

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Dr. T.K. Lawless Park
June 9, 2022**

4:00 p.m. – CALL MEETING TO ORDER –President Kucklick

INVOCATION – Commissioner L. Parrish

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Kucklick

ROLL CALL –

Director Wyman – P	Annie File – P	Lyndon Parrish - P	Jaimie Stafne - P
Bruce Campbell –P	David Kring – A	Robert Parrish – P	Jeff VanBelle - P
Skip Dyes –A	Fritz Kucklick – P	Ryan Laylin - A	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner R. Parrish
Second: Commissioner L. Parrish

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion: Commissioner Stafne
Second: Commissioner File

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS –

1. Blair Garceau, Birch Lake Homeowners Association

PUBLIC COMMENT –

1. DNR came in and worked on the boat launch, but wasn't sure that their equipment could actually reach out far enough to fill the hole. The launch seems to be much better than it was.
 - a. The stone that was not used for the project will be removed soon by Director Wyman and crew.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
 - a. Director Wyman pointed out the wingspan mural that was done by the Cassopolis High School art class.
 - b. Lawless 50 race is coming up. NIMBA will be having a work day the first of next month to help get the trails ready for the race.

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
 - a. The fuel line item remains a concern as it has already doubled and we still have quite a bit of time left in the fiscal year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dark Sky
 - a. Commissioner R. Parrish reported all his talks and meetings.
 - b. He sent emails to the administration and BOC regarding the possibility of a county-wide lighting ordinance which wasn't met with much positivity.
 - c. He has been working with Copper Harbor in their quest of becoming certified as a dark sky park; he was notified that Copper Harbor will be the 3rd International Dark Sky Park in Michigan.
 - d. Has had no more discussion with Notre Dame regarding the observatory.
 - e. Opened May 30th for the meteor shower, which was well attended.
 - f. Director Wyman announced that there will be entertainment for the Perseid Meteor Shower event.
2. Rail Trail

- a. Moving forward with the rail trail as one land owner has tentatively said yes; there are other landowners that still will not allow the access, however there are plans to route the trail around those properties.
 - b. There will be a meeting with county administration to see what part (if any) they would like to play in the development of this project.
3. Grant Process
 - a. Director Wyman was notified by DNR that the Trust Fund Board was inviting him to Holland to give a 10 minute presentation regarding the grant request on June 15.
 4. Sears Park
 - a. Was discussed during public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. MEANDRS
 - a. People are getting stranded again beyond Dodd Park, so signs will be going up at Dodd warning the public not to canoe any further than Dodd.
2. GIS
 - a. The GIS department has gone above and beyond working to map out all the trails for all our parks. They are doing a fantastic job, and we can hardly wait to see the end result.
3. Senator Peters
 - a. Senator Peters' Aide was in Cass County and as part of his visit administration requested Director Wyman to give him a tour of T.K. Lawless Park.
4. Eagle Scout
 - a. Had a request from an Eagle Scout who lives on Shavehead Lake wanting to put a fence up at Harmon Park.
5. Board Per Diem
 - a. Board was advised of an increase in their per diem for attending parks' board meetings.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Van Belle shared county maps with the group that GIS department had done

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner VanBelle

Second: Commissioner L. Parrish

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Dohm
Recording Secretary

Next regular meeting July 8, 2022