



Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission

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

Wednesday, November 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, Steve Escott (Vice Chair), 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):

Call to order: With quorum present consisting of Steve Escott, Lonnie Kester, Paul Newby, and Robert McKay, the November 16th meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 3:13 pm by Chairman McKay.

Others present: -- none --

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

Approval of minutes: Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2022, meeting moved by Kester, supported by Newby, and passed unanimously.

Public comments: -- none --

Vanderbilt County Park Special Revenue Account Status:

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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR TUSCOLA COUNTY

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PERIOD ENDING 10/31/2022

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2022	YTD BALANCE	ACTIVITY FOR	AVAILABLE	% BDGT USED
		AMENDED BUDGET	NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	MONTH 10/31/2022 INCREASE (DECREASE)	BALANCE NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	
Fund 208 - COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION						
Revenues						
Dept 000 - CONTROL						
208-000-643.100	VANDERBILT DUMP STATION	100.00	20.00	0.00	80.00	20.00
208-000-651.100	VANDERBILT PARK CAMPING FEES	20,000.00	18,630.00	868.00	1,370.00	93.15
208-000-652.000	VANDERBILT PARK- PARKING FEES	7,500.00	8,161.66	0.00	(661.66)	108.82
Total Dept 000 - CONTROL		27,600.00	26,811.66	868.00	788.34	97.14
TOTAL REVENUES		27,600.00	26,811.66	868.00	788.34	97.14
Expenditures						
Dept 000 - CONTROL						
208-000-707.000	PARKS COMMISSION PER DIEMS	5,000.00	2,924.95	650.00	2,075.05	58.50
208-000-715.000	F.I.C.A.	400.00	219.31	48.39	180.69	54.83
208-000-718.000	RETIREMENT	0.00	8.00	2.00	(8.00)	100.00
208-000-718.100	POB IN LIEU OF RETIREMENT	0.00	69.32	18.86	(69.32)	100.00
208-000-727.100	VANDERBILT PARK - SUPPLIES	1,000.00	414.95	106.00	585.05	41.50
208-000-801.100	CONT. SVCS VANDERBILT PARK	8,000.00	6,485.93	562.75	1,514.07	81.07
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	1,220.96	53.25	(520.96)	174.42
208-000-920.100	UTILITIES VANDERBILT PARK	8,000.00	6,544.64	663.98	1,455.36	81.81
208-000-936.100	GROUND CARE/MAINT VANDERBILT	1,500.00	2,319.49	0.00	(819.49)	154.63
208-000-985.000	PROPERTY ACQUISITION	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	(1,000.00)	100.00
Total Dept 000 - CONTROL		26,100.00	21,207.55	2,105.23	4,892.45	81.25
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		26,100.00	21,207.55	2,105.23	4,892.45	81.25
Fund 208 - COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION:						
TOTAL REVENUES		27,600.00	26,811.66	868.00	788.34	97.14
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		26,100.00	21,207.55	2,105.23	4,892.45	81.25
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		1,500.00	5,604.11	(1,237.23)	(4,104.11)	373.61
BEG. FUND BALANCE		14,154.21	14,154.21			
END FUND BALANCE		15,654.21	19,758.32			

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

2022-10-24 Committee of the Whole, Old Business: Vanderbilt Park Road - Correspondence from Road Commission - Commissioner Young provided an overview of the meeting that was held with the County Road Commission and the options that were discussed. Brent Dankert from the Road Commission also discussed the options of the road placement and options of moving the matter forward to get it corrected. (Road Commission October 12 meeting note attached further.)

Reporting of outside meetings and/or other official activity:

- 1) Chairman McKay remotely attended Committee of the Whole meeting in which BOC went into Executive Session to discuss matter pertaining to Vanderbilt Park property acquisition;
- 2) Chairman McKay attended remote SPARK grant workshop on Friday, October 28.
- 3) Chairman McKay attended MDOT Bay Region Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee on Monday, November 14, remotely.

