

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

March 9, 2017

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

INVOCATION – Director Wyman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner File

ROLL CALL – Recording Secretary Dohm

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Hershberger
Second: Commissioner File

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Hershberger
Second: Commissioner Pruett

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Commissioner Blyveis inquired when the 5-year recreation plan would be worked on.
 - a. Director Wyman indicated that his goal is January 1st.

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. The county is in the 2nd quarter of the budget year.
 - a. We have spent a little over 30%.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dodd Grant
 - a. Director Wyman made his presentation to the BOC regarding how to proceed with the grant and the shortage of funds for the project, which included a PowerPoint presentation.
 - b. Director Wyman's presentation was met with much support from the BOC, but it was tabled until the next meeting for an official vote.
2. Dodd Park Mobile Home
 - a. Randy is very busy making improvements in it, getting it ready to be rented.
 - b. Commissioner Hershberger suggested to make a modification to the rental agreement, to include a clause that prohibits growing marijuana at the property.

- c. Director Wyman reported that we have taken many calls of interest for the rental; we will be accepting applications through this Friday (March 10, 2017).
 - d. Commissioners File, Hershberger, and Pruett volunteered to be on the selection committee to review the applications.
3. Millage
- a. Discussion regarding the ability of the BOC to levy up to ¼ mil tax without it going to the general public for a vote.
 - b. Director Wyman had made contact with Berrien County regarding information on how they proceeded with such a millage, but his contact suggested that he refer to Cass County legal council.
 - c. Discussion regarding putting a millage up for vote, and whether you should promote and advertise the millage, or put it quietly on the ballot.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Skull Survival Challenge (Boy Scouts)
 - a. A new and exciting opportunity for this event to be held at Lawless with overnight camping allowed. They are expecting 250-300 scouts at the event.
2. Special Events
 - a. Spring Egg-Stravaganza will be April 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - b. Women's Day Angling – Dodd Park, April 23rd; since this for profit, they will be charged for rental.
3. Great Lakes Park Training Institute
 - a. Director Wyman was able to attend some of the trainings, even though he also spent some time in Cass County preparing for his BOC presentation.
 - b. He reported that there was excellent sessions.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Commissioner Blyveis told about the Herpe app for cell phones; you are able to take a picture and report the type of snake, lizard, etc. that you come across.
2. Commissioner Blyveis commented that it would be great to be thinking about a park entrance with parking directly off M-60.
3. There will be a Girl Scout event/race on May 13th – no charge to use the facility, however need to suggest a donation would be appropriate.
4. Commissioner Blyveis is taking out a hiking group at Lawless – thinking about the possibility of making it a “club”.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Hershberger

Second: Commissioner Pruett

Next regular meeting April 13, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. Please call 445-4456 if you cannot attend.