

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Arthur Dodd Memorial Park  
Niles, MI 49120  
October 12, 2017**

**10:10 a.m. – CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – President Campbell

**INVOCATION** – Director Wyman

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner File

**ROLL CALL** – Recording Secretary Dohm

Director Wyman – P

Kevin Claire – P

David Kring – A

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 Claire

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Commissioner Hershberger

**Second:** Commissioner Stafne

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
2. Discussion regarding the process of selling public land. Commissioner Pruett is going to research the history in Cass County

**BUDGET** – Director Wyman

1. Was presented; we are in the new fiscal year, and at this point don't know how much money will roll over.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Dodd Grant Ribbon Cutting
  - a. Cake looks amazing.
  - b. All ready to receive guests except starting the hot dogs, which will be done right after this meeting.
2. Dodd Park Mobile Home
  - a. We have a new renter, who does carpentry and handiwork and will be making some of the repairs on the mobile home.
3. Midwest Energy at Dodd Park.
  - a. Approximate 12 employees came, and did the work that it would have taken our department at least 2 weeks to do.

- i. The retrofitted the old sign and installed it, redecked the utility bridge, reconnected power for the security light, landscaped and edged the boat launch and cabin areas, took down a dead tree that was threatening Shelter #3 and cut and stacked all the wood.
4. Drone
  - a. Is now registered with FAA, the pilots are still in training.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Crop Lease at Lawless – bid opening was 10/11/17 at 9:03 a.m.
  - a. Present: Director Wyman, President Campbell, Recording Secretary Dohm.
  - b. Three sealed bids were received.
    - i. Daryl Griner of 13120 Born Street – bid #1 for Lawless North - \$93/acre
    - ii. Daryl Griner of 13120 Born Street – bid #2 for Lawless South - \$85/acre
    - iii. Joe Young, Jr. of 15711 Monkey Run – bid #3 for Lawless South - \$60/acre
  - c. Cropland revenue will be down 40%.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hershberger - To accept Daryl Griner's bids for a 3-year lease term. Also mentioned in the rental contract will be a stipulation that the 5-acre area that is being considered for a drone park may be removed from agricultural production and made into a drone park.

**Second:** Commissioner Stafne

2. Stump Grinding
  - a. Director Wyman thanked Commissioner Hershberger, his son Andy and family for all the great work grinding stumps at Dodd Park getting ready for the reopening event.
  - b. It looks terrific.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Harvest Fest / Trunk-n-Treat on October 21. Help is always appreciated.
2. Our thoughts are with Commissioner Rodebush who is under the weather at this time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Commissioner Stafne

**Second:** Commissioner Pruett

**Next regular meeting November 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Please call 445-4456 if you cannot attend.**