



*Enhancing community and quality of life through people, parks, and programs.  
Making longer lives, better lives.*

**Business Development Team of the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 5:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

**400 Boardman Avenue**

**Traverse City, Michigan 49684**

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance (No pledge of allegiance due to virtual meeting)
- III. Roll Call  
Members Present: Pete Albers (Citizen Member), Rodetta Harrand, Rod Kivell (Citizen Member and Chair), Alisa Korn, Whitney Waara (Vice Chair)  
Excused: Shirley Zerafa  
Others Present: Kristine Erickson, Director, Ryan Walsh, Office Manager, Lori Wells, Senior Center Network Manager, Katelynn Brown, Office Coordinator, Ariel Perreault, Office Specialist, Scott Swan, Power Island Park Ranger, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation; Tawny Hammond, Operations Manager and Owner, and Tree Sturman, The River Outfitters; Steve Largent, Conservation Team Coordinator, Grand Traverse Conservation District; Derek Morton and Steve Hannon, Garfield Township Staff
- IV. Public Comment  
No public comment.
- V. Approval of/Additions to Agenda  
MOTION by Kroupa, second by Waara, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.
- VI. Park Updates Relative to COVID-19 Pandemic (Updates; Discussion)  
Director provided update about Civic Center Twin Lakes reservation cancellations due to COVID-19 pandemic. Members discussed closing Power Island to camping for the season, and recommending that to full commission.
- VII. Senior Center Building Project (Update; Discussion)  
Senior Center Manager provided a status update about proposed new senior center building and the Senior Center Friends' recommendation to seek a millage to fund it.
- VIII. Boardman River Use for Paddling; Medalie Park (Update; Discussion; Attachments)  
Members and guests discussed The River's request of Garfield Township to use of Boardman Valley Nature Preserve launch for paddling to Jack's Landing at the Natural Education Reserve.
- IX. Allocation of Funds from Cell Tower Amendments and Traverse Bay Area Youth Soccer (Discussion)  
Members recommended saving funds in case they are needed to mitigate revenue losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- X. Second Public Comment (Please refer to rules above.)  
No public comment.
- XI. Notices and Team Member Comments  
Office Manager stated that a request for proposals for concessions at the Civic Center was issued, but no responses.
- XII. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.