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Senior Center Network makes longer lives, better lives.*

**Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2019, 5 p.m.
Commission Chambers, Second Floor, Governmental Center
400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49684
MINUTES**

General Meeting Policies: Please turn off all cell phones or switch them to silent mode. Any person may make a videotape, audiotape, or other recording of this meeting. Standing equipment, cords, or portable microphones must be located to not block audience's view. If you require auxiliary assistance, please call 231-922-4780 or TDD 231-922-4412.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5 p.m.

C. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: David Grams, Rob Hentschel, Rod Kivell, Steve Largent, John Roth, Shirley Zerafa, Whitney Waara, Rodetta Harrand

Commissioners Absent: William Mouser

Others Present: Kristine Erickson, Director, Ryan Walsh, Office Manager, Katelynn Brown, Office Coordinator, Ariel Perreault, Office Specialist, Lori Wells, Senior Center Network Manager, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation; Jalen Provo, County Resident and member of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Planning Committee; Patrick McIntyre, Mike Hornby, Mike Kent, Enid Hagerty, Judith Briggs, Jane Watts, Karen Johnson, Linda Lyon, Kay Rumbach, Stephanie Rand, Jackie Anderson, Marie Booke, Caryn Chachulski, Matt Cowall, and Bridget Thuente, Friends Of Easling Pool; Brandy Gallagher, County Resident and Traverse City Roller Derby Board Member; Tree Sturman, County Resident and The River Outfitters Representative; Terry Merchand, Executive Director, Todd Spaulding, Office Manager, Centre I.C.E.; Brian Beauchamp, Chris Kushman, TART Trails; Erin Whiting, Parallel 45 Theatre; Andrew MacDonald, Blue Water Promotions; Alexis Zoellner, Record Eagle

D. First Public Comment

Karen Johnson, Friends of Easling Pool Member, thanked the Parks and Recreation Commissioners for supporting the renovation of Easling Pool, and informed them she had learned the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA's Central Y location (including Easling Pool) would be closed on weekends throughout summer 2019. She expressed that would like the pool to stay open at least on Saturday mornings during summer.

Jalen Provo, County Resident and member of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Planning Committee, stated support for the high-level concepts recently prepared by Influence Design Forum to improve the Civic Center.

E. Approval of/Additions to Agenda

Senior Center Manager requested to remove request to purchase phone system from agenda under J. New Business, Item 2.

MOTION by Roth, second by Hentschel, to approve the agenda, with the exception of Item J.2. Motion carried.

F. Special Orders of Business/Presentations

1. Resolution of Appreciation for and Recognition of Friends of Easling Pool and President Bridget Thuente
MOTION by Roth, second by Hentschel, to adopt Resolution 02-2019 in Appreciation for and Recognition of Bridget Thuente, President of the Friends of Easling Pool, and the Friends of Easling Pool Citizens' Group.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Grams, Hentschel, Kivell, Largent, Roth, Waara, Zerafa, and Harrand (8)

Nays: (0)

Absent: Mouser (1)

Motion passed, 8 to 0.

G. Consent Calendar

Receive and File

1. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Network Budget Report
2. Grand Traverse Conservation District's Monthly Report
3. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Network Department Report
4. Central Y Membership Statistics

Approvals

1. Draft Minutes from April 18, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting

MOTION by Waara, second by Largent, to receive and file the Consent Calendar, as presented. Motion carried.

H. Items Removed from Consent Calendar

I. Reports

1. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Report
Senior Center Manager and Parks and Recreation Director highlighted some of the items in the Department Report included in the Consent Calendar.
2. Committee and Representative Reports
Commissioner and Business Development Team (BDT) Chair Kivell reported on the BDT meeting held in May. Commissioner Largent reported on the Natural Education Reserve property and the Conservation District. He stated there were several Boardman River Trail work bees in May and that 13,500 trees that were planted. Director reported that the Conservation District has a new Executive Director.

J. New Business

1. VASA Trailhead Update and Request
MOTION by Roth, second by Grams, to authorize TART Trails staff to begin exploring conceptual plans for making improvements to the VASA Trailhead facilities to better serve its users and support increased use, to include County Parks and Recreation Director in all processes, and provide updates and bring concepts to Parks and Recreation Commission for approval.
Roll Call Vote
Yeas: Zerafa, Waara, Roth, Largent, Kivell, Hentschel, Grams, and Harrand (8)
Nays: (0)
Absent: Mouser (1)
Motion passed, 8 to 0.
2. ~~Request to Purchase Phone System for Senior Center Network~~
This item was removed from the agenda by vote of Commissioners at the outset of the meeting.

