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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16TH 2021 MEETING OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 – 1:30 pm
Commissioners' Board Room of the H.H. Purdy Building
125 W Lincoln Street, Caro MI

Roll call: Terri Lynn Eden, Steve Escott, 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 Absence(s): Terri Eden, Gerald Peterson

Call to order: With quorum present consisting of Steve Escott, Bob Mantey, Robert McKay, and Kim Vaughan, the June 16th meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 1:35 pm by Chairman McKay.

Others present: – none --

Approval of agenda: Approval of agenda moved by Vaughan, supported by Mantey, and passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes: Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2021, meeting moved by Escott, supported by Mantey, and passed unanimously.

Public comments: - none -

Review of correspondence(s) received, and/or relevant action(s) by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners:

2021-05-27 BOC Meeting - Committee of the Whole 5/24/21

Old Business:

Commissioner Grimshaw excused himself from the in-person meeting and appeared via telephone at 12:30 pm

– Resolution Designating Certain Real Property as County Park Land - Clayette Zechmeister explained the reasoning of the proposed resolution.

2021-M-123: Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Young to approve Resolution 2021-09 designating certain real property as county park land under the aegis of Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission. Roll Call Vote: Young-yes, Vaughan-yes, DuRussel-absent, Grimshaw-yes, Bardwell-yes. Motion carried.

(Signed copy of Resolution 2021-09 attached to these minutes.)

Correspondence:

- 1) Steve Erickson letter of resignation from Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission received 5/18/2021 after agenda for 5/19/2021 had already been distributed.
- 2) County Clerk Jodi Fetting contacted regarding need to advertise open position on Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission subsequent to resignation of Steve Erickson.
- 3) Steve Erickson informed Chairman McKay on 6/11/2021 that Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation would not be able to prepare Parks and Recreation Five-Year Master Plan.

Media coverage & other items related to parks and recreation:

- 1) Tuscola County Advertiser, May 19, 2021, “County to Seek Grants for Second Park” by Mark Haney.
- 2) Tuscola County Advertiser, June 9, 2021, “County to Serve as 'Sweet' Experiment Site” by Mark Haney.

Reporting of outside meetings and/or other official activity:

Chairman McKay attended Cass River Greenway meeting on June 8 at Vassar City Hall.

Old Business

- 1) General discussion about the need to raise elevations at Vanderbilt County and Campground;
- 2) Discussion on Capital Improvement Schedule preparation and how to proceed with preparing new Parks and Recreation Master Plan now that EDC will not be assuming that task;

Vanderbilt Special Revenue Account Status:

1) May 2021 financial report attached as follows:

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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR TUSCOLA COUNTY

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PERIOD ENDING 05/31/2021

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2021		YTD BALANCE		ACTIVITY FOR		AVAILABLE		% BDC USED
		AMENDED BUDGET	NORMAL	05/31/2021 (ABNORMAL)	MONTH 05/31/2021 INCREASE (DECREASE)	NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	BALANCE		
Fund 208 - COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION										
Revenues										
Dept 000 - CONTROL										
208-000-651.100	VANDERBILT PARK CAMPING FEES	12,000.00		7,852.00	3,152.00			4,148.00		65.43
208-000-652.000	VANDERBILT PARK- PARKING FEES	7,500.00		7,505.62	0.00			(5.62)		100.07
Total Dept 000 - CONTROL		19,500.00		15,357.62	3,152.00			4,142.38		78.76
TOTAL REVENUES		19,500.00		15,357.62	3,152.00			4,142.38		78.76
Expenditures										
Dept 000 - CONTROL										
208-000-707.000	PARKS COMMISSION PER DIEMS	1,600.00		1,210.00	150.00			390.00		75.63
208-000-715.000	F.I.C.A.	0.00		91.82	11.47			(91.82)		100.00
208-000-718.000	RETIREMENT	0.00		2.00	0.00			(2.00)		100.00
208-000-718.100	POB IN LIEU OF RETIREMENT	0.00		22.47	0.00			(22.47)		100.00
208-000-727.100	VANDERBILT PARK - SUPPLIES	1,000.00		484.58	0.00			515.42		48.46
208-000-801.100	CONT. SVCS VANDERBILT PARK	7,000.00		3,755.41	1,190.00			3,244.59		53.65
208-000-801.200	TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL	1,500.00		0.00	0.00			1,500.00		0.00
208-000-861.000	TRAVEL	700.00		0.00	0.00			700.00		0.00
208-000-920.100	UTILITIES VANDERBILT PARK	6,500.00		2,242.16	398.52			4,257.84		34.49
208-000-936.100	GROUNDS CARE/MAINT VANDERBILT	1,500.00		19.38	0.00			1,480.62		1.29
Total Dept 000 - CONTROL		19,800.00		7,827.82	1,749.99			11,972.18		39.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		19,800.00		7,827.82	1,749.99			11,972.18		39.53
Fund 208 - COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION:										
TOTAL REVENUES		19,500.00		15,357.62	3,152.00			4,142.38		78.76
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		19,800.00		7,827.82	1,749.99			11,972.18		39.53
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(300.00)		7,529.80	1,402.01			(7,829.80)		2,509.93
BEG. FUND BALANCE		31,534.18		31,534.18						
NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 2020				(23,657.02)				(23,657.02)		
END FUND BALANCE		31,234.18		15,406.96						

New Business:

- 1) Moved by Vaughan, supported by, Mantey, and passed unanimously to create subcommittee or task force to review Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission by-laws with membership to be appointed by Chairman at a later date, and also create similar group tasked to work on Master Plan.
- 2) Moved by Vaughan, supported by Escott, and passed unanimously to change future meeting time to 3:00 pm on meeting dates already established.

