



## Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission

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

Wednesday, March 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):** – none --

**Call to order:** With quorum present consisting of Terri Lynn Eden, Steve Escott, Lonnie Kester, Bob Mantey, Julie Matuszak, Robert McKay, Paul Newby, Megan Rule, and Kim Vaughan, the March 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 – Member of Tuscola County Planning Commission, Mike Miller – Director of Tuscola County Buildings and Grounds Department, and Pam Shook – Vanderbilt Park Host.

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

**Approval of minutes:** Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2021, meeting moved by Eden, supported by Mantey, and passed unanimously.

**Public comments:** Pam Shook asked if there would be an opportunity for her to make public comments later in the meeting, and if so, that she would reserve her public comments until that time.

**Opening comment by the Chair:**

*The central focus of today's meeting will be on the Old Business of reviewing and editing the 2023-2027 Park and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan.*

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

– none --

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

Contact by Chairman McKay with Gadi Krasner of Saginaw Bay Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) regarding aquatic invasive species outreach and future phragmites treatment by CISMA or US Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Correspondence and Communication:**

Copy of Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission Resolution 2022-01 sent to Roger Ballard, Chairman of Sanilac County Park and Recreation Commission.

**Mention of upcoming outside meetings and/or other official activity:**

The next meeting of the Cass River Greenway will be held Wednesday, May 11, at 1:00 pm in the Vassar City Hall Chamber in the Vassar City Hall located at 287E. Huron Avenue in Vassar. Mi. Chairman asked if there were a volunteer from the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission to attend in place of the Chairman, but nobody expressed interest in so doing.

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

Thumbnet.Net News, February 20, 2022, "Tuscola's Road Commission fills some positions:" by Craig Routzahn.

## Vanderbilt County Park Special Revenue Account Status dated February 28, 2022:

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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR TUSCOLA COUNTY  
PERIOD ENDING 02/28/2022

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GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2022	YTD BALANCE	ACTIVITY FOR	AVAILABLE	% BDGT USED
		AMENDED BUDGET	02/28/2022	MONTH 02/28/2022	BALANCE	
			NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	INCREASE (DECREASE)	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	940.00	580.00	19,060.00	4.70
208-000-652.000	VANDERBILT PARK- PARKING FEES	7,500.00	4,918.76	3,115.76	2,581.24	65.58
Total Dept 000 - CONTROL		27,600.00	5,858.76	3,695.76	21,741.24	21.23
TOTAL REVENUES		27,600.00	5,858.76	3,695.76	21,741.24	21.23
Expenditures						
Dept 000 - CONTROL						
208-000-707.000	PARKS COMMISSION PER DIEMS	5,000.00	424.95	250.00	4,575.05	8.50
208-000-715.000	F.I.C.A.	400.00	31.95	19.12	368.05	7.99
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	14.75	0.00	(14.75)	100.00
208-000-727.100	VANDERBILT PARK - SUPPLIES	1,000.00	6.63	6.63	993.37	0.66
208-000-801.100	CONT. SVCS VANDERBILT PARK	8,000.00	540.75	540.75	7,459.25	6.76
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	224.18	121.10	475.82	32.03
208-000-920.100	UTILITIES VANDERBILT PARK	8,000.00	691.28	531.68	7,308.72	8.64
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	1,936.49	1,469.28	24,163.51	7.42
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		26,100.00	1,936.49	1,469.28	24,163.51	7.42
Fund 208 - COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION:						
TOTAL REVENUES		27,600.00	5,858.76	3,695.76	21,741.24	21.23
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NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		1,500.00	3,922.27	2,226.48	(2,422.27)	261.48
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	18,076.48			

### Old Business:

Moved by Rule, 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 of items discussed, and Public Review be scheduled for April 20 at 3:30 pm in the Commissioners' Board Room of the H.H. Purdy Building located at 125 Lincoln Street in Caro MI; and the 30-day window for receiving public comments be established as April 13 through May 13 2022.

### New Business:

-- none --

**Public Comments:** Pam Shook expressed the following:

- 1) That she objects to meetings being held during daytime “working hours” which don’t comport to her busy schedule;
- 2) That Vanderbilt park needs new playground equipment immediately;
- 3) That white posts marking edge of park need replacement;
- 4) That as a taxpayer, she objects to money being wasted when there is an insufficient number of Commission members showing up at a scheduled meeting and the meeting is canceled for lack of a quorum, yet “mileage” is paid to those who showed up for the canceled meeting;
- 5) That Vanderbilt County Park and Campground visitors haven’t been consulted regarding their opinions on Vanderbilt County Park and Campground within the larger context of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission’s 5-Year Master Plan;
- 6) That she intends on taking her complaints directly to an upcoming meeting of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.

**Announcement of next scheduled meeting:**

The next scheduled meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission is 3:00 pm on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, in the Commissioners’ Board Room of the H.H. Purdy Building located at 125 W. Lincoln Street in Caro MI. A public review/hearing will be held at 3:30 pm at the same location to receive input regarding items and issues for consideration in the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission’s 5-Year Master Plan for 2023-2027.

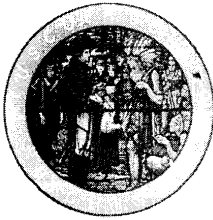
**Further comments or announcements by members of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission:**

General comments regarding his experience with phragmites control in Wayne County and Lake Erie made by Paul Newby.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Kester, supported by Vaughan, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 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.*



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### TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2022-01

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

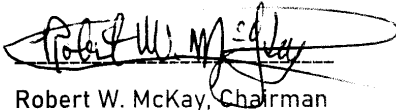
*Whereas Evergreen Park sits on the Cass River at M-53 so as to be a regional recreational facility accessible to people from Sanilac, Tuscola, and Huron counties and elsewhere; and*

*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.***

As Chairman of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission, I hereby certify and attest that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission of the County of Tuscola at a regular meeting thereof held on the sixteenth day of February, 2022, and further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

  
Robert W. McKay, Chairman

Date: FEBRUARY 17, 2022

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