

Members Present: Vice President Jim Washington, Commissioners Keeler, Madore, Nolden, Wright, Lynch, Nealy

Members Absent: President Joe Krapohl, Secretary William Lucas, Commissioner Dickerson

Staff Present: Amy McMillan, Director, Leisa Gagne, Financial Officer; Nancy Edwards, Recreation Programs and Grant Officer; Deborah Wilkes, Recording Secretary; Patrick Linihan and Danielle Fulcher, Marketing Specialist

Others Present: Brian Barkey, Legal Counsel, Chris Miller and Gail Viers-Cook, Genesee County Agricultural Society

1) Call to Order. Vice-President Washington presided and called meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2) Opportunity for members of the public to address the commission. According to commission rules, the public has three minutes to address the commission. Please state your name and address for the record.

Terry Gibbs, 2399 S Dye Rd, Flint. Mr. Gibbs is on the Kearsley Alumni Committee. He asked that the Gale Road gate entrance to Richfield County Park be opened for one day, August 1, when his committee is holding an event at the park. There may be about 15 classic cars attending. He'd like it opened from Noon to 8pm so that the classic cars don't get damaged coming down the dirt road.

Keeler: Does that require a special use permit?

McMillan: We have their special event permit application, it is pending.

President Washington: Someone from the parks commission will be getting back with you with a decision about that.

3) Consent Agenda. Vice-President Washington asked commissioners if there are any other items they wish to remove from the consent agenda for discussion. No items were removed from the consent agenda.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Keeler

Supported by Commissioner Nolden

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

Roll Call

Yeas: Nolden, Keeler, Lynch, Washington, Wright, Madore, Nealy

Nays: None

Absent: President Krapohl, Secretary Lucas and Commissioner Dickerson are absent

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3) Director's Report.

- a. Introductions: Danielle Fulcher, is our new Marketing Specialist and she started last week. She has worked in the automotive and construction industry. She graduated from UM-Flint and has lived in Genesee County her entire life and is excited to be here. She is familiar with the parks and uses them on a regular basis.
- b. The Planning Commission has awarded the Parks Commission TAP funds to fund the Gale Road section of the Iron Belle Trail. This is 1.5 miles of trailway that we applied for a grant from the DNR, which would provide the balance of the funds for construction of this project if awarded. We had a conditional commitment from the Planning Commission when we applied for the DNR grant. Atlas Township has also contracted with OHS to complete the scoping on this actual route.
- c. Our plan is to go to the Board of Commissioners in the very near future to ask for a renewal and/or extension of our current contract for the accommodation tax. The Parks have been awarded 25% of the total revenue from accommodation taxes since the inception of the accommodation tax in the late 70s or early 80s. The other 75% goes to the Flint/Genesee Chamber of Commerce.

Madore: How often is that re-addressed?

McMillan: It depends. When she first started it was every year, then it was 2 years, currently 5 years. We hope the new renewal will be for 10 years.

Nolden: Do we need a motion to show our support for that?

McMillan: If the board pleases, it could.

Action Taken:

Motion by Commissioner Nolden
Supported by Commissioner Wright

Motion and support to support the Commission's request for a renewal/extension of the accommodations tax contract from the Genesee County Board of Commissioners.

Yeas: All Ayes

Nays: None

Absent: President Krapohl, Secretary Lucas and Commissioner Dickerson are absent

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- d. The Kid's Fishing Derby at Bluegill Boat Launch is this weekend from 9 am-2 pm. If you'd like to help count worms or grubs, call Nancy!
- e. The CS Mott Foundation Board of Trustees held their meeting at ForMar and at Crossroads last Thursday. They were uniformly impressed with the work we do. When we were asked to host their meeting, it was a mix of a tremendous excitement of having them here and terror. It is outdoors, we have no idea about the weather, we had over 1,000 school kids that day, but in the middle of all that, the only thing she worried about on that day was what her role was, sharing information about the parks.