



# Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission

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## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1ST 2020 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 – 3:30 pm  
Vanderbilt County Park and Campground Picnic Pavilion  
4446 Bath Road, Fairgrove, MI

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

**Excused Absence(s):** -- none --

**Call to order:** With quorum present consisting of Nancy Barrios, Cynthia Kapa, Robert McKay, Jerry Peterson, and Kim Vaughan, the September 1st Regular Meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 3:39 pm by Chairman McKay.

**Others present:** Mike Miller, Director of Tuscola County Buildings and Grounds Department as well as Pam Shook, Host of Vanderbilt County Park and Campground.

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

**Approval of minutes:** Approval of Minutes of August 4th, 2020, meeting moved by Barrio, supported by Peterson, and passed unanimously.

**Public comments:** – none --

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

**Reports of outside meetings and/or other official activity:** – none --

**Media coverage & other items related to parks and recreation:**

- 1) 2020-08-15 Tuscola County Advertiser, “Coming Next Summer: Kid’s Slashing, Dog’s Playing” by John Schneider
- 2) 2020-08-29 Tuscola County Advertiser, “Council Critic Fumes after Losing Reappointment Bid” by Mark Haney

**Business:**

- 1) Observation of dump station installation.
- 2) Review of pertinent documents pertaining to Tuscola County Park and Recreation Commission as well as to Vanderbilt Park and Campground directly:
  - a) Contract for Park Management as of March 26, 2015;
  - b) Tuscola County Park Ordinance 2015-08 as passed by Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to take effect on October 1, 2017;
  - c) Open Meetings Act of 1976;
  - d) Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission By-laws as passed by Tuscola County Board of Commissioners on June 13, 2019.
- 3) Matters pertaining to Vanderbilt County Park and Campgrounds suitable for inclusion in capital master plan: – none raised --
- 4) The Michigan legislature has voted unanimously to place a Constitutional amendment to update the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Michigan State Park Endowment Fund to guarantee continued investment in our public lands and outdoor recreation for generations to come on the November 2020 ballot. Upon enactment the amendment will update the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Michigan State Park Endowment Fund to guarantee continued investment in our public lands and outdoor recreation for generations to come.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Barrios, and passed unanimously that the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission supports the passage of this ballot measure and encourages the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners and other political entities in Tuscola County to do likewise.

**Election of Officers:**

- 1) Self-nominations for Chairman were made by Robert McKay and Nancy Barrios. Motion to close nominations for chairman made by McKay, seconded by Peterson, and passed unanimously.
- 2) Results of voting for Chairman: of votes cast by five members of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission present there were 2 for Robert McKay and three for Nancy Barrios.

Nancy Barrios elected as Chair effective as of next meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission. (Results of election of new Chair reported to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioner at its September 14th meeting.)

3) Self-nomination for Vice Chairman made by Gerald Peterson with Gerald Peterson elected Vice Chairman unanimously.

**Public comments:** Park Host Pam Shook suggested that 10 MPH speed limit signs be posted at entrance to the park as she perceives speeding cars to be dangerous, especially in winter months.

**Announcements:** – none --

**Subjects for future agenda:**

- 1) 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 being along Frankenmuth Road adjacent to City of Vassar’s Riverside Cemetery;
- 2) 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;
- 3) Continuation of work on new Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Master Plan, particularly capital improvements;
- 4) Awareness of grant opportunities consistent with, interests, goals, and objectives of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission.
- 5) Remaining attached to subject of land acquisition along the Cass River adjacent to Chambers Road and eventually establishing a canoe-kayak launch there with other site amenities.

**Announcement of next scheduled meeting:** The next scheduled meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission is the October 2020 monthly meeting to take place on Tuesday, October 6, at 2:30 pm.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Peterson, supported by Vaughn, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:22 pm.

**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.*