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

-- none scheduled --

Correspondence and Communication:

-- none --

Media coverage & other items related to parks and recreation:

2022-11-12 Tuscola County Advertiser: “Commissioners Mull Netting More Money for Meetings” by Mark Haney

Correspondence and Communication:**SPARK Grant program -- 1st Round Deadline is Dec. 19th**

It’s a milestone moment for outdoor recreation in Michigan: a \$65 million grant program to help local communities that want to create, renovate or redevelop public outdoor opportunities for residents and visitors—especially those whose economic opportunities and health were hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Administered by the DNR, Michigan Spark Grants will support projects that provide safe, accessible, public recreation facilities and spaces to improve people’s health, introduce new recreation experiences, build on existing park infrastructure and make it easier for people to enjoy the outdoors. This grant opportunity is possible because of the Building Michigan Together Plan, signed in March 2022, which included a historic infusion of federal funding in our state and local parks.

Program goals

- Leverage federal, state, local and private resources toward a sustainable public recreation development program.
- Provide a clear, simple and equitable grants distribution process in support of public outdoor recreation.
- Align project partners and community organizations so resources are maximized, and roles and responsibilities are clearly outlined and balanced.

Addressing community need

The Michigan Spark Grants program is aimed at helping improve and redevelop existing public outdoor recreation in communities that have historically experienced barriers to accessing these types of grants. Funding priority will be given to areas with a high proportion of households that are struggling financially, a high number of residents with physical and mental disabilities, and a lack of public recreation opportunities.

Eligible applicants

- Applicants must be local units of government or public authorities legally established to provide public recreation.
- Applicants may include a regional or statewide organization or consortium of local units of government or public authorities legally established to provide public recreation.
- An eligible financial match is encouraged but not required.
- A community planning process is encouraged but not required.

Eligible projects

- Projects must support and enhance neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes or address the increased repair or maintenance needs in response to significantly greater use of public facilities in local communities that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Projects may include the development, renovation or redevelopment of public recreation facilities, and the provision of recreation-focused equipment and programs at public recreation spaces.
- Funds may be used for activities such as, but not limited to, project review, planning, architecture and engineering services, construction, oversight and compliance activities associated with state and federal requirements, as applicable.
- Projects must be completed by Dec. 31, 2026, on public land with the primary purpose of providing outdoor recreation.

Application scoring criteria

Applications that address existing park infrastructure will be given priority. Consideration will be given to applications that complete critical trail projects or provide access to new opportunities that currently don't exist within a local community. Scoring will be based on the following criteria, listed in order of priority:

- Public benefit and anticipated outcomes
- Financial and social considerations
- Access to project site
- Access to new opportunities for people of all abilities
- Clarity of scope and ability to execute
- Renovation and long-term maintenance

Public Comments:

-- none --

Further information:

Closing on the 4 acre addition to Vanderbilt County Park and Campground took place on October 22, 2022. Warranty deed Liber 01520 Page 00365 is further attached.

Announcement of next scheduled meeting:

The next scheduled meeting of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission is 3:00 pm on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, in the Commissioners' Board Room of the H.H. Purdy Building located at 125 W Lincoln Street in Caro MI.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Kester, supported by Newby, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:03 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.

October 12, 2022

A meeting was held at the Tuscola County Road Commission's office to discuss the roads within Vanderbilt Park on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Thomas Young, Tuscola County Commissioners
 Tim Rumble, Wisner Township Supervisor
 Brad Barnes, Wisner Township Trutee
 Jack Laurie, TCRC Commissioners
 Julie Matuzak, TCRC Commissioners
 Brent Dankert, TCRC Acting County Highway Engineer
 Will Green, TCRC Operations Engineer
 Jason Root, TCRC Superintendent/Operations Manager
 Mike Tuckey, TCRC Director of Finance
 Roger Mahoney, Spicer Group

Brent Dankert provided an overview and history of the roads in Vanderbilt Park, as well as explaining the survey map drawing completed by the Spicer Group. Dankert further stated that today's meeting should be focused on what the expectations are going forward by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners and the Wisner Township Board.

Thomas Young reported that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners have recently purchased the land south of Vanderbilt Road, which is to be included with Vanderbilt Park with the possibility of moving the road.

