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**Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission
MINUTES
Thursday, October 11, 2018
Commission Chambers, Second Floor, Governmental Center
400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49684
5 p.m. Meeting**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 5 p.m.
- C. Roll Call
Commissioners Present: David Grams,* Rodney Kivell, Rodetta Harrand, Steve Largent, William Mouser,* Shirley Zerafa, John Roth
Commissioners Excused: Tom Mair, Whitney Waara
Others Present: Kristine Erickson, Director, Ryan Walsh, Office Manager, Lori Wells, Senior Center Network Manager, and Fred Tank, Power Island Ranger, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation; Chris Kushman, Planning and Management Director, TART Trails; Nate Elkins, ASLA, Studio Director; Pete Albers, County Resident
*Arrived after start of meeting
- D. First Public Comment
County resident Pete Albers spoke regarding the County Board of Commissioner's decision to rescind the ordinance that established a County Planning Commission stated he will no longer be serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission as the Planning Commission representative because of that decision. He complimented the Parks and Recreation Commissioners and staff, and thanked them for the progress made in County Parks during the past several years.
- E. Approval of/Additions to Agenda
MOTION by Largent, second by Harrand, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.
- F. Special Orders of Business/Presentations
 - 1. Grand Traverse County Civic Center Park: Planning and Design
Director introduced Nate Elkins, ASLA, Studio Director of Influence Design Forum, and summarized his proposal. Elkins answered questions regarding the proposal, which will examine traffic flow at and result in landscaping recommendations for the Civic Center.
MOTION by Kivell, second by Grams, to appropriate funds for retaining Elkins' design services.
Roll Call Vote
Yeas: Grams, Kivell, Harrand, Largent, Mouser, Zerafa, Roth (7)
Nays: (0)

Absent: Mair, Waara (2)

Motion passed, 7 to 0

2. 2018 Power Island Season Report

Park Ranger Fred Tank summarized the 2018 camping season on Power Island. He reported a recent mechanical issue with the boat and repeating issues with the tractor. He reported on campers' behavior, the popularity of geocaching, the loss of beech trees, and seeing an increase in the deer population and a presence of coyotes on the island.

Director stated she issued a press release announcing that bow hunting deer would be permitted on Power Island beginning October 20, 2018.

3. Proposed Medalie Park Design

Planning and Management Director for TART Trails, Chris Kushman, presented the engineering designs for Medalie Park recently completed by the firm that is designing the Boardman Lake Loop Trail. Because a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant was not awarded by the state, there currently is no funding to make improvements noted on the design. Parks and Recreation and TART Trails will seek other sources of funds.

G. Action on Consent Calendar

Receive and File

1. Draft Minutes from September 13, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
 2. Approved Minutes from September 4, 2018 Business Development Team Meeting
 3. Draft Minutes and Signed Resolution from September 26, 2018 Joint City Commission-County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Regarding New Senior Center
 4. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Network Budget Report
 5. September 2018 Conservation District Report
 6. October 5, 2018 Submission for 2018-2019 mParks Design Awards: Campbell Community Playground
- MOTION by Harrand, second by Zerafa, to receive and file the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 3. Motion carried.

H. Items Removed from Consent Calendar

1. Item 3. Draft Minutes and Signed Resolution from September 26, 2018 Joint City Commission-County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Regarding New Senior Center
Commissioner Roth reported that the joint City-County Commission meeting went well, but that some commissioners were concerned that some of the ideas for a new Senior Center might make the project too costly.
Commissioner Harrand complimented the Senior Center Network Manager and Parks and Recreation Director on their presentation during the joint meeting.
MOTION by Roth, second by Roth, to receive and file Item 3. of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried.

I. Reports

1. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Report
The Director presented a department report handout to the commission and provided a verbal update. Senior Center Manager also provided a verbal update.
2. Subcommittee Chair, Ad Hoc Committee Chair, Team Chair, and TBAYS Board and NER Advisory Committee Representative Reports
 - a. Rules Committee
No report.
 - b. Business Development Team for Business Planning
Commissioners Harrand and Zerafa reported about a recent meeting with organizers of the MiCareerQuest event planned to be held in Howe Arena in May 2018. Northwest Michigan Works will make a formal proposal to the Parks and Recreation Commission about the event in November 2018.
 - c. Parks Fees Ad Hoc Committee
No report.

- d. NER Advisory Committee
Commissioner Mouser reported discussions about maintaining trails, replanting trees, and improving pedestrian crossings. He reported progress with the removal of Sabin Dam and stated there would be a Planting Work Bee event on October 26 at the Natural Education Reserve.
Commissioner Roth asked Commissioner Largent about the parking situation resulting from removal of the dam.
- e. TBAYS Board Representative
No report.
- f. Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee
No report.
- g. Future of Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee
No report.

J. Old Business

- 1. Draft Grand Traverse Bay YMCA Pool Operations Agreement
Director spoke regarding the draft management agreement for operations of Easling Pool, to be brought before the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA Board of Directors in November 2018.
MOTION by Zerafa, second by Kivell, to authorize Director to execute the YMCA agreement.
Roll Call Vote
Yeas: Grams, Kivell, Harrand, Largent, Mouser, Zerafa, Roth (7)
Nays: (0)
Absent: Mair, Waara (2)
Motion passed, 7 to 0.

K. New Business

- 1. Draft Policy: In-kind Services
Director spoke to the need for such a policy, and stated she will work with Civil Counsel on refining the draft policy further.
- 2. NER Advisory Committee Appointments
MOTION by Harrand, second Grams, to reappoint Jack Robbins and Judith Reich to the NER Advisory Committee. Motion carried.
- 3. Proposed 2019 Parks and Recreation Budget
Director stated the proposed 2019 Parks and Recreation budget is nearly the same as the 2018 budget.
MOTION by Largent, second by Grams, to approve the 2019 Parks and Recreation budget.
Roll Call Vote
Yeas: Grams, Kivell, Harrand, Zerafa, Largent, Mouser, Roth (7)
Nays: (0)
Absent: Mair, Waara (2)
Motion passes, 7 to 0.

L. Second Public Comment

There was no public comment.

M. Notices and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kivell reminded that the next Traverse City and Garfield Charter Township Recreation Authority visioning session will take place on November 14.

Commissioner Harrand went to Glen Lake for a football game and stated she is impressed with the field there.

N. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.