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**Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission
Thursday, March 8, 2018
Commission Chambers, Second Floor, Governmental Center
400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49684
MINUTES**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Meeting called to order at 5 p.m.
- C. Roll Call
Commissioners Present: Pete Albers, David Grams*, Rodetta Harrand, Rod Kivell, Steve Largent, Tom Mair, William Mouser, Whitney Waara, and John Roth
Commissioners Excused: Shirley Zerafa
Others Present: Ryan Walsh, Office Manager, Kristine Erickson, Director, Katelynn Brown, Office Coordinator, and Lori Wells, Senior Center Network Manager, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation; Bob Johnson and Ray, American Legion Baseball; George Ryan Holton, Grand Traverse Social Sports.
**Arrived after start of the meeting.*
- D. First Public Comment
Bob Johnson, American Legion Baseball Board announced that registration for the 2018 baseball season at the Civic Center was underway.
- E. Approval of/Additions to Agenda
President Roth requested to move Item K. New Business, 4. Proposed Fee Changes and Policy to Item F. Special Orders of Business/Presentations, 1.
MOTION by Mair, second by Albers, to approve agenda, as amended. Motion carried.
- F. Special Orders of Business/Presentations
 - 1. Proposed Fee Changes and Policy
Director and Office Manager gave an overview of Item K.4
MOTION by Albers, second by Grams, to approve proposed changes recommended by the Fees Ad Hoc Committee, with the exception of the field fees. Motion carried.
Bob Johnson spoke about field fees at the Civic Center on behalf of American Legion Baseball.
George Ryan Holton spoke about field fees at the Civic Center on behalf of the Grand Traverse Social Sports.

G. Action on Consent Calendar

Receive and File

1. Draft Minutes from February 15, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
2. Approved Minutes from December 5, 2017 Business Development Team Meeting
3. Approved Minutes from September 25, 2017 Fees Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
4. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Network Budget Report
5. List of Parks and Recreation Subcommittee Assignments
6. Management Agreement for Farming at Maple Bay Park and Natural Area

Commissioner Harrand requested that Item 6 be removed from Consent Calendar.

MOTION by Mair, second by Waara, to receive and file the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 6. Motion carried.

H. Items Removed from Consent Calendar

1. Management Agreement for Farming at Maple Bay Park and Natural Area

Harrand asked Director for explanation of what types of farming take place at Maple Bay Park and Natural Area.

Director explained that Send Brothers have farmed the land for many years, planting hay and sunflowers.

MOTION by Harrand, second by Albers to receive and file Item 6. Motion carried.

Waara asked if there is an option to open farming to others. Director said yes, but the Send Brothers are willing to farm under the agreement's requirements, which are specific and based on a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Conservation Plan for preserving the soil at Maple Bay Park and Natural Area. The Conservation Plan must be in place due to a requirement of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant agreement with Parks and Recreation for Maple Bay.

I. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Report

1. Senior Center Renovation Project Update and Presentation

Senior Center Manager made a presentation about the history of the Senior Center refurbishment project and current conditions of Senior Center building in Traverse City.

Director announced Recycling Smart's Earth Day Event at Twin Lakes Park on April 22, 2018; reminded commissioners of upcoming Fees Ad Hoc Committee and Future of County Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee meetings; provided updates about pool refurbishment project fundraising; informed commissioners of Traverse City Tritons Rowing group's interest in running programs out of Medalie Park, starting in 2018.

MOTION by Harrand, second by Grams, to give Director the authority to execute a temporary agreement with the TC Tritons Rowing Director, Chris Bott, to place a floating dock and to store two rescue boats at Medalie Park. Motion carried.

J. Old Business

1. Proposed Bylaws Amendment: Qualifications for Parks and Recreation Commission President
MOTION by Largent, second by Harrand, to amend Section 7. Officers, 7.1 Election of the *Bylaws of the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission* to state:

Ex officio members of the Commission shall not qualify to hold the office of president. Ex officio members are defined as those serving on the Commission by virtue of their office (Drain Commissioner, Planning Commission representative, Road Commission representative, County Board of Commissioners representative).

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Albers, Grams, Harrand, Kivell, Largent, Mouser, Waara, and Roth (8)

Nays: (0)

Absent: Zerafa, Mair (2)

Motion passes, 8 to 0.

K. New Business

1. Consideration of NER Advisory Committee Appointment

Largent spoke about the applicant.

MOTION by Harrand, second by Waara, to appoint Kenneth Gregory to serve on the NER Advisory Board. Motion carried.

2. Request to Apply for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for Natural Education Reserve

Largent explained the grant would be used to install a footbridge at the end of Lone Pine trail to make the trail through the newly exposed bottomlands due to dam removal ADA accessible.

MOTION by Kivell, second by Harrand, to make a recommendation that the county board support this grant application by resolution. Largent abstained, motion carried.

3. Project Fresh Agreement

MOTION by Harrand, second by Grams, to approve a budgeted expenditure of \$7,500, and for Parks and Recreation to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Department of Health and Human Services Aging and Adult Services Agency for the Senior Fresh Program, with authorization for Director to sign agreement.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Waara, Mouser, Largent, Harrand, Kivell, Grams, Albers, and Roth (8)

Nays: (0)

Absent: Zerafa, Mair (2)

Motion passes, 8 to 0.

L. Second Public Comment

There was no public comment.

M. Notices and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Roth requested to move the April Park and Recreation Meeting to April 5, 2018.

Commissioner Grams asked about how to manage parking beyond the parking lots at the Civic Center.

Commissioner Largent asked Office Manager to speak about RAP Grants from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

Director shared Parks and Recreation Commission's meeting attendance policy as a reminder, and provided an update about upcoming shows at the Civic Center's Howe Arena.

N. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.