3. Request to Purchase iPads for Parks and Recreation Commissioners (Director; Action Item)
MOTION by Waara, second by Largent, to approve expenditure of up to \$1,500 from Parks and Recreation fund balance to purchase two iPads for Parks and Recreation staff to use to experiment with new iCompass meeting software to be purchased by County.
Roll Call Vote
Yeas: Grams, Roth, Hentschel, Kivell, Zerafa, Largent, Waara, and Harrand (8)
Nays: (0)
Absent: Mouser (1)
Motion passed, 8 to 0.
Commissioner Hentschel stated he would like ex-officios to receive devices.
Commissioner Waara asked if the iCompass system could be installed onto personal devices to save money.
Commissioner Zerafa asked to have the Parks staff try the devices and system to see how it works.
4. Agreement Renewal: Crystal Bindi Studios at Twin Lakes Park (Director; Action Item)
MOTION by Kivell, second by Hentschel, to authorize director to pursue renewing use agreement with Crystal Bindi Studios to provide Twin Lakes Fitness programming in the lower level of Twin Lakes Park Gilbert Lodge from June 2019 through May 2020 and to bring draft agreement to next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
Roll Call Vote
Yeas: Waara, Largent, Zerafa, Kivell, Hentschel, Roth, Grams, and Harrand (8)
Nays: (0)
Absent: Mouser (1)
Motion passed 8 to 0.
Commissioner Hentschel requested to know the square footage market rate for spaces similar to portion of lower level being used, and to include that information in the agreement.

K. Old Business

1. Amended Agreement: The River Outfitters
MOTION by Hentschel, second by Roth, to approve executing the First Amendment to Agreement between Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission and The River Outfitters for Livery/Concession Services at Medalie Roadside Park and to continue use agreement through December 31, 2020.
Roll Call Vote
Yeas: Grams, Hentschel, Kivell, Largent, Roth, Zerafa, Waara, and Harrand (8)
Nays: (0)
Absent: Mouser (1)
Motion passed, 8 to 0.
2. North End of Civic Center Park Conceptual Planning: Next Steps
Director discussed concepts for reimaging the Civic Center and asked for direction about next steps.
Commissioner Grams stated he supports a signage plan.
Commissioner Roth stated parking is most important issue.
Commissioner Largent stated that it is important for taxpayers to voice their views, and stated parking is the main issue.
Commissioner Waara stated that Civic Center is experiencing an identity crisis.
Centre I.C.E. Executive Director Terry Marchand expressed support of concepts for Civic Center Park.
Bluewater Promotions show organizer Andrew MacDonald expressed support of the Parks and Recreation Department and shared some suggestions for parking at the Civic Center.
Parallel 45 Executive Director Erin Whiting expressed support for the planning process for Civic Center.
Resident Jalen Provo expressed support of future plans for the Civic Center.
TC Roller Derby representative Brandy Gallagher expressed support for Civic Center concepts and stated a need for maintenance around the walking track there.
County Deputy Administrator Chris Forsyth spoke regarding future plans for the Civic Center.

Parks and Recreation Office Manager Ryan Walsh spoke about the planning process for the Civic Center and suggested focusing on parking. He asked that the goals stated in the *2018-2023 County Parks and Recreation Plan* be kept in mind when moving forward with Civic Center improvements.

Director read Resolution 3-2019.

MOTION by Hentschel, second by Largent, to adopt Resolution 03-2019 with amended language to state: "Now, be it further resolved that Parks and Recreation Commission directs staff to develop input sessions for prioritizing specific concepts from the North End Civic Center Planning Concept Sit Plans Presentation."

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Zerafa, Waara, Roth, Largent, Kivell, Hentschel, Grams, and Harrand (8)

Nays: (0)

Absent: Mouser (1)

Motion passed, 8 to 0.

L. Second Public Comment

Traverse City Roller Derby representative Brandy Gallagher reported that the Traverse City Roller Derby team has been helping empty and pick up trash at Civic Center Park.

M. Notices and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Zerafa stated she would like to invite Norte Executive Director TY Schmidt to a Business Development Team meeting.

Commissioner Roth asked to meet the new CEO of the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA.

Commissioner Waara spoke regarding the YMCA's summer hours and requested that the Parks and Recreation Rules Committee explore adopting a no-smoking policy for all County parks.

N. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.