

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MSU Extension Meeting Room 210
Cassopolis, MI, MI 49031
May 10, 2018**

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

INVOCATION – Director Wyman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Campbell

ROLL CALL – President Campbell -P

Director Wyman – P

Kevin Claire – P

David Kring – P

Bruce Campbell –P

Annie File – P

Linda Pruett – P

Korine Blyveis –P

Kevin Hershberger –A

Johnie Rodebush - A

Jamie Stafne – P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Pruett

Second: Commissioner Claire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Pruett

Second: Commissioner Claire

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS – Bob Parrish

PUBLIC COMMENT – Several instances of light readings at Lawless: median = Bronze level, which is pretty good. Possible provisional status, which gives us 3 years to meet the goals of lighting, education (light pollution), and access (can set our own hours).

Dark Skies – Director Wyman met with MEC – they don't offer any LED lighting, but their board will be voting on dark sky lighting. MEC will research dark skies.

Mr. Parrish would like letters of support/BOC resolution for Dark Skies. This is very personal to him and he would like to donate \$500 of his personal funds toward this project.

Motion to assign Mr. Parrish to complete the application with Director Wyman for provisional status: Commissioner Blyveis

Second: Commissioner Pruett

Motion Carried

Commissioner Blyveis volunteered to help find organizations to do letters of support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. Monarch Way-Station – Commissioner Stafne handed out ideas for signage. Commissioner Blyveis has a boy scout troupe to help.
2. Director Wyman questioned Commissioner Blyveis if the placemats for Broadway Café now has the ad for the parks on them. Commissioner Blyveis to follow-up.
3. The third Monday of each month for 9-10:30 a.m. at Lawless is “Monarch Mondays”.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Entrance Signs – at Russ Forest should be in within the next couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Barbara Cook was honored last Thursday, during which Parks made a presentation to her – the “Environmental Stewardship Award”.
2. Tractor donation – a husband and wife, on behalf of her late brother, donated a 1959 Ford 55 to be used in the parks.
3. Picnic Shelter – again, people are not reserving shelters and making a mess. We only turn the electric on when a reservation is made.

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. Commissioner Pruett had millage information.
2. Commissioner Pruett is going to check with Monica Kennedy regarding an outdoor movie screen.
3. Commissioner Pruett reported that she had seen Commissioner Rodebush, who is requesting the meetings be moved to the medical care facility. Next meeting will be at the Cass County Medical Care Facility – come hungry.
4. Many thanks to Commissioner File for helping at the fee booth last Saturday.

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Claire

Second: Commissioner Blyveis

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Dohm

Recording Secretary

Next regular meeting June 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Please call 445-4456 if you cannot attend.