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**Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING ABOUT EASLING POOL  
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018  
Governmental Center: Commission Chambers, Second Floor  
400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49684  
4:30 p.m. Meeting**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.
- C. Roll Call  
Commissioners Present: Pete Albers, David Grams, Rod Kivell, Steve Largent, Tom Mair, William Mouser, Whitney Waara, Shirley Zerafa, John Roth  
Commissioners Excused: Rodetta Harrand  
Others Present: Kristine Erickson, Director, and Ryan Walsh, Office Manager, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation; Chris Forsyth, Civil Counsel and Interim Management Team, Grand Traverse County; Matt Cowall, Friends of Easling Pool; George Ryan Holton, Grand Traverse Social Sports
- D. First Public Comment  
There was no public comment.
- E. Approval of/Additions to Agenda  
MOTION by Albers, second by Largent, to approve the agenda, as presented.
- F. Special Orders of Business/Presentations: Easling Pool Fundraising Update  
Matt Cowall updated Commissioners about Easling Pool Fundraising.
- G. Request for Authorization to Select Approved Vendors, Make Purchase Orders, and Make Necessary Deposits for Easling Pool Refurbishment Project, Under County Purchasing Policy  
Director discussion vendor selection for the Easling Pool refurbishment project, and requested approval to use funds raised to sign contracts and schedule selected vendors.  
MOTION by Mair, second by Grams, to authorize Director to select approved vendors, make purchase orders, and make necessary deposits for Easling Pool Refurbishment Project, under the County's Purchasing Policy.
- Roll Call Vote  
Yea: Albers, Grams, Kivell, Largent, Mair, Mouser, Waara, Zerafa, Roth (9)  
Nays: (0)  
Absent: Harrand (1)  
Motion passes, 9 to 0.
- H. Request for Authorization to Use Portion of Parks and Recreation Fund Balance

Director reported on available funds in the Department's fund balance and requested Commission to approve using a portion of those funds for carpet in the pool hallway and lobby areas and in the Civic Center offices. MOTION by Albers, second by Grams, to authorize Director to use fund balance funds, not to exceed \$13,000, for carpeting at the Civic Center, with any remaining funds used for the Easling Pool Refurbishment Project.  
Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Albers, Grams, Kivell, Largent, Mair, Mouser, Waara, Zerafa, Roth (9)

Nays: (0)

Absent: Harrand (1)

Motion passes, 9 to 0.

- I. Draft Grand Traverse Bay YMCA Easling Pool Management Agreement  
Director informed Commissioners she was negotiating with the CEO of the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA to reach a new management agreement.  
Commissioners discussed the benefits of YMCA pool management and provided recommendations regarding continued negotiations.
- J. Second Public Comment  
Matt Cowall spoke about the importance of maintaining partnerships in Parks and Recreation, and referred to findings from the study he conducted about public pool operations.  
George Ryan Holton spoke regarding other groups that might be interested in managing programs at the Civic Center. He recommended that Parks and Recreation issue a request for proposals to explore other potential opportunities for management of Easling Pool.
- K. Notices and Commissioner Comments  
Commissioner Largent provided an update regarding Sabin Dam.  
Commissioner Mouser spoke regarding a public meeting at East Middle School about the east-west transportation corridor.
- L. Adjournment  
Meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.