

**JACKSON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
1992 WARREN AVENUE  
JACKSON, MICHIGAN 49203**

January 21, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** John Polaczyk, Vice Chairman at 8:03 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Cmr. **Alexander, Beaman, DuBois, Polaczyk, Rand, Seitz, Torres**  
Excused: Cmr. **Gaede, Snyder, and Way**  
Ex-Officio: **Scott Robbins**, County Parks Director  
Staff: **Becky Humphrey**  
Visitors: **Adam Brown**, Deputy County Administrator, Ron Draeger, Henrietta Twp.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015**

**Chairman**

Cmr. Polaczyk nominated Cmr. Way for Chairman of the Parks Board Commission.  
**Moved by Polaczyk, supported by Price** to nominate Cmr. **Way** for Chairman. Motion carried.

**Vice Chairman**

Cmr. Alexander nominated Cmr. Polaczyk for Vice Chair of the Parks Board Commission.  
**Moved by Alexander, supported by Seitz** to nominate Cmr. **Polaczyk** for Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

**Secretary**

Cmr. Polaczyk nominated Cmr. Jan Seitz as Secretary for the Parks Board Commission.  
**Moved by Polaczyk, supported by Alexander** to nominate Cmr. **Seitz** for Secretary. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Torres, supported by Seitz** to approve the January 21, 2015 agenda. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Price, supported by Torres** to approve the December 2014 and the January 7, 2015 Public Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ron Draeger, Pleasant Lake** – Refers to a letter dated 01/16/2015 regarding an Ice Fishing Event Proposal for February 8<sup>th</sup>, from Pleasant Lake Pub and Lost Shoe Tavern. Mr. Draeger would like the board to consider approving the event and having staff clear the parking lot and park road of snow and for the fisherman to have lake access through the beach area of the park.

**DECEMBER 2014 FINANCIALS**

**Moved by DuBois, supported by Price** to receive the December 2014 Financial Reports. Motion carried.

**Moved by Price, supported by Beaman** to approve the December 2014 Claims Report. Motion carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. 2015 Park and Recreation Commissioners  
Re: Contact Information
2. Amazing Race Jackson  
Re: Thank you
3. Friends of the Falling Waters Trail  
Re: Winter 2014 Newsletter
4. Letter to Experience Jackson  
Re: Year End Sponsorship Summary
5. Letter to Weatherwax Foundation  
Re: 2014 Year End Report-Sparks County Park/Inner City Trail Connector
6. Jackson Magazine  
Re: Best of Nomination
7. Letter from Village of Grass Lake  
Re: Use of Grass Lake County Park
8. **Champion Team** minutes of 11/13, 11/25, 12/03, 12/09/2014
9. **Cascades Park Foundation** minutes of December 17, 2014
10. **Friends of the Falling Waters Trail** (No meeting)
11. **Jackson County Parks Association** (Next Meeