

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MSU Extension Meeting Room 210
Cassopolis, MI, MI 49031
February 8, 2018**

9:00 a.m. – CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Recording Secretary Dohm

INVOCATION – Director Wyman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner File

ROLL CALL – Recording Secretary Dohm

Director Wyman – P

Kevin Claire – A

David Kring – P

Bruce Campbell –P

Annie File – P

Linda Pruett – P

Korine Blyveis –P

Kevin Hershberger – P

Johnie Rodebush - A

Jamie Stafne – P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Hershberger

Second: Commissioner Blyveis

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS – Erez Brandvain, MAEAP Technician

PUBLIC COMMENT – Erez told about what it took to certify Lawless Park through MAEAP program. Areas of concern includes erosion on some trails and how close we farm to swampy areas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Pruett

Second: Commissioner Stafne

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
 - a. Question regarding placing the new LED lights at Lawless and how that will affect “dark nights” project. Director Wyman indicated that for certain events, lights could be turned off. All the parks need lights during the night for security.

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Special Events
 - a. Looking like we will be able to have Winter Nights on Saturday. Time is 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dodd Park Entrance Fee

Motion: To charge a \$2.00 in-county, \$3.00 out-of-country entrance fee at Dodd Park

Motion: Commissioner Pruett:

Second: Commissioner Kring

- a. Short Discussion

Motion Passed

2. Policy Committee – will meet in the fall (November) to go over all park policies and recommend any that need updated.
3. Star Gazer Event
 - a. May 18-20
 - b. Requested them to get liability insurance, but they say it is too expensive for their small group.
 - c. They will need to sign a hold harmless agreement
4. Office
 - a. Director Wyman mentioned the letter that was sent to the BOC, and what is being done.
5. Hand Pumps
 - a. Regulated by DEQ
 - b. They have changed the permitting requirements – they now have to be tested 4 times a year. Quite costly.
 - c. The commission feels they have a purpose and should be available to people at the parks. The commission would like to revisit this topic in the future.
6. Spring Event
 - a. Discussion regarding the date of our spring event since Easter is on April 1st this year.

Motion: To make the date of Spring Egg-stravaganza on March 24th.

Motion: Commissioner Stafne

Second: Commissioner Pruett

Motion Passed

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner File

Second: Commissioner Pruett

Next regular meeting March 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Please call 445-4456 if you cannot attend.