

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Conference Room – County Services Building
Cassopolis, Michigan 49120
August 10, 2017**

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

INVOCATION – Commissioner Rodebush

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Claire

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 - P

Jamie Stafne – P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Hershberger

Second: Commissioner Stafne

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Rodebush

Second: Commissioner File

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. Rental Committee met prior to today's meeting and recommended Marty Bussey as a tenant to the Dodd Park mobile home.

Motion to extend a rental agreement to Marty Bussey: Commissioner File

Second: Commissioner Rodebush

Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. We are in the last quarter of this fiscal year, and it will definitely be tight next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dodd Grant
 - a. Everything is pretty much physically done except for the bridge to the canoe launch. It should be completed within the next month.
2. Sears Park
 - a. Boat launch - is complete. The homeowners' association donated \$1,100 towards it.
3. Lake Park
 - a. Director Wyman and President Campbell met with the other group of residents regarding the disagreement about the pier. The situation has been diffused for this year, and we just need to be prepared for next year.

- i. Need to check to see if there is already a pier policy for Birch Lake.
4. Entrance Signs
 - a. Much discussion regarding the position of the signs for the entrances at Lawless and Russ Forest.
Motion for Director Wyman to go forward with 3 large signs and 1 small sign designed by inmates:
Commissioner Pruettt
Second: Commissioner Kring
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Camping fees at Dodd
 - a. Isabella County has similar cabin rentals; charging \$40/night/in-county and \$45/night/out-of-county.
 - b. State campgrounds for mini-cabin rental is \$39-\$49/night.
 - c. Policy committee is to research and come up with a recommendation.
 - i. Commissioner Kring volunteered to join the policy committee of Commissioners Claire and File.
2. Drone Course/Drone Racing
 - a. Director Wyman has already had to have someone flying drones leave the park.
 - b. Commissioner Blyveis has been approached about flying drones in the park.
 - c. There is a possibility of the segregated 5 acre field that could be set up exclusively for drones.
3. AEP Right-of-Way
 - a. AEP needed to enlarge their easement in Cass County (along M-60, Lawless Park) and has given the County of Cass \$50,000.
 - i. This has been put into the park's revenue account.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A very special happy birthday to Commissioner Rodebush, who will be celebrating Saturday with friends and family at an open house.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Rodebush
Second: Commissioner Pruettt

Next regular meeting September 14, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. at the MSU Extension conference room. Please call 445-4456 if you cannot attend.