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Senior Center Network makes longer lives, better lives.*

**Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2019, 5 p.m.
Commission Chambers, Second Floor, Governmental Center
400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49684
MINUTES**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: David Grams, Rodetta Harrand, Rob Hentschel, Rodney Kivell, William Mouser, John Roth, Whitney Waara, Shirley Zerafa

Commissioners Excused: Steve Largent

Others Present: Kristine Erickson, Director, Ryan Walsh, Office Manager, Fred Tank, Power Island Park Ranger, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation; Elizabeth Calcutt, Community Planner, Networks Northwest; Chris Kushman, Planning and Management Director, TART Trails; Lee Cobb and Bob Johnson, American Legion Baseball; Jalen Provo, County Resident

D. First Public Comment

Commissioner Zerafa stated it was a beautiful day.

E. Approval of/Additions to Agenda

MOTION by Roth, Second by Hentschel, to approve the agenda with the additions of F.2. and J2. Motion carried.

F. Special Orders of Business/Presentations

1. Update: Acme to Charlevoix

Elizabeth Calcutt and Chris Kushman reported on the progress of the Acme to Charlevoix Trail, currently in the preliminary design phase, which will intersect with Maple Bay Park and Natural Area. The planning team will explore the feasibility of the trail passing through the park further west, rather than along Highway U.S. 31.

2. Park Ranger Report on Power Island

Fred Tank reported on the past year's camping season.

MOTION by Grams, second by Roth, to authorize Director to develop and execute a plan to change the campsite locations on Power Island. Motion carried.

G. Consent Calendar

Receive and File

1. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Network Department Report
2. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Network Report
3. Grand Traverse Conservation District Monthly Report
4. Signed Project Agreement Among Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation (TART) Trails, Inc.; Northern Michigan Mountain Bike Association (NMMBA); and Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation for Bicycle Skills Building Loop at VASA Trailhead
5. Final Parks and Recreation Project Proposal Checklist and Requirements
6. Approved Minutes from September 3, 2019 Business Development Team Meeting
7. Scope of Work for Connecting Walking Path to Front Street, NW Corner of Civic Center Park
8. October 3, 2019 E-mail and Pictures from Bill Watson, YouthWork Director, Child and Family Services of Northwest Michigan

Approvals

1. Draft Minutes from September 12, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
MOTION by Zerafa, second by Grams, to receive and file the Consent Calendar. Motion carried.

H. Items Removed from Consent Calendar

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

I. Reports

1. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Report
Director made a presentation about park improvements.
2. Committee and Representative Reports
Commissioner Kivell reported on the recent Business Development Team meeting.
Commissioner Waara reported on the recent Strategic Planning Subcommittee meeting.
Commissioner Mouser reported on the recent Natural Education Reserve Advisory Committee.
Commissioner Hentschel reported on recent County Board meetings and budget review.

J. New Business

1. Draft American Legion-Parks and Recreation Agreement for Use of Athletic Fields at Civic Center Park
Lee Cobb and Bob Johnson spoke in support of the new American Legion Baseball agreement.
MOTION by Roth, second by Kivell, to accept the contract with American Legion Baseball. Motion carried.
2. Civic Center Lobby Improvements
Director proposed having the Civic Center lobby be repainted, now that the new bleachers in Howe Arena have been installed.
MOTION by Hentschel, second by Zerafa, to authorize Director to use excess funds from the bleacher project for improvements for the Civic Center lobby with the agreement of the Mahogany Foundation, and work with Finance Department to cover any additional costs.
Roll Call Vote
Yeas: Grams, Hentschel, Kivell, Mouser, Roth, Waara, Zerafa, Harrand (8)
Nays: (0)
Absent: Largent (1)
Motion passes, 8 to 0.

K. Old Business

There was no old business.

L. Second Public Comment

There was no public comment.

M. Notices and Commissioner Comments

Director notified commissioners that the next Business Development Team meeting is still scheduled to be held on November 5, 2019, but a location change is pending and will be announced.

Commissioner Kivell spoke highly about the Swing Shift with the Stars program in which several Parks and Recreations partners have participated.

Commissioner Roth thanked Ericca Hovie for her hard work on the recent Hometown Heroes event put on by the Senior Center Network.

N. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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