



# Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission

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## MINUTES OF THE 1ST QUARTER REGULAR MEETING OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Thursday, January 25, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.

H.H. Purdy Building Commissioners' Board Room

125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro MI 48723

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

**Excused Absences:** Bob Mantey and Kim Vaughan

**Call to order:** With quorum present consisting of Terri Lynn Eden, Steve Erickson, Julie Matuszak, Robert McKay, and Jerry Peterson, the 1st Quarter Regular meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 3:01 pm by Chairman McKay.

**Others present:** Pam Shook, Assistant Park Host of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds; Mike Miller, Director of Tuscola County Buildings and Grounds Department.

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

**Approval of minutes:** Approval of Minutes (as corrected) of October 26, 2017, 4th Quarter Regular Meeting moved by Peterson, 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:

*2017-11-20: New Business:*

*Motion 17-M-206 by Bierlein, seconded by Young that the following appointments be made to the corresponding Tuscola County Boards and Commissions beginning January 1, 2018:*

*Ben Guile - 911 Dispatch Authority Board, 2-year term*

*Matthew Foley - 911 Dispatch Authority Board, 2-year term*

*Keith Kosik - Construction Code Board of Appeals, 2-year term*  
*Ken Martin - Construction Code Board of Appeals, 2-year term*  
*Marvin Klein - Construction Code Board of Appeals, 2-year term*  
*Sue Morris - Department of Human Services Board, 3-year term*  
*James Hecht - Department of Public Works, 3-year term*  
*Jerry Peterson - Human Development Board of Directors, 1-year term*  
*John Hunter - Jury Board, 6-year term*  
*Beverly Read - Jury Board, 6-year term*  
*Stephen Erickson - Parks & Recreation Commission, 3-year term*  
*Zygmunt Dworzecki - Parks & Recreation Commission, 3-year term*  
*Cynthia Kapa - Parks & Recreation Commission, 3-year term*  
*Albert Pearsall III - Planning Commission, 3-year term*  
*Terry Jones - Recycling Advisory Committee, 3-year term*  
*Sharon Mika - Recycling Advisory Committee, 3-year term*  
*William Sanders - Region VII Area Agency on Aging, 1-year term*  
*Motion Carried.*

**2017-12-14: Consent Agenda Resolution:**

*Motion 17-M-209 by Bierlein, seconded by Kirkpatrick that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the December 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted.*

*Motion carried.*

*Move to rescind the previous Board motion appointing Cindy Kapa as a public representative to the County Parks and Recreation Commissioner but continue her appointment to the County and Recreation Commission as a liaison representative from the County Planning Commission.*

**2017-12-27: New Business:**

*Motion 17-M-232 by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the Internal Revenue Service calculation, the county mileage reimbursement rate for 2018 be increased \$0.535 per mile to \$0.545 per mile. Motion Carried.*

**Media coverage and other items related to Parks and Recreation: -- none --**

Tuscola County Advertiser May 13, 2018: “Cass River Greenway report addresses accomplishments from the last decade”.

## **Business**

1) Photos of Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds improvements inclusive of parking lot, interior roadway, volleyball court and water line. Twenty fire rings will be donated by Kim Vaughan.



Parking Lot



Interior Road



Volleyball Court



Potable Water Access

- 2) Moved by Peterson, seconded by Erickson: that the Mission Statement of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission be changed to read: *“The mission of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission is to advise the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners on matters of policy and practice pertaining to the encouragement, establishment, and provision of recreational opportunities for residents of, and visitors to, Tuscola County.”* Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Chairman McKay reported on December 19, 2017 interaction with Tuscola Township Board of Trustees regarding non-motorized trails, particularly considering approaching Tuscola County Road Commission about constructing bike lanes along Frankenmuth Road from City of Vassar to Tuscola – Saginaw county line similar to the bike lanes existing on Saginaw Road (Old M-38) between the City of Vassar and the Village of Mayville;
- 4) Chairman McKay reported on meeting of stakeholders convened by Bill Ernat of East Michigan Council of Governments at the Millington Village Hall on January 10, 2018 for purposes of discussing matters pertaining to Iron- Belle Trail route between the Village of Millington and the City of Vassar as well as application to be submitted to fund planning study of same;
- 5) Commissioner Peterson and Chairman McKay reported on January 18, 2018 interaction with Tuscola Township Parks and Recreation Board regarding non-motorized trails, particularly support for the designation of a Trans-Tuscola bike route including that portion of M-15 in Tuscola Township which extends from the western City Limit of Vassar northwesterly to Waterman Road.
- 6) Committee of One, Commissioner Terri Lynn Eden, reported on matters pertaining to the Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds web site as well as the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission web site. Comments that arose during the presentation included the suggestion to add camping rates and details related to parking -- inclusive of the fee and when parking fees are in effect.
- 7) Moved by Erickson, seconded by Peterson: that the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission extends thanks and appreciation to David Barrios for his more than seven years of public service to the people of Tuscola County as a member of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission from his initial appointment in November 2011 through December 2018; and furthermore the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners extend a similar motion of thanks and appreciation to David Barrios.

**Business to be carried over to next meeting:** progress report on dead tree removal by Michigan DNR

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

**Public comments:** Pam Shook, Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds Assistant Host, reported that the previously treated phragmites had not yet been mowed, but should be by the end of January 2018. It was also reported that the dead tree which the Michigan Department of Natural Resource had committed to removing has not yet been dealt with by the DNR -- but the location of the dead tree should not be an impediment to Saginaw Bay access for ice fishermen.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Erickson, supported by Matuszak, voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

**Next scheduled meeting:** The next scheduled meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission is the 2nd Quarter Regular Meeting to take place on Thursday, April 26, 2018 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.

**Mention:** Though not mandated by the Laws of the State of Michigan, policy of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, or by-laws of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission, past practice has been that the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission takes place annually at the 3rd Quarterly Regular Meeting of the commission, typically held at Vanderbilt County Park and Campground. The terms of office for both Chairman and Vice Chairman shall begin with the 4th Quarter Regular Meeting, at which time the following calendar year's Regular Meeting Schedule shall be established by the commission.

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

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