

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Kinchloe Conference Room
120 N. Broadway St., Cassopolis Mi. 49031**

**January 14, 2016
Minutes**

6:00 P.M.,- CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Recording Secretary Dohm

INVOCATION - Commissioner Washington

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Rodebush

ROLL CALL – Recording Secretary Dohm

Linda Pruett - P	Kevin Hershberger -P	Korine Blyveis - P
Johnie Rodebush - P	Bruce Campbell - A	Kevin Claire - A
Pauline Washington - P	David Kring - P	Annie File - P

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion to elect the same slate of officers as last year: Commissioner Kring

Second: Commissioner Rodebush

Approved

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Rodebush

Second: Commissioner Pruett

Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Pruett

Second: Commissioner Rodebush

Approved

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee – the appointment that was set up with the prosecutor’s office was cancelled.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Director Wyman

1. Director Wyman talked about Boy Scout Troup 293, and their surprise award at their ceremony.

BUDGET REPORT - Director Wyman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discover Winter Nights

1. Looking forward to Winter Nights with:
 - a. Educational spotlights
 - b. Crafts

NEW BUSINESS

Fee Review

1. Director Wyman asked if the board thought they should raise the park entry fee to \$2.00

Motion: To raise the park entry fee to \$2.00 – Commissioner Rodebush

Second: Commissioner File

Discussion: Upon discussion, it was decided to table this item for further review.

Motion: Commissioner Rodebush

Second: Commissioner File

Item tabled.

Temporary Part-Time

1. Randy is temporarily on medical leave, but there will not be any part-time assistance for Scott.

Maintenance Dept. Truck

1. The Cass County Maintenance Department is going to be getting a new truck, which will allow the Parks Department a great opportunity to upgrade their truck with a newer one, with fewer miles.

Russ Forest Lease

1. Director Wyman reminded the board that the lease from Michigan State University for Russ Forest is up this year, and wanted to know if it should be renewed.
 - a. Lease amount is \$1.00
 - b. Short discussion included whether or not a short term lease could be enabled.

Motion: Commissioner Rodebush to authorize a committee to look into lease options.

Second: Commissioner Pruet

Approved

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

1. Earth & Skies Celebration will be May 21, 2016

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Rodebush

Second: Commissioner Hershberger

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Dohm

Recording Secretary