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**Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission  
MINUTES  
Thursday, September 13, 2018  
Commission Chambers, Second Floor, Governmental Center  
400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49684  
5 p.m. Meeting**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order at 5 p.m.
- C. Roll Call  
Commissioners Present: Pete Albers, David Grams, Rod Kivell, Rodetta Harrand, Steve Largent, Tom Mair, William Mouser, Whitney Waara,\* John Roth  
Commissioners Excused: Shirley Zerafa  
Others Present: Kristine Erickson, Director, Ryan Walsh, Office Manager, and Lori Wells, Senior Center Network Manager, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation; County Residents Bob and Karen Carr, Bill Fall, John Ricky McDowell, Jamie Burley, and Nicholas Walsh  
*\*Arrived after start of the meeting.*
- D. First Public Comment  
Bill Fall and John Rickey McDowell spoke about the condition of the baseball fields at the Civic Center, and asked that the fields be improved and maintained.  
Jamie Burley spoke about the fence at the north end of the Civic Center and asked that the fence be left in place.
- E. Approval of/Additions to Agenda  
MOTION by Grams, second by Albers to accept the agenda. Motion carried.
- F. Special Orders of Business/Presentations
  - 1. Maple Bay Park and Natural Area: Project Proposal  
Bob Carr made a proposal to use Maple Bay Park and Natural Area as a site for an agricultural historical education project.
- G. Action on Consent Calendar  
Receive and File
  - 1. Draft Minutes from August 9, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
  - 2. Draft Minutes from August 27, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting
  - 3. Approved Minutes from June 5, 2018 Business Development Team Meeting
  - 4. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Network Budget Report

5. August 2018 Conservation District Report
6. E-mail Correspondence between Shea and Erickson Regarding Civic Center Uses
7. Signed Agreement: Parallel 45 Theatre and Parks and Recreation
8. August 20, 2018 Correspondence from Office of Great Lakes Regarding Coastal Zone Management Grant Applications
9. August 8, 2018 Berden E-mail Regarding Fence at Civic Center

MOTION by Albers, second by Waara, to receive and file the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Items 6, 8, and 9. Motion carried.

#### H. Items Removed from Consent Calendar

1. Item 6. E-mail Correspondence between Shea and Erickson Regarding Civic Center Uses  
Commissioners discussed ideas and suggestions in Shea's correspondence, and agreed that an outdoor ice rink would be too costly to maintain, and that the ball fields needed to remain in place and used as they are now as a source of revenue to Parks and Recreation.  
MOTION by Albers, second by Kivell, to receive and file Item 6. Motion carried.
2. Item 8. August 20, 2018 Correspondence from Office of Great Lakes Regarding Coastal Zone Management Grant Application  
Commissioner Albers asked whether not receiving the grant would affect the plan for Medalie Park, relative to the Boardman Lake Loop Trail project. Director advised other opportunities are being sought.  
MOTION by Albers, second by Kivell, to receive and file Item 8. Motion carried.
3. Item 9. August 8, 2018 Berden E-mail Regarding Fence at Civic Center  
MOTION by Grams, second by Harrand, to combine Item 9. of the Consent Calendar with J. Old Business, Item 1. Motion carried.

#### I. Reports

1. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Report  
Director provided park project updates and described recent developments related to the Future of Parks and Recreation Committee meetings.  
Office Manager explained a \$4,000 increase from last year for United Way AmeriCorps VISTA program worker due to federal funding cuts. A Memo of Understanding between Parks and Recreation and United Way for \$9,000 will be executed for 2018-2019.  
Office Manager asked Fees Ad Hoc Committee members to schedule meeting to finalize Parks and Recreation's fee schedule. Committee will meet Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 5 p.m. at a location to be determined.  
Senior Center Network Manager reported on programming statistics, an upcoming joint meeting between the County and the City about building a new Senior Center and future operations.
2. Subcommittee Chair, Ad Hoc Committee Chair, Team Chair, and TBAYS Board and NER Advisory Committee Representative Reports
  - a. Rules Committee  
President Roth, Chair of Rules Committee, reported that committee has not met this year.
  - b. Business Development Team for Business Planning  
Commissioner Albers, Business Development Team Chair, reported about ongoing discussions regarding the Civic Center.
  - c. Parks Fees Ad Hoc Committee  
Commissioner Waara, Park Fees Ad Hoc Committee Chair, confirmed upcoming meeting on October 16, 2018.
  - d. NER Advisory Committee  
Commissioner Mouser, County Parks Representative on the NER Advisory Committee, reported on progress with the dam removal projects and grant opportunities for pedestrian bridges along the trails.

- e. TBAYS Board Representative  
TBAYS Board Representative, Commission Mair, had no update.
- f. Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee  
Director informed Commissioners that a meeting of this committee will be scheduled in the next few months.  
Director spoke regarding recent flood damage in the Civic Center's concession stand, and Office Manager said an insurance claim has been filed.
- g. Future of Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee  
President Roth, Chair of the Future of Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee, had no update.

J. Old Business

- 1. Revisit Removal of Fence around Civic Center and August 8, 2018 Berden E-mail Regarding Fence at Civic Center.  
Commissioner Mair discussed a recent car accident near the fence along Fair Street and said the fence should be left in place.  
Commissioner Grams stated he was revisiting removing the fence along Fair and Front Streets. Commissioners confirmed their decision of September 2018 to hold off on taking any action to remove the remaining fence surrounding the Civic Center until more research has been conducted, at least until spring 2019.
- 2. Proposed Change to Setting Agenda for Parks and Recreation Commission Meetings  
Commissioner Mair suggested that commissioners rotate attending Parks and Recreation agenda-setting meetings. Commissioners discussed the suggestion made no motion to change process. Director stated she will invite commissioners before each agenda-setting meeting, as soon as that meeting is set.
- 3. Bow Hunting on Power Island  
The Director spoke regarding allowing bow hunting on the island.  
MOTION by Harrand, second by Largent, to continue with bow hunting on Power Island, as previously in other years. Motion carried.

K. New Business

- 1. Skate Park Event Proposal  
Office Manager presented "Street Art in Skate Park" event proposal, and reminded commissioners about last time event was held four years ago.  
Nicholas Walsh described the event's details and logistics more detail.

L. Second Public Comment

There was no public comment.

M. Notices and Commissioner Comments

Commission Kivell stated that Parallel 45 Theatre is a finalist for an Impact 100 grant for its proposed use of amphitheater at Civic Center.  
Commissioner Largent reported on the Conservation District's grant application to fund tree-planting, invasive species control, and educational resources.  
Commission Roth refuted negative Facebook comments from the Fishing and Hunting Show.

N. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 7:28 p.m.