



## Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission

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### MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16TH 2022 MEETING OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 – 3:00 pm  
Commissioners' Board Room of the H.H. Purdy Building  
125 W Lincoln Street, Caro MI

**Roll call:**

Appointed members: Terri Eden (Vice Chair), Steve Escott, Robert McKay (Chairman), Paul Newby, Megan Rule, Kim Vaughan;

Ex-Officio members: Lonnie Kester (Planning Commission Chairman -- or designee: Cynthia Kapa or Rick Boylan), Bob Mantey (Drain Commissioner – or designee Dara Hood or Alicia Little);

Julie Matuszak (Designated Road Commissioner).

**Excused Absence(s):** Kim Vaughan

**Call to order:** With quorum present consisting of Terri Lynn Eden, Steve Escott, Cynthia Kapa, Bob Mantey, Julie Matuszak, Robert McKay, Paul Newby and Megan Rule, the February 16th meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 3:04 pm by Chairman McKay.

**Others present:** Rick Boylan of Tuscola County Planning Commission, Will Greene of Tuscola County Road Commission, Brent Dankert of Tuscola County Road Commission, and Bill Bushaw of Southern Links Rails and Trails

**Approval of agenda:** Approval of agenda moved by Escott, supported by Rule, and passed unanimously.

**Approval of minutes:** Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2021, meeting moved by Escott, supported by Matuszak, and passed unanimously.

**Public comments:** Comments by Bill Bushaw regarding history and experiences learned with Southern Links trail maintenance. Copies of “Michigan Trails Magazine 2021” were passed out to members of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Opening comments by the Chair:**

*We welcome Mr. Paul Newby to the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission as having been appointed by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at its January 27th meeting.*

*We also welcome Mr. Brent Dankert from the Tuscola County Road Commission to help us better understand how the non-motorized transportation projects are determined, as well as answer other questions related to the interplay between Parks and Rec objectives and Road Commission responsibilities.*

**Presentation:**

Mr. Brent Dankert, Acting Highway Engineer, Tuscola County Road Commission.

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

1) 2022-01-27 BOC meeting:

*2021-M-319 - Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to appoint Paul Newby to the Parks and Rereation Commission to fulfill the term held by Gerald Peterson. The partial term expiration date will be December 31, 2022. Motion Carried.*

**Reporting of outside meetings and/or other official activity:**

*The online DNR Grant Workshop was held on Tuesday, February 1, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm which was attended by Chairman McKay, Terri Lynn Eden, and Megan Rule. A video of the presentation may be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVrzp0bvMJU>.*

**Correspondence and Communication:**

*Received request to support Sanilac County Parks and Recreation Commission’s DNR grant application.*

## Vanderbilt County Park Special Revenue Account Status dated January 31, 2022:

02/14/2022 09:02 AM  
User: TCACONDR  
DB: Tuscola County

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR TUSCOLA COUNTY  
PERIOD ENDING 01/31/2022

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GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2022 AMENDED BUDGET	YTD BALANCE		ACTIVITY FOR		AVAILABLE		% BGD USED
			NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	MONTH 01/31/2022 INCREASE (DECREASE)	01/31/2022	NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	
Fund 208 - COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION									
Revenues									
Dept 000 - CONTROL									
208-000-643.100	VANDERBILT DUMP STATION	100.00		0.00		0.00		100.00	0.00
208-000-651.100	VANDERBILT PARK CAMPING FEES	20,000.00		360.00		360.00		19,640.00	1.80
208-000-652.000	VANDERBILT PARK- PARKING FEES	7,500.00		1,803.00		1,803.00		5,697.00	24.04
Total Dept 000 - CONTROL		27,600.00		2,163.00		2,163.00		25,437.00	7.84
TOTAL REVENUES		27,600.00		2,163.00		2,163.00		25,437.00	7.84
Expenditures									
Dept 000 - CONTROL									
208-000-707.000	PARKS COMMISSION PER DIEMS	5,000.00		174.95		174.95		4,825.05	3.50
208-000-715.000	F.I.C.A.	400.00		12.83		12.83		387.17	3.21
208-000-718.000	RETIREMENT	0.00		2.00		2.00		(2.00)	100.00
208-000-718.100	POB IN LIEU OF RETIREMENT	0.00		14.75		14.75		(14.75)	100.00
208-000-727.100	VANDERBILT PARK - SUPPLIES	1,000.00		0.00		0.00		1,000.00	0.00
208-000-801.100	CONT. SVCS VANDERBILT PARK	8,000.00		0.00		0.00		8,000.00	0.00
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		103.08		103.08		596.92	14.73
208-000-920.100	UTILITIES VANDERBILT PARK	8,000.00		159.60		159.60		7,840.40	2.00
208-000-936.100	GROUNDS CARE/MAINT VANDERBILT	1,500.00		0.00		0.00		1,500.00	0.00
Total Dept 000 - CONTROL		26,100.00		467.21		467.21		25,632.79	1.79
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		26,100.00		467.21		467.21		25,632.79	1.79
Fund 208 - COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION:									
TOTAL REVENUES		27,600.00		2,163.00		2,163.00		25,437.00	7.84
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		26,100.00		467.21		467.21		25,632.79	1.79
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		1,500.00		1,695.79		1,695.79		(195.79)	113.05
BEG. FUND BALANCE		7,877.16		7,877.16					
NET OF REVENUES/EXPENDITURES - 2021				6,277.05				6,277.05	
END FUND BALANCE		9,377.16		15,850.00					

**Presentation:** *Mr. Brent Dankert, Acting Highway Engineer, Tuscola County Road Commission on how the non-motorized transportation projects are determined with questions related to the interplay between Parks and Rec objectives and Road Commission responsibilities answered.*

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

- 1) Thumbnet.Net News, February 3, 2022, "Fairgrove Fire Department was awarded \$4,600 from the 100+ Women Who Care Vassar Chapter" by Mary Drier.
- 2) Thumbnet.Net News, February 15, 2022, "Free Fishing Weekend is back Feb. 19-20" by Craig Routzahn.

**New Business:**

1) Resolution 2022-01 to support Sanilac County DNR grant application:

*Whereas the Sanilac County Park system provides outdoor recreational facilities and opportunities to residents of, and visitors to, Sanilac County; and*

*Whereas Evergreen Park sits on the Cass River at M-53 so as to be a regional recreational facility accessible to people from Sanilac, Tuscola, and Huron counties and elsewhere; and*

*Whereas anticipated improvements inclusive of a handicap accessible kayak-canoe launch and other amenities would serve as an expansion of the Cass River Water Trail; and*

*Whereas new pavilions, playscapes, and miniature golf offer added activities for park visitors both young and old, as well as an extended recreational environment for park campers and day use visitors;*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission supports the Sanilac County application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund in the upcoming round of 2022 recreational grant funding.*

Moved by Terri Lynn Eden, supported by Julie Matuszak, and passed unanimously this 16th day of February, 2022.

2) Resolution 2022-02 of Support for Friend of Tuscola County Parks grant request to 100+ Women Who Care – Vassar Chapter moved by Eden, supported by Rule, and passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Moved by Terri Lynn Eden, supported by Escott, and passed unanimously that the Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan prepared by the Task Force be accepted subject to minor editing if required for printed version yet to be prepared.

**Public Comments:** – none --.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Eden, supported by Rule, passed unanimously meeting adjourned at 4:35 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.*