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Dwight Washington, BOC Rep.

Dave Pohl, BOC Rep.

Kevin Holt, CCRC Rep.

Bob Kudwa, Planning Comm. Rep.

James Graham, Pat Jackson and  
Andrea Polverento, Citizen Rep.



# Clinton County Parks and GreenSpace Commission

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## MINUTES

Friday, May 10, 2019 (8:30 am)

Board of Commissioners Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Clinton County Courthouse

100 E. State Street St. Johns, MI 48879

### I. Call to Order - Declaration of Quorum

Chair Tim Machowicz declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 8:31AM.

Members Present: Tim Machowicz, Chuck Nelson, Dwight Washington, Dave Pohl, James Graham, Pat Jackson, Kevin Holt, Bob Kudwa, Phil Hanses

Guests Present: Bud Schulz, Gayla Phillips, Jon Morrison

Staff Present: Tom Olson

A. Approval of May 10, 2019 Agenda

**Moved by Dave Pohl, seconded by Chuck Nelson, to approve the May 10, 2019 meeting Agenda.**  
Motion carried.

B. Approval May 10, 2019 Per Diems

**Moved by Kevin Holt, seconded by Dave Pohl, to approve the May 10, 2019 meeting Per Diems.**  
Motion carried.

C. Approval of April 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

**Moved by Chuck Nelson, seconded by Phil Hanses, to approve the April 12, 2019 meeting Minutes.** Motion carried.

### II. Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items

### III. Coordinator's Report – Tom Olson

Tom Olson reported that the staff starting training on May 8<sup>th</sup> and the park will be open on Saturday, May 11 with full facility operations. The full staff will begin on May 20<sup>th</sup> once the remaining rangers have finished their semesters at school. The Oak Park YMCA Triathlon group will once again be using Motz Park as a training ground for two practice triathlons on Saturday May 18 and 25. Tom is in discussions of getting the park on the event calendar for the 2020 triathlon season. A number of maintenance projects are underway at the parks while the busy season picks up.

### IV. Committee Reports

A. Water Based Recreation – Phil Hanses

- B. Non-Motorized Facilities – Chuck Nelson/Dave Pohl
  - County-wide NMF Plan / Trails Advisory Council
  - FMCIS Trail
- C. Universal Access – Dwight Washington
- D. Finance Committee – Tim Machowicz

Tom Olson noted that he expects an uptick in maintenance accounts with the beginning of the season.
- E. Grassland Committee – Chuck Nelson/Jim Graham

The controlled burn was carried out on Tuesday, May 7 with the wind conditions remaining calm. Tom Olson will be tracking the progress and sharing the pictures from the burn with the Commission. Jon Morrison noted the 'Pheasant Rendezvous' taking place at the parks on Saturday, June 1.
- F. Southern County Park Search Team

Tom Olson will be preparing a report on the viability of the Pratt Road pit site for the Ways and Means Committee in June. Chuck Nelson noted the importance of getting members of the Board of Commissioners to visit the site.
- G. Health Committee – Dwight Washington

#### **V. Old Business**

- A. Native Grassland Burn Project
- B. Able Eyes

Tom Olson received a quote for services from Able Eyes and will propose funding in the 2020 budget.

#### **VI. New Business**

- A. Fish Survey

Chuck Nelson will be meeting the MSU Fisheries staff to develop a fish survey method for the parks that the DNR can analyze. Park staff will implement the survey this season.

#### **VII. Public Comments – Agenda Items**

- VIII. Adjournment** – Next Meeting: June 14, 2019 at 8:30 am,  
Board of Commissioners Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Clinton County Courthouse  
100 E. State Street St. Johns, MI 48879  
**Moved by Chuck Nelson, seconded by Pat Jackson, to adjourn the meeting until Friday, June 14, 2019.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20AM