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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5TH 2021 MEETING OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 – 2:30 p.m.

Virtual meeting as per Public Act 254 of 2020

Meeting ID: meet.google.com/sbt-gnyn-qwr

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

Excused Absence(s): -- none --

Call to order: With quorum present consisting of Terri Lynn Eden in Unionville MI, Ben Kasper in Vassar MI, Julie Matuzak in Caro MI, Dara McGarry in Caro MI for Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, and Robert McKay in Tuscola Township MI, the January 5th Meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission assembled at 2:34 pm in the absence of a Chairman or Vice Chairman to elect a Presiding Officer to conduct the election of a new Chairman to replace Nancy Barrios whose term in office concluded December 31, 2020.

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

Election of Presiding Officer to Conduct Election of Chairman: Self-nominations consisted of one candidate, Robert McKay. Moved by Eden and supported by Matuszak that Robert McKay be elected Presiding Officer for the purpose of conducting election of Chairman. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Chairman: Presiding Officer accepted self-nominations for Chairman which consisted of one candidate, Robert McKay. Moved by Matuszak and supported by Eden that Robert McKay be elected Chairman of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of agenda: Approval of agenda submitted earlier by Vice Chairman Peterson moved by Eden, supported by Matuszak, and passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes: Approval of Minutes of December 1, 2020, meeting moved by Matuszak, supported by Eden, and passed unanimously.

Public comments: – none --

Reports:

- 1) Chairman McKay announced December reappointment of Steve Erickson by Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission for 3-year term effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023;
- 2) Chairman McKay announced December appointment of Ben Kasper by Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission for 3-year term effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023;
- 3) Mike Miller presented information on matters pertaining to: a) access road repair to accommodate Tuscola County Road Commission vehicles; b) reissuance of DNR permit for clearing trees north of park; and c) replacement of park entrance sign;
- 4) Terri Lynn Eden presented information on her work with ITSD to develop county-wide recreation brochure as well as updating of Parks and Recreation Commission web site as she will continue work on both matters;

Public comments: – none –

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 February 2020 monthly meeting to take place on Tuesday, February 2, at 2:30 pm by remote means with access particulars yet to be determined and announced.

Adjournment: Moved by Matuszak, supported by Eden, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:24 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.