



# Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission

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

Thursday, August 1, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

Vanderbilt County Park and Campground Picnic Pavilion  
4446 Bath Road, Fairgrove MI

**Roll call:** Terri Eden, Steve Erickson, Cynthia Kapa (Planning Commission), Bob Mantey (Drain Commissioner – or his designee: Dara McGarry or Jody Vrable), Julie Matuszak (Designated Road Commissioner), Robert McKay (Chairman), Jerry Peterson (Vice Chairman), Kim Vaughan, (Tuscola County Board of Commissioners).

**Excused Absence:** none

**Call to order:** With quorum present consisting of Terri Lynn Eden, Steve Erickson, Cynthia Kapa, Robert McKay, and Jerry Peterson, the 3rd Quarter Regular Meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 4:08 pm by Chairman McKay.

**Others present:** Pam Shook, Assistant Park Host of Vanderbilt County Park and Campground

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

**Approval of minutes:** Approval of Minutes of June 6, 2019, Special Meeting (to adopt By-laws of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission) moved by Erickson, supported by Vaughan, and passed unanimously.

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

**Review of correspondence(s) received, and/or relevant actions by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners:** - none -

Extracts from Tuscola County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes as follow:

2019-06-13

Motion 19-M-125 by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that the Parks and Recreation By-laws as prepared and recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission be approved. Motion carried.

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

Tuscola County Advertiser, June 22, 2019, “Cemetery Chickens? Wisner Residents, Clerk Spar” by Mark Haney.

Tuscola County Advertiser, June 26, 2019, “Cass River Showboats for Paddlers” by Tom Gilchrist.

Tuscola County Advertiser, July 27, 2019, “Board Learns Park Gear Must Go” by Mark Haney.

**Reports of outside meetings or other activity:**

- 1) Chairman McKay attended Southern Links Trailway Millington to Vassar Iron – Belle Trail project meeting July 11 in Millington.
- 2) Chairman McKay received an invitation from Vassar Township to attend 1:00 pm August 10th ribbon-cutting ceremony at Vassar Township Community Park.

**Public Comment:** -- none --

**New Business**

- 1) Motion by Eden, supported by Erickson, that Robert McKay and Gerald Peterson be elected *en bloc* to the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission respectively passed unanimously.
- 2) Motion by Erickson, support by Eden, and passed unanimously that based in part upon the recommendation of surveyor Ken Dunton who last surveyed the Vanderbilt County Park and Campground in 1991 that the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission recommends to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners that a new land survey of Vanderbilt County Park and Campground be prepared that will take into account the April 14, 1953, Tuscola County Circuit Court decision which, *inter alia*, clarifies the location of a strip of land 33 feet wide on each side of the following surveyed line: commencing at a point on the section line 1215.5 feet north of the west quarter post of Section 25, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, thence north 44 degrees east 627.93 feet, thence north 36 degrees 30 minutes east 500 feet to land deeded to Tuscola County for park purposes.
- 3) Report by Steve Erickson that in his role as Director of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation will be taking the lead role in preparing the upcoming Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission’s Five-year Master Plan which will include a capital plan to be prepared by the Parks and Recreation Commission and passed by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.
- 4) Budget Status Reports of “Fund 208 County Parks and Recreation” were presented for the months of June, July, and August. It was noted by Chairman McKay that the newly adopted format of the Budget Status report does not show previous year comparative figures for each line item.

- 5) Report by Robert McKay that in his capacity as Chairman of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission he intends to attend the Cass River Greenway meeting on August 7 and the Vassar Township Community Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on August 10.
- 6) Terri Eden reported on a trails grant for up to \$10,000, for which the application deadline was September 1. Motion by Erickson, support by Vaughan, and passed unanimously that she be authorized to prepare the grant application and present same to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners as expeditiously as possible so as to meet the grant submission deadline.

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

- 1) Prepare capital master plan for submission to Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.
- 2) Review of recreational bicycle/walker rest areas along Tuscola county roadways -- one possibility being at the intersection of Waterman Road and S. Vassar Road in Vassar Township. Another possibility would be along Frankenmuth Road adjacent to City of Vassar's Riverside Cemetery.
- 3) Continue with matter of designating W. Saginaw Road between City of Vassar and Village of Mayville as "Trans-Tuscola Bike Route" as well as other portions of roadway such as M-15 westerly from City of Vassar to Tuscola – Saginaw county line to be similarly designated.

**Announcement of next scheduled meeting:** The next scheduled meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission is the Special Meeting to take place on Thursday, October 4, 2019, at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners' Board Room of the H.H. Purdy Building located at 125 W Lincoln St in Caro, MI.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Erickson, supported by Eden, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:02 pm.

**Mention:** As per the By-laws of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission, the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission takes place annually at the 3rd Quarter Regular Meeting of the commission which is customarily 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 the following calendar year's Meeting Schedule is to 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.*