

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MSU Extension Meeting Room 210
Cassopolis, MI, MI 49031
January 11, 2018**

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

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

Linda Pruett – P

Korine Blyveis –A

Kevin Hershberger – P

Johnie Rodebush - A

Jamie Stafne – P

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion: Commissioner Kring – to cast a unanimous ballot for the current officers to remain for another year.

Second: Commissioner File

Passed

Motion: Commissioner File – to nominate and elect Commissioner Blyveis as secretary

Second: Commissioner Pruett

Passed

2018 Officers of the Cass County Parks and Recreation Commission:

President – Bruce Campbell

Vice President – Kevin Claire

Secretary – Korine Blyveis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Kring

Second: Commissioner Claire

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Stafne

Second: Commissioner Kring

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.

- a. Commissioner Kring asked how big the sleigh (bob sled) is. Director Wyman indicated that it will hold 12-15 people, and can be pulled either by a tractor or horses.
- b. In the future months, we may see hours being adjusted somewhat to compensate being open later on one of the evenings.

- c. Director Wyman thanked Commissioner Stafne for getting the information on the Meijer(Meyer Broadway County) Park dog park.

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
 - a. Next month look for a presentation and overview of the budget plus the parks in review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Fees
 - a. Much discussion regarding hay ride fees and sleigh ride fees

Motion: Commissioner File – to charge \$1 per person (in addition to entrance fee) for a sleigh ride during winter nights.

Second: Commissioner Pruett

Passed

Motion: Commissioner Stafne – to charge \$50 for each loop (consisting of 20-30 minutes) per wagon load (up to 25 people).

Second: Commissioner Pruett

Passed

2. Discover Winter Nights
 - a. As of today, there is no snow on the hill. Hopefully we will have enough snow for at least some of the Winter Nights dates.
3. Signage Update
 - a. The park signs should arrive any day now.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hunting Stats
 - a. Once again, Lawless recorded a successful year. It was a good year for mature bucks.
2. Great Lakes Park Training Institute
 - a. In Angola, Indiana at the Pokagon State Park.
 - b. Director Wyman drives to and from each day.
 - c. Towards the end of February.
3. County Strategic Survey
 - a. Director Wyman encouraged the commission to fill out the on-line survey and to encourage others to do the same.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Commissioner Kring complimented the winter edition of the Discovery News newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Pruett

Second: Commissioner File

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