

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MSU Conference Room – 2nd Floor
Cassopolis, MI, MI 49031
April 11, 2019**

9:00 a.m. – CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President Campbell

INVOCATION – Director Wyman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Campbell

ROLL CALL – Recording Secretary Dohm

Director Wyman – P	Kevin Claire – P	David Kring – P
Bruce Campbell –P	Annie File –P	Fritz Kucklich - A
Korine Blyveis –P	Kevin Hershberger –A	Robert Parrish - P
Jamie Stafne – P		

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – with the addition of organization prior to the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Kring

Second: Commissioner File

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion: Commissioner File

Second: Commissioner Claire

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS –

Tom Enright, Marcellus 8th grade river study
Nora Serocki

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Nora announced that she will be working with the Girl Scouts and programming within the parks. Also introduced a program that she is working on compiling data regarding the spotted lanternfly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. Marketing Committee
 - a. Committee met. Would like to see the park flyer redone and current, the websited updated (county is working on a new website that is set to launch in September), more presence on facebook, social media, and would like to have a sign on the highway advertising programming at Lawless.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dark Skies Update
 - a. The wall packs on the maintenance building have been switched out.
 - b. Commissioner Parrish suggested banding together with other parks to help set guidelines for dark sky designation.
 - c. Will be doing a presentation at Headlands August 12.

- d. Commissioner Claire will be checking with The Friends of the Cass County Parks to see if they will be able to help purchase some of the lights required for the dark skies for Lawless.
2. Special Events
 - a. Spring Egg-Stravaganza will be this Saturday, April 13th, looking for volunteers.
3. Dowagiac River
 - a. Commissioner Campbell brought the commission up-to-date with the inter-county drain board meeting. Since there is so much downfall in the water from Dodd Park on, it will take a dredge to clear it. There is a possibility that it will be buoyed off. More information to come later.
4. Marcellus school's field day
 - a. Tom Enright, from Middlebury Parks will be working on a river study with the Marcellus school's 8th grade classes on May 6th (raindate May 10th) at Russ Forest. They will be quantifying the quality of the Dowagiac Creek through many different modes of study.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Turf Care
 - a. Discussed the 3 bids that were turned in for mowing.

Motion to go with Director Wyman's recommendation for mowing and trimming made by Commissioner Parrish

Second: Commissioner File

Motion Carried

2. West Harmon Park
 - a. Getting a push from the lake association to redo the parking and launch.
 - b. Director Wyman will contact the Shavehead Lake Association to see how much the association is willing to invest in improvements.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Anyone wanting to donate to the Ranger Robotics team should contact Commissioner Kucklich or their "gofundme" page.
2. The Conservation District is continuing their water testing for nitrates.
3. Commissioner Blyveis announced anyone wishing to donate for the butterfly garden at Russ Forest could do so through The Friends of the Cass County Parks.
4. Commissioner Stafne thanked everyone that help with the very successful Melting Mann race.

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Claire

Second: Commissioner Parrish

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Dohm
Recording Secretary

Next regular meeting April May 10 at 9:00 a.m. Please call 445-4456 if you cannot attend.