

CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MSU-E Conference Room
120 N. Broadway Street, Cassopolis, MI 49031

June 9, 2016
Minutes

6:00 p.m. - CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President Campbell

INVOCATION - Commissioner Rodebush

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Blyveis

ROLL CALL - Recording Secretary Dohm

Korine Blyveis – P
Bruce Campbell – P
Kevin Claire – P

Annie File – P
Kevin Hershberger – A
David Kring – P

Linda Pruett – P
Johnie Rodebush – P
Jamie Stafne – P

Pauline Washington - P
Scott Wyman - P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS AMENDED

1. **Add signage under new business** – Director Wyman
Motion: Commissioner Rodebush
Second: Commissioner File
Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Commissioner Rodebush commended Director Wyman on all the work he has done getting things ready for the Dodd Park grant.
2. The launch at Sears Park is still out. Triad was hired to put the launch in, and they didn't put enough stone on the back side. The launch has a 3-year warranty; it will be corrected and put back in.

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. About 66% of the budget has been used.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Special Events – Earth & Sky Celebration**
 - a. Commissioner Blyveis reported that the attendance was low, and the event for next year will be modified.
 - b. Instead of trying to one big event, next year maybe there will be 2 or 3 smaller events throughout the year.
2. **Point Park**
 - a. The controversy continues. Now a smaller version of the cul-de-sac is in place allowing people to turn around and for emergency vehicles access.

- i. Need an official deed before anything legal can be done.
- ii. Director Wyman will be turning this over to County Administrator Folks to see how she would like to proceed.

3. Dodd Grant

- a. The BOC accepted the bid of MC Smith as the landscape architectural company for the project.
- b. Director Wyman is reviewing the professional agreement contract, and is on the BOC agenda for the next meeting.
- c. Ground-breaking will possibly be this fall.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Midwest Energy

- a. Reconfirming their commitment to the community by having a work day (weather permitting) on June 15th.
 - i. 11 employees will be at Lawless Park; 11 employees will be at Russ Forest.
 - ii. They will be doing various jobs – trimming, clean-up, painting, replacing electrical receptacles, etc.
 - iii. Midwest Energy will be supplying their lunches.

2. County Administrator

- a. Our new County Administrator is Karen Folks, looking forward to working with her regarding projects within the county parks.
- b. There will be a cook-out to introduce her to county employees on June 22nd.

3. Point Park Tour

- a. Canceled

4. Signage

- a. \$10,700 has been allocated for signs for the parks.
- b. Director Wyman had a picture of the proposed sign for Lawless Park.
- c. The next park's board meeting will be at Lawless July 14th to discuss exact placement of the sign. The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m.; bring a dish to pass, we'll grill out hotdogs.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Commissioner Blyveis commented that everything we do, we should consider what our organizational norm should be, and use conservation best management practices.
2. Commissioner Blyveis announced that on June 23rd, at 10:00 a.m., a group of high school students will be at Lawless to help trim trails.
3. Mr. Miller was recognized as a visitor to the meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Commissioner Rodebush

Second: Commissioner Pruett

Meeting adjourned 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Dohm, Recording Secretary