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MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20TH 2022 PUBLIC HEARING / REVIEW OF THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 3:30 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): – Terri Lynn Eden --

Call to order: With quorum present consisting of Steve Escott, Lonnie Kester, Bob Mantey, Julie Matuszak, Robert McKay, Paul Newby, and Kim Vaughan, the April 20th Public Review / Hearing pertaining to the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan was called to order by Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Robert W. McKay at 3:40 pm, April 20, 2022.

Others present: Shelly Lutz of the Tuscola County Executive Office, Clayette Zechmeister – Tuscola County Controller-Administrator, Mike Miller – Director of Tuscola County Buildings and Grounds Department, Pam Shook – Vanderbilt Park Host, and Nancy Barrios from Cass City.

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

Receipt of public comments regarding the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation 5-Year

Master Plan: Period of public comments began at 3:45 pm:

Comments by Pam Shook:

- 1) It sounds like big dreams;
- 2) There is no room at Vanderbilt Park for a another pavilion;
- 3) The online survey was not specific toVanderbilt Park;
- 4) Volunteers could do Vanderbilt Park clean-up as they have in the past;
- 5) USA schools will be contributing to volunteer clean-up in May.

Comments by Nancy Barrios:

- 1) Vanderbilt Park not looking well maintained and split rail fence is needed;
- 2) Ground needs to be raised at horseshoe pits;
- 3) Price quotes are too high – example being that for playground equipment;
- 4) Phragmites in Saginaw Bay are a problem that must be corrected;
- 5) More money needs to be put into Vanderbilt Park by Board of Commissioners;
- 6) Park road needs to be fixed;
- 7) Construction of a kayak launch is “do-able”;
- 8) Vanderbilt Park needs to be made and kept presentable.

Moved by Escott, and supported by Kester that the aforementioned Public Comments on the Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan be maintained as part of the official record. Voting results: 7 Yea, 0 Nay = motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: moved by Kester, supported by Escott, and passed unanimously. The Public Hearing / Review of the Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan was adjourned at 4:07 pm on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

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.