



Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission

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MINUTES OF THE 2ND QUARTER REGULAR MEETING OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Thursday, April 26, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.

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

Roll call: Terri Lynn Eden, 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 Julie Matuszak

Call to order: With quorum present consisting of Terri Lynn Eden, Steve Erickson, Robert McKay, Jerry Peterson, and Kim Vaughan, the 2nd 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; Gary Barnes, Cass City DPW Supervisor; Debbie Powell, Cass City Village Manager.

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 January 25, 2018, 1st Quarter Regular Meeting moved by Peterson, supported by Erickson, and passed unanimously.

Public comments:

Officials from the Village of Cass City appeared before the Commission to make known the deteriorating condition of the Helen Stevens Memorial pool and the need for repair and renovation which the Village hopes to, in part, fund by means of grants. To that end, Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell asked for support of their endeavors by the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission.

In response to the presentation of Village Manager Powell, the following was moved by Erickson, supported by Vaughn, and approved unanimously: *that the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission strongly supports and fully endorses the Village of Cass City's Helen Stevens Memorial Pool repair and modernization initiative, a effort that will not only contribute noticeably to the quality of life in*

Cass City, but serves the regional center of swimming instruction for youth from Tuscola, Huron, and Sanilac counties.

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:

2018-02-81: Move that per request of the County Clerk that the appointment of Ziggy Dworzecki be corrected stating that he is appointed to a three-year term to the County Planning Commission and not the County Parks and Recreation effective 1/1/18.

Media coverage and other items related to Parks and Recreation:

East Village Magazine, March 19, 2018, “Confluence of efforts on ‘the spine of the city’ changing the Flint River reality, narrative” by Jeffery L. Carey Jr. and Jan Worth-Nelson

Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources, March 19, 2018, “DNR awards \$151,000 in local funding for projects along Michigan’s Iron Belle Trail” by Dakota Hewlett

Saginaw News, March 20, 2018, “Saginaw, other communities get Iron Belle Trail development grants” by Heather Jordan

Business

1) Kim Vaughan reported on information pertaining to the Caro dam with the primary objective being to restore water levels to previous levels to accommodate fishing, boating, and other recreational pursuits. No specific action is in store at the present time.

2) Moved by Erickson, seconded by Peterson: *that the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission strongly supports and fully endorses the Vassar Public Schools “Safe Routes to School” grant application and initiative in an effort that will not only contribute noticeably to the safety of Vassar children in their commuting to and from Vassar Public Schools, but also contribute to the general health and well-being of Vassar youth by means of encouraging recreational bicycling and walking – activities, both of which, also fall within the purview of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission.* Motion passed unanimously.

3) Gerald Peterson reported on activities of the Cass River Greenway Organization, especially the group’s pursuit of National Park Service designation of the Cass River as a Water Trail.

4) Kim Vaughan reported that water was to be connected at Vanderbilt County Park and Campground soon, as well as fire pits and picnic tables to be in place by next week.

Business to be carried over to next meeting: -- none --

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 Vaughan, voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:17 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission is the 3rd Quarter Regular Meeting to take place on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in the Picnic Pavilion of the Vanderbilt County Park and Campground located at 4446 Bath Road, Fairgrove 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 Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission Mission Statement

The mission of the Tuscola County Parks & 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.