

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Dr. T.K. Lawless Park  
July 14, 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 - A
Skip Dyes –P	Fritz Kucklick – P	Ryan Laylin - A	

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Commissioner Stafne  
**Second:** Commissioner Campbell

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –

**Motion:** Commissioner Stafne  
**Second:** Commissioner Campbell

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS** –

1. Blair Garceau, Birch Lake Homeowners Association

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

1. Director Wyman rec'd an invoice for the work done at the boat launch in the amount of \$2189. Ms. Garceau indicated they were meeting regarding the invoice to see how much their lake association would be donating towards it.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

1. None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
  - a. Parks have been exceptionally busy.
  - b. There have been a few more bear sightings in the area, however none in the parks.

**BUDGET** – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
  - a. Director Wyman has spoken with administration regarding some possible capital expenses.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Dark Sky
  - a. Hosted the Educational Talent Search in June. Jon Wuepper was also a guest, who was able to call an owl in during the trail walk in broad daylight.
  - b. It has already been announced that next year's star party will be held at Lawless in May.
  - c. A professor at Notre Dame donated a telescope that was given to a Cass County child – Ransom Mitchell.
  - d. There will be a musical trio playing at Lawless on Friday night of the Perseid Meteor Shower.
    - i. Talked about the possibility of allowing visitors to stay overnight on the grounds those nights.
2. Grant Process
  - a. Director Wyman made his presentation in Holland regarding the grant application at their request.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Thomas Rea Property

- a. Retired Dr. Rea has 40+ acres that he would like to donate for hiking trails, but not interested in having it developed into campgrounds and such.
  - b. Director Wyman will speak with administration to see what the county may want to do if it is interested in it or not.
  - c. Director Wyman suggested Dr. Rea may want to speak to a nature conservancy.
2. Lawless 50
    - a. Has exceeded previous entries already.
    - b. They had a great workday with lots of help, and the trails are in as good of shape as they ever have been.
    - c. They have a sponsor taking care of the entrance fees and there will be a food vendor at the event.
  3. MOU Airline Rail Trail
    - a. Marcy Hamilton is heading up the core group partnership in preparing the Memorandum of Understanding. Director Wyman recommends the board sign it.

**Motion:** To accept and sign the MOU – Commissioner Stafne

**Second:** Commissioner R. Parrish

Vote: Unanimous

Motion carried

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Commissioner R. Parrish commended the Cass County Road Commission for the beautiful paving job done on Monkey Run and Lewis Lake Rd to make it a much more pleasant drive to the park.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Commissioner L. Parrish

**Second:** Commissioner File

**Meeting Adjourned.**

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Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Dohm  
Recording Secretary

**Next regular meeting August 11, 2022**