you were there.

McMillan: The service and music were phenomenal.

Wright: Thanks to the Parks and this Commission, as well as the Board members that sit on this commission for processing the easements for the KWA project. The KWA voted to finalize and preliminary drawings will be coming soon.

Nolden: He had a wonderful time at the volunteer dinner. Even his girlfriend, who is a vegetarian, enjoyed the meal. He helps sponsor a Halloween event at Berston Field House in Flint and he welcomes donations of candy, any kind of candy for the children's event on October 30 from 5:30 to 7pm.

McMillan & Krapohl stated that Target (using the Cartwheel app) has candy on sale and so does Northwood's in Pinconning if you happen to be in that area.