Brent Dankert provided two current options:

1. That Bath Road and Vanderbilt Park Road be certified into the Road Commission's road system in order to close the gap between Quanicassee Road and Gilmore Road. The roads would need to be built to the Road Commission's standards, then future improvements and maintenance would be the responsibility of the Tuscola County Road Commission and Wisner Township.
2. That the Tuscola County Board continue their ownership of the roads in Vanderbilt Park, and that improvements and maintenance be completed as it is currently.

Tim Rumble provided a third option: that being to abandon Gilmore Road, and that Tuscola County Board continue to maintain all of the road within Vanderbilt Park.

A fourth option was provided that a multi-year agreement be entered into between the Road Commission and the county for maintenance, such as grading and plowing of the County owned roads. This would not solve the drainage issue or the condition of the County owned roads.

Jack Laurie explained that it doesn't matter to the Road Commission what the Tuscola County Board and/or Wisner Township Board decide going forward, but will cooperate with all parties with their decision.

Thomas Young will take the options to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at their next Committee of the Whole meeting, and report back with any decisions.

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OCTOBER 25, 2022 02:38:56 PM

Date October 25th 20 22
This is to certify that there are no tax liens or titles on this property and that the taxes are paid for FIVE YEARS previous to the date of the instrument. This certification does not include taxes, if any, now in the process of collection by City, Village or Township Treasurer. EXCEPTION: This certification being subject to any Homestead Affidavit denied by the State of Michigan.
Ashley Bennett ET
Tuscola County Treasurer

Recorded 10/25/2022 2:49:01 PM
Tuscola County John Bishop
(Register of Deeds)
Receipt: Receipt: 66124 Fee:\$30.00
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MICHIGAN REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX
DEPT of TAXATION:\$219.30
County: \$28.05
State: \$191.25

WARRANTY DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Jeremy J. Briesmeister,

whose address is 310 Sioux St., Johnstown, PA 15904

convey(s) and warrant(s) to Tuscola County,

whose address is 125 W. Lincoln Street, Suite 500, Caro, MI 48723

the following described premises:
Land situated in the Township of Wisner, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan:

All that part of Government Lot 1, Section 28, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, which is bounded on the North by a highway extending along the Southeasterly side of Vanderbilt Subdivision, bounded on the East by land deeded to the County of Tuscola for park purposes, and bounded on the South by the South line of Government Lot 1.

The above-described is more accurately described as follows, according to Survey recorded in Liber 552, pages 1393-1394: That part of Government Lot 1, Section 28, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, being described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Government Lot 1; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 640.00 feet along the South line of said Government Lot to the point of beginning for this parcel; thence continuing along said South line North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 547.58 feet to the Southeasterly line of the Vanderbilt Subdivision as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 32B, Tuscola County Records; thence North 43 degrees 00 minutes 57 seconds East, 376.64 feet along the Southeasterly line of said Subdivision; thence North 35 degrees 29 minutes 36 seconds East, 477.84 feet along said Southeasterly Subdivision line to the Easternmost corner of said Subdivision; thence continuing North 35 degrees 29 minutes 36 seconds East, 22.81 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 12 seconds West, 683.01 feet to the point of beginning.

More commonly known as 8965 Vanderbilt Rd., Fairgrove, MI 48733.

Tax Parcel No.: 023-028-000-4500-00

For the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$25,500.00) subject to the existing building and use restrictions, easements, and zoning ordinances of record, if any.

The grantor grants to the grantee the right to make _____ division(s) under Section 108 of the land division act, Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1967. This property may be located within the vicinity of farmland or a farm operation. Generally accepted agricultural and management practices which may generate noise, dust, odors, and other associated conditions may be used and are protected by the Michigan right to farm act.

Dated 10-22-2022

Signed:

Jeremy J. Briesmeister
Jeremy J. Briesmeister

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State of Pennsylvania
County of Cambria

ss:

On this 22 day of October, 2022 before me personally appeared Jeremy J. Briesmeister, to me known to be the person(s) described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his/her/their free act and deed.

Tammy V. Watt
Notary Public of Tuscola County, Cambria
My Commission Expires: May 22, 2025

Drafted By: Jeremy J. Briesmeister, 310 Sioux St., Johnstown, PA 15904

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Tammy V. Watt, Notary Public
Cambria County
My commission expires May 22, 2025
Commission number 1175155
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries