

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Conference Room – County Services Building
Cassopolis, MI, MI 49031
May 13, 2021**

9:00 p.m. – CALL MEETING TO ORDER –President Kucklick

INVOCATION – Commissioner R. Parrish

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Campbell

ROLL CALL – Recording Secretary Dohm

Director Wyman – P

Thomas Atkinson – p

Annie File - P

Bruce Campbell - P

Hailey Harman - A

David Kring – P

Fritz Kucklick – P

Lyndon Parrish -P

Robert Parrish - P

Jamie Stafne -P

Jeff VanBelle - A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Atkinson

Second: Commissioner Campbell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion: Commissioner File

Second: Commissioner R. Parrish

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS –None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Commissioner Stafne reported on the progress of the Pure Michigan campaign.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Director's report was presented.
2. Bob Thompson and the Road Commission are hauling 100 ton of gravel to Russ Forest for the trails
3. Director Wyman met with the Lake Association at West Harmon
4. The new county webmaster is working on the county website and is taking information from the parks
5. Purchased a portable 8x10 concession stand for \$300 to be able to sell things out of during events

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
2. Will be making the annual report to the BOC next Thursday

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dark Sky
 - a. Quarterly newsletter finished
 - b. Yoga under the Stars will be limited to 30 participants
 - c. Commissioner R Parrish made 3 presentations on dark skies within the last month
 - d. Working with more groups to help them become dark sky certified
 - e. Next month, hoping to go back to having the telescope at Lawless during Dark Sky Nights
2. Parks/Recreation/Tourism/Culture/FUNDING Committee
 - a. When all was said and done, the committee is ready to present to the BOC two options: either a .2 levied millage or a vote for .5 mil
3. Lawless Master Plan
 - a. Director Wyman is working closely with Sandy regarding the Master Plan. The in-pu session will be June 15 at Lawless from 5:00 to 7:00 – open house style. Sandy will be giving up-to-date estimates as we go forward.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dodd Park Visitor
 - a. Director Wyman reported an unpleasant encounter with a park visitor and his unleashed dog. The gentleman reported the encounter to several departments, including the parks. Director Wyman had a discussion with the Sheriff's Department after finding out the person has been known for extreme aggressive behavior.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Director Wyman has been trying to reach the robotics teacher at Cassopolis High School.
- There is a new window in the fee booth.
- 50-60 trees were donated to the parks from the Conservation District tree sale.
- There was a question regarding the outcome of the couple that wanted to donate their land to the parks upon their deaths.
 - Director Wyman had reached out to them, but no response

Adjournment:

Motion: Commissioner R. Parrish

Second: Commissioner File

10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Dohm
Recording Secretary

Next regular meeting June 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room, 2nd Floor County Services Building