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Tim Machowicz, Citizen Rep.

Vice-Chair

Chuck Nelson, Citizen Rep.

Secretary

Phil Hanes, Drain Commissioner

Members

Dwight Washington, BOC Rep.

Dave Pohl, BOC Rep.

Roni Christmas, Planning Comm. Rep.

Kevin Holt, Road Comm. Rep.

James Graham, Pat Jackson and

Natalie Elkins, Citizen Rep.



Clinton County Parks and Greenspace Commission



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MINUTES

PARKS AND GREENSPACE COMMISSION

Friday, July 10, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.

Motz Park - 4630 N. Dewitt Rd, 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 10:00AM

Members Present: Tim Machowicz, Chuck Nelson, Phil Hanes, Dave Pohl, Natalie Elkins, Roni Christmas, James Graham

Guests Present: Barry Culham, Gayla Phillips, Gary Boersen, Marcus Cheatham

Staff Present: Kyle Thornton

A. Approval of July 10, 2020 Agenda

Moved by Dave Pohl, seconded by Roni Christmas, to approve the July 10, 2020 meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

B. Approval July 10, 2020 Per Diems

Moved by James Graham, seconded by Roni Christmas, to approve the July 10, 2020 meeting Per Diems. Motion carried.

C. Approval of June 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Roni Christmas, seconded by Dave Pohl, to approve the June 5, 2020 meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

II. Public Comments Non-Agenda Items

Gary Boersen on behalf of the Clinton Conservation District reported the annual fall tree sale is going to be pre-order only and scheduled "curb-side" pick-up appointments only. The CCD is currently looking at an option to host the sale and in the parking lot of Clinton Lakes Park or the driveway of the maintenance barns at the parks. Gary is going to have Kelcie Sweeney from CCD reach out to Kyle in the next week or two about these options.

Gayla Phillips mentioned to the board, that she would have like to see the Larry Martin Pavilion open with single family options instead of closed for the season.

Marcus Cheatham a Health Officer with the Mid-Michigan District Health Department followed to start a long decision of COVID-19 in relationship to Clinton County, Motz Park and the State of Michigan. A chart (included as an attachment) was provided by Marcus to show that the COVID-19 confirmed positive cases in Clinton County are on the rise and reaches levels of April 2020. During the discussion Marcus mentioned that Clinton County per capita is showing cases in line with Ingham County. Marcus mentioned it is recommended to wear a mask when indoor public spaces and avoid large gatherings outdoors. The signage used to recommend social distancing and current cleaning/disinfecting schedule of the restrooms were received positively.

Marcus also mentioned if an employee of any business is concerned about the safety of the workplace, about the employer asking an employee to behave unsafely, or about an employer discriminating against an employee for refusing to work in a dangerous situation that could cause death or serious physical harm an employee can call **855 SAFE C19 (855 723-3219)** and/or file a complaint with MIOSHA. Lastly Marcus reported the State of Michigan is seeing confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 at 3 ½ percent and positive cases at less than 2 percent are good results.

III. Coordinator's Report – Kyle Thornton

- A. Kyle reported that Ryan Wood the Clinton County Administrator would be retiring September 22, 2020 and Craig Longnecker will be taking over as the Clinton County Administrator. He mentioned that in the middle of July his office would be moving out to the Maintenance Building on Townsend Rd. It was reported that we recently had concert leveling/raising completed on the sidewalks near Motz Beach. During the recent stretch of hot and humid days both Clinton Lakes and Motz Beaches have remained busy with park guest.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Water Based Recreation – Phil Hanses
- B. Phil reported the Road Commission did get the culvert under Park Lake Road replaced and he installed the stop log that had been removed and the lake level should begin rising again. He mentioned the Bath Township has recently seen high pockets of standing water in various locations.
- C. Non-Motorized Facilities – Chuck Nelson/Dave Pohl
 - County-wide NMF Plan / Trails Advisory Council
 - FMCIS Trail

Chair Barry Culham reported he working on the lights and camera project on the trails though St. Johns and to place the camera at Smith Lawnsapes facing the trails. He advised that he is working on a location for a sculpture of a high wheeler bike with a mirror

image of a man on one side and on woman on the other side. Barry reported that three new benches are being installed along the trail and over 100 trees have been cleared off the trails from the recent storms.

D. Universal Access – Dwight Washington

E. Finance Committee – Tim Machowicz

Kyle reported he is working to move possible capital projects for 2021 of additional sand for Motz beach and AED's at the park. The sand has recently delivered and spread on the west side of the Motz beach to bring the sand back up to the concert.

F. Grassland Committee – Chuck Nelson/Jim Graham

Chuck reported that he received a very positive comment about the success of the prairie from Tom Eitniear of the Fish & Wildlife Service.

G. Southern County Park Search Team

H. Health Committee – Dwight Washington

V. Old Business

A. 2021 Budget – Kyle Thornton

- a. Kyle reported that he has not heard of any significant cuts within the Parks and Greenspace Department for 2021.

VI. New Business

A. Nothing to Report

VII. Public Comments – Agenda Items

- A. Kyle reported that the parks are seeing an increase of invasive species with Autumn Olive, Cottonwood and Phragmites. Gary mentioned he would talk to Kelcie to see if the Clinton Conservation District could partner with the parks to remove invasive species. Tim mentioned that Kyle should look into getting his Pesticide Application Certification.

VIII. Adjournment –Next Meeting: Friday, August 7, 2020 at 8:30 am

Board of Commissioners Room
Clinton County Courthouse
100 E. State Street, St. Johns, MI 48879

Moved by Dave Pohl, seconded by Chuck Nelson to adjourn the meeting until Friday, July 10, 2020. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15AM