Public Comments: -- none --.

Adjournment:

Moved by Vaughan, supported by Mantey, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:21 pm.

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2021 REVISED* MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

After June 16, meetings will begin at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners' Board Room of the H.H. Purdy Building located at 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro MI unless otherwise indicated. Meetings of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission are open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.265.

Tuesday, January 5	2:30 pm	Virtual meeting as per Public Act 254 of 2020
Tuesday, February 2	2:30 pm	Virtual meeting as per Public Act 254 of 2020
Tuesday, March 2	2:30 pm	Virtual meeting as per Public Act 254 of 2020
Tuesday, April 6	2:30 pm	Virtual meeting as per Public Act 254 of 2020
Wednesday, May 19	1:30 pm	Virtual meeting as per Public Act 254 of 2020
Wednesday, June 16	1:30 pm	
Wednesday, July 21	3:00 pm	3rd Quarter meeting as required per By-laws
Wednesday, Aug. 18	3:00 pm	Meeting to be held at Vanderbilt County Park & Campground Picnic Pavilion located at 4446 Bath Road, Fairgrove MI
Wednesday, Sep. 15	3:00 pm	
Wednesday, Oct. 20	3:00 pm	4th Quarter meeting as required per By-laws
Wednesday, Nov. 17	3:00 pm	
Wednesday, Dec. 15	3:00 pm	

* This schedule has been revised as of June 18, 2021, to show remaining meetings to be held at 3:00 pm.

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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held on May 27, 2021 in Caro, Michigan.

PRESENT: Commissioner Thomas Young, Commissioner Thomas Bardwell,
Commissioner Kim Vaughan, Commissioner Dan Grimshaw

ABSENT: Commissioner Doug DuRussel

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Vaughan and supported by Commissioner Young:

TUSCOLA COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-09

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS COUNTY PARK LAND UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Land Bank Authority offered to sell three parcels of land along the Cass River in Indianfields Township, identified as parcels A-1, B, and C, respectively as more particularly described within the attached "Exhibit A", and hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Parcels," to Tuscola County for a nominal amount, for the creation of a park or parks under the aegis of the Tuscola County parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tuscola County having purchased the same, desires to establish said Parcels as a park or parks under the aegis of the Tuscola County parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tuscola County has the specific authority to purchase land for the establishment of parks for the public good, pursuant to Public Act 90 of 1913, and Public Act 261 of 1965;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, pursuant to the specific authority granted to it by Public Act 90 of 1913 and Public Act 261 of 1965, hereby

designates the Parcels as parkland under the aegis of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission, and grants to the aforesaid Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission the permission and authority necessary to take possession of and administer the Parcels as County parkland. The provisions of this resolution shall be effective upon its approval.

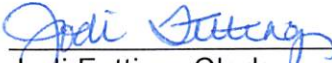
Ayes: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, Grimshaw

Nays: None

Absent: DuRussel



Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola Board of Commissioners



Jodi Fetting, Clerk
Tuscola County

Dated: 6-1-21

Cass River Greenway Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2021
Vassar City Office 1:00 – 3:00 PM

June 19 Paddle & Swim

The 9th annual Paddle & Swim event will be held on June 19th. Plans are similar to past years, with participants launching from Vassar and Tuscola. A gathering for refreshments and fellowship will be held in Frankenmuth's Heritage Park at noon.

2021 River Clean Up

Gene and Nancy reported on a plan for cleaning the remaining stretches of river between Caro and Cass City not yet addressed. September 18th has been chosen as the date, which coincides with National Clean Up Day. Caro Motor Sports, 1660 E. Caro Road (M-81), will host the meeting place for sign ups, safety talks and team assignments beginning at 8:15 am. Additional information will be emailed and posted at a later date.

Log Jam Update

The log jam downstream of Bridgeport's Davis Park and upstream of M-13 was successfully removed during the last week of April. The work was completed by Zervan Brothers Excavating, who did an outstanding job. We also thank property owner Mark Schluckbier for allowing access to the river. The \$24,000 project was funded by: Frankenmuth Credit Union Foundation For Our Communities, Frankenmuth Community Foundation, Frank N. Andersen Foundation, William McNally Family Foundation, Star of the West Milling Company, Jolt Credit Union, Arno & Caroline Mossner Memorial Foundation, Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN), Knights of Bavaria, Frankenmuth Insurance Charitable Foundation and Cass River Greenway.

Terrain 360 Project

There has been no progress made on formatting the T-360 data into our Water Trail website.

2021 Phragmites Plan

Will Green, Tuscola County Road Commission, indicated he will once again request Road Commission approval for treatment budget in 2021. If approved, the CRG recommends treatment of Tuscola Township.

Sturgeon Releases Planned for 2021

A tentative date for the sturgeon release into the Cass River is set for August 20. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

“Camp Tuscola” State Land/Tuscola County Parks

Robert McKay reported that the acquisition of Cass River frontage to Tuscola County is complete. The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners have designated the property as park land and assigned it to the Tuscola Country Parks & Recreation Commission. The first priority is to establish a kayak/canoe launch, which will then be the next upstream public launch from our M-46 launch.

Cass City Launch Discussion

The Cass City Parks and Recreation Master Plan now includes a goal for the addition of a kayak/canoe launch. Discussions regarding site and timing continue.

Vassar Pedestrian Bridge

Vassar City Manager, Andrew Niedzinski, reported on their plan to construct a pedestrian bridge across the river, linking the kayak launch with the park on the opposite side.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 1:00 – 3:00PM
At the Vassar City Office**

Bob Zeilinger, June 24, 2021