



# Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 – 1:30 p.m.  
as convened in the Commissioners' Board Room of the  
H.H. Purdy Building, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro MI

**Roll call:** David Barrios, Steve Erickson, Cynthia Kapa (Planning Commission), Bob Mantey (Drain Commissioner), Julie Matuszak (Designated Road Commissioner), Robert McKay (Chairman), Gerald Peterson (Vice Chairman), Mary Stec, Kim Vaughan, Tom Young, (Tuscola County Board of Commissioners).

**Call to order:** With quorum present consisting of David Barrios, Steve Erickson, Cynthia Kapa, Bob Mantey, Julie Matuszak, Robert McKay, and Gerald Peterson, the February 17, 2016, a special meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

**Others present:** Mike Miller, Director of Tuscola County Buildings and Grounds Department; Vicky Sherry, Communications Director of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation; Russell Fall, Chairman of the Vassar Township Parks and Recreation Committee; and Pam Shook, Assistant Park Host of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds.

**Approval of agenda:** Approval of revised agenda moved by Peterson, supported by Erickson, and approved unanimously.

**Approval of minutes:** Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2016, Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting moved by Barrios, supported by Erickson, and approved unanimously.

**Public comments:** -- none --

**Review of correspondence(s) received, and/or relevant actions by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners:** extract of Tuscola County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes as follows:

-- 16-M-015 --

*Parks and Recreation Update - Mike Hoagland reviewed the updated provided by Parks and Recreation Chairman, Robert McKay.*

-- 16-M-021 --

*Motion by Trisch, seconded by Bierlein to appoint Tom Young to fill the District #1 Commissioner vacancy with an effective date of January 29, 2016. This person will serve*

*until the public chooses a candidate through the primary and general election process in 2016. (Tuscola County Clerk Fetting has the filing information.) Matter Discussed.*

*Commissioner Kirkpatrick called for a roll Call Vote.  
Kirkpatrick - no; Trisch - yes; Bierlein - yes; Bardwell - yes.*

*Motion Carried.*

From the February 8 2016, Consent agenda Reference E, the following was passed at the February 11, 2016 meeting of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners in 16-M-025:

*“that the County Parks and Recreation Plan adopted on February 26, 2015 (Board Motion 15-M-026) be withdrawn because a new plan will be submitted with certain revisions for compliance procedures required by the state”*

**Review of Newsworthy items:** five items presented from Tuscola County Advertiser:

- 1) Tuscola County Advertiser, January 23, 2016, “Cass River revitalization ramping up in 2016”;
- 2) Tuscola County Advertiser, January 30, 2016, “Young appointed to vacant county board seat”;
- 3) Tuscola County Advertiser, February 3, 2016, “Anglers headed to Mayville in search of \$7,000 pike”;
- 4) Tuscola County Advertiser, February 10, 2016, “Public trails inside 35-acre forest near Caro often unnoticed”;
- 5) Tuscola County Advertiser, February 13, 2016, “Tuscola County area gets grant to eliminate invasive grass”.

**Public comments:** Commissioner Erickson expanded upon matters pertaining to the Advertiser article “Tuscola County area gets grant to eliminate invasive grass”, clarifying that Tuscola County and the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation are partners with the Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative in a regional effort to combat phragmites along the Saginaw Bay coastline inclusive of the area in and around Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds. He continued further to mention that there would be a phragmites treatment and control workshop taking place on Thursday, March 10 at the Tuscola County Tech Center in Caro, and invited members of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission to attend.

**Business:**

1) Amend Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission’s Capital Improvement Plan to the following for inclusion in Parks and Recreation Master Plan as well as Recreational Passport grant submission as follows:

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| 1) install potable water line             | \$ 3,800 |
| 2) purchase & install 18 campfire rings   | \$ 2,500 |
| 3) graveling, grading, & shaping drive    | \$ 3,000 |
| 4) purchase 6 ADA compliant picnic tables | \$ 5,000 |

Amended Capital Improvement Plan moved by Erickson, supported by Barrios, and approved unanimously.

2) Approval of 2016 – 2021 Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Master Plan and recommendation of approval by Tuscola County Board of Commissioners;

**WHEREAS**, the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission has undertaken a Five Year Park and Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2017 and 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, a public comment session was held in the Commissioners' Board Room at 125 West Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Park and Recreation Master Plan and a 30 day public review is now being provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tuscola County Park and Recreation Commission has developed the Park and Recreation Master Plan for the benefit of the entire community; and

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Tuscola County Park and Recreation Commission hereby recommends approval of the 2017 – 2021 Tuscola County Park and Recreation Master Plan as a guideline for improving park and recreation for the residents of the Tuscola County community and recommends the County of Tuscola the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners adopts said plan.

Vote on motion: Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Abstained: 0 Absent: 3 Motion carried.

**Public comments:** -- none --

**Announcements and/or further comments by Commissioners:** -- none --

**Scheduling of next meeting:** The next meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission, a Special Meeting, is scheduled for April 20, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room of the Purdy Building, the location of which is 125 W. Lincoln Street in Caro MI.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Barrios, supported by Mantey, voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:55 p.m.

*The mission of the Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission is to provide and coordinate year-round recreational opportunities for people of all abilities, and to meet the needs of area residents and regional visitors while protecting wildlife and nature.*