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**Business Development Team of the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 5:30 p.m.  
Commissioners' Committee Room, Governmental Center  
400 Boardman Avenue  
Traverse City, Michigan 49684  
AGENDA**

**General Meeting Policies:** Please turn off all cell phones or switch them to silent mode. Any person may make a video, audio, or other record of this meeting. Standing equipment, cords, or portable microphones must be located to not block audience view. If you need auxiliary assistance, contact 231-922-4780 or TDD 231-922-4412.

Members: Rodetta Harrand, Rod Kivell (Citizen Member and Chair), Alisa Korn, Whitney Waara (Vice Chair), Shirley Zerafa

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Public Comment

Any person shall be permitted to address the Parks and Recreation Commission, which is required to be open to the public under the provision of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, as amended (MCLA 15.261, et.seq.). Public comment shall be carried out in accordance with the following Board Rules and Procedures:

- Any person wishing to address the Board shall state his or her name and address.
- No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same matter, excluding Commissioners' questions. The President shall control the amount of time each person shall be allowed to speak, which shall not exceed three (3) minutes. The President may, at his or her discretion, extend the amount of time any person is allowed to speak.

- V. Approval of/Additions to Agenda
- VI. Approval of Minutes, January 14, 2020 Business Development Team Meeting (Attached)
- VII. Managing Requests from Paddling Vendors/Liveries other than Parks and Recreation's Selected Vendor/Livery Operating Out of Medalie Park (Continued Discussion; E-mail Request Attached)
- VIII. Draft Park Partnership and Process (Discussion; Draft Provided at Meeting)
- IX. Second Public Comment (Please refer to rules above.)
- X. Notices and Team Member Comments
- XI. Adjournment



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MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call  
Members Present: Rodetta Harrand, Rod Kivell (Citizen Member and Chair), Alisa Korn, Whitney Waara (Vice Chair)  
Members Excused: Shirley Zerafa  
Others Present: Kristine Erickson, Director, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation
- IV. Public Comment  
There was no public comment.
- V. Approval of/Additions to Agenda  
MOTION by Korn, second by Harrand, to approve agenda, as presented. Motion carried.
- VI. Approval of Minutes December 3, 2019 Business Development Team Meeting  
MOTION by Waara, second by Kivell, to approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting, as presented. Motion carried.
- VII. Paddling Vendors/Liveries other than Parks and Recreation's Selected Vendor/Livery Operating Out of Medalie Park  
Members discussed options for managing requests from paddling vendors other than The River Outfitters, which has an agreement with Parks and Recreation to provide paddling livery through 2020. Suggestions included revising park rules and/or department policies and signage to convey that paddling businesses other than The River Outfitters are not permitted to launch and disembark from Medalie Park. Members clarified that only Tritons Rowing, River Outfitters, and individual members of the public may be permitted to launch and disembark from Medalie Park. Director will return to February 2020 meeting with some recommended solutions based on discussion.
- VIII. Second Public Comment  
There was no public comment.
- IX. Notices and Team Member Comments  
There were no notices or comments.
- X. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

## Re: Paddle For Pints - Medalie Park



**Kristine Erickson** <kerickson@grandtraverse.org>

Jan 22, 2020, 11:30 AM (11 days ago)



to Troy, Katelynn, Ryan, Ariel, Alisa, Rod, bcc: Chris, bcc: tawny ▾

Hello, Troy. I know who you are, of course. A few years ago, you and Jeff Bensley came before the County Parks' Business Development Team after submitting proposals for a paddling livery out of Medalie Park.

I am writing in response to your request below. I truly appreciate you asking permission.

First, as a reminder, the River Outfitters continues providing a livery service out of Medalie Park per an agreement with County Parks and Recreation to do so. Any service/program offered in a County park is done so through an agreement with Parks and Recreation. While the Parks Board completely supports all of the recreation programming and services in our county, I am not certain the Board would, right now, consider entering into a second agreement with a second paddling business. The Board would definitely take into consideration that the business would greatly profit from the high impact use of a County park.

Second, only the Tritons' dock may be used as a launch at Medalie. The Tritons Team, which owns the dock, has an agreement with Parks and Recreation to offer programming and to launch from Medalie Park. Currently, Tritons only allow River Outfitters to use the dock for its livery service, along with individual members of the public (park patrons). The team does not have an agreement with any other businesses to use the dock. The rest of the shoreline at Medalie is off limits for launching, due to erosion and safety concerns.

Finally, it is possible that Medalie Park might be under construction by summer 2020 as the Boardman Lake Loop Trail is finished. There are planned improvements for the park related to that project

Regardless, I will share your e-mail with the Business Development Team (which is a standing committee of the Parks Board) during its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 300 of the Governmental Center and ask for the team's input regarding your request. They might have some other ideas about how to handle it.

Sincerely,

Kris

Kristine Erickson, Director

Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Department and Senior Center Network

On Wed, Jan 22, 2020 at 8:00 AM Troy Daily <[Troy@dailymedias.com](mailto:Troy@dailymedias.com)> wrote:

Hey there!

My name is Troy Daily! I operate Paddle For Pints in the Summer and with the FishPass project approaching I wanted to talk about some alternatives for when the construction starts.....

My current route utilizes Hull Park, Union Street Dam and Clinch Park. When FishPass starts this changes the aspect of my event so I am hoping to use Medalie Park as a launching start point for my events.

In 2020 I have slated 16 events that would take place on various Fridays and Sunday in June, July and August with one additional date during Cherry Festival on that Tuesday. The exact dates are below.

Dates:

June: 19(F), 21(S), 26(F), 28(S)

July: 3(F), 7(Tues), 10(F), 12(S), 17(F), 24(F), 26(S), 31(S)

August: 2(S), 7(F), 9(S), 14(F)

I am looking for information and the process I would need to take to get approval for these dates IF FishPass starts in 2020, this would only be a contingency based on construction happening before August 14th.

Medalie would be a launching point and would want to launch four groups of 50 people from 10am - 2pm on the dates listed below.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you need any additional information!

Troy Daily