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**Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission  
Special Meeting: North End of Civic Center Park Conceptual Planning  
Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 1 p.m.  
Commission Chambers, Second Floor, Governmental Center  
400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49684  
MINUTES**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 1 p.m.

**C. Roll Call**

Commissioners present: David Grams, Ron Clouse (County Board Member Representative), Rod Kivell, John Roth, Whitney Waara, Shirley Zerafa, Rodetta Harrand

Commissioners Excused: Commissioners Robert Hentschel, Steve Largent, and William Mouser

Others Present: Kristine Erickson, Director, Ryan Walsh, Office Manager, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Department; Nate Elkins, Director, Influence Design Forum; Jalen Provo, Parks and Recreation Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee Citizen Member; Mike Niedzieliski, owner of Northporte Development

**D. First Public Comment**

County resident Jalen Provo spoke during public comment.

**E. Special Orders of Business/Presentations**

1. Project: Landscaping Northwest Corner of Civic Center Park (Director and Nathan Elkins, ASLA, Studio Director, Influence Design Forum; Action Item; Information Sheet, Page 2; Proposal, Page 6) Director introduced Nate Elkins, who spoke regarding his proposal and offered to answer questions. Commissioners discussed the proposal and took turns asking questions related to the services Influence Design Forum would provide to improve the Northwest Corner of the Civic Center. Developer Mike Niedzieliski spoke regarding the terms of his current easement agreement with Parks and Recreation.

Resident Jalen Provo shared some ideas for improving the northwest corner of the Civic Center.

MOTION by Grams, second by Roth, to move forward with the proposal, as presented in the agenda packet, with a cost not to exceed \$22,680.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Grams, Kivell, Roth, Waara (4)

Nays: Zerafa, Harrand (2)

Absent: Hentschel, Largent, Mouser (3)

Motion passed, 4 to 2.

*\*County Commissioner Ron Clous was in attendance, per Commissioner Hentschel's request and approval by Board President. Commissioner Clous did not vote.*

**F. Old Business**

1. Expectations for Public Survey Regarding Civic Center Concepts

Commissioners described their expectations for a survey of the community regarding the high-level concepts for potential improvements at the Civic Center developed by Influence Design Forum. Commissioners requested to see draft survey so they may provide input.

**G. Second Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**H. Notices and Commissioner Comments**

The Director reported that the amphitheater is near completion.

**I. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.