



# Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission

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## MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED 3RD QUARTER REGULAR MEETING OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Thursday, August 27, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

H.H. Purdy Building Commissioners' Board Room,  
125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro MI 48723

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

**Call to order:** With quorum present consisting of David Barrios, Terri Eden, Bob Mantey, Julie Matuszak, Robert McKay, and Kim Vaughan, the rescheduled 3rd Quarter Regular meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairman McKay.

**Others present:** Pam Shook, Assistant Park Host of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds; Jamie Wark, Supervisor of Wisner Township; and Tim Green of the Tuscola County Information & Technology Department.

**Approval of agenda:** Approval of revised agenda moved by Vaughan, supported by Barrios, and passed unanimously.

**Approval of minutes:** Approval of Minutes (as corrected) of April 27, 2017, 2nd Quarter Regular Meeting moved by Barrios, supported by Matuszak, and passed 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:

*2017-06-29: New Business – from 2017-06-17 Consent agenda:*

*-- Request for EDC to Assist with Vanderbilt Park Administration: Vicky Sherry updated the Board on the Park Grant and the need for her to assist in the administration of the grant.*

*Motion 17-M-116 by Bierlein, seconded by Young that Vicky Sherry, Communications Director of Tuscola County EDC be appointed to assist in grant administration of the 2016 Michigan DNR Passport Grant for Vanderbilt County Park. Motion Carried.*

**Media coverage and other items related to Parks and Recreation:**

Tuscola County Advertiser May 17, 2017: “Paddle pushers: Vassar touts new canoe launch”;

Tuscola County Advertiser June 14, 2017: “Paddle and swim event passes through Tuscola County”;

M-Live July 9, 2017: “Flint River kayak tours offer solitude, scenic beauty just beyond city”;

Ann Arbor News July 9, 2017: “37th annual Huron River Day brings thousands to the water”.

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

**Business:**

1) Motion to rescind action passed at April 27 meeting regarding Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds matters to be at top of Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission agenda moved by McKay and supported by Mantey. Motion to rescind approved by vote of 4 yes (Eden, Maantey, Matuszak, McKay) and 2 no (Barrios and Vaughan).

2) Removal of dead tree blocking ice fisherman access to Saginaw Bay with relevant discussion of property boundary tabled to next meeting;

3) Matters pertaining to Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds web site as well as Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission web site. Motion by Eden to create committee of one, consisting of Terri Eden, to make changes to current web site working in conjunction with Tuscola County IT Department to implement changes seconded by Barrios, and passed unanimously.

4) Request from Bill Ernat of East Michigan County of Governments for support from the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission for grant submission by the East Michigan Council of Governments regarding 1) a planning study of Iron Belle Trail study for segment between Village of Millington and City of Vassar; and 2) grant for Iron Belle Trail signage between the City of Vassar and the Tuscola – Saginaw county line . . . both grant applications to come after meeting with Chairman of Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission and other local officials for the purpose of discussing the merit of the two applications. Motion to support request from Bill Ernat of East Michigan Council of

Governments moved by Barrios, supported by Matuszak, and approved unanimously.

Text of August 10, 2017 letter from Mr. Ernat to Chairman of Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission:

5) Report on status of 2016 DNR Passport Grant activity if further information is available from Vicky Sherry of the EDC and/or Mike Miller of Tuscola County Buildings and Grounds tabled to next meeting, though an abbreviated report was made by County Commissioner Vaughan stating that the scope of the grant had been narrowed to just the water line and picnic tables with other issues such as fire rings and gravel pathways to be matters for the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners;

6) Election of officers: Moved by Barrios, seconded by Mantey, and approved unanimously that current officers (Robert McKay, Chairman and Gerald Peterson Vice Chairman) be reelected.

**Public comments:** County Commissioner Vaughan asked Jamie Wark, Wisner Township Supervisor, if Wisner Township would be interested in either partnering with Tuscola County or completely taking on operation and management of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds, to which Supervisor Wark said that a recent meeting at the township level revealed no interest on the part of Wisner Township to either partner with Tuscola County in some way or take on the operation and management of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds.

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

**Business to be carried over to next meeting:**

- 1) Removal of dead tree blocking ice fisherman access to Saginaw Bay;
- 2) Status of 2016 DNR Passport Grant activity.

**Scheduling of next meeting:** The next meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission is the 4th Quarter Regular Meeting which will take place on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room of the H.H. Purdy Building located at 125 W. Lincoln Street in Caro MI.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Vaughan, supported by Matuszak, voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:58 p.m.

#### **Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission Mission Statement**

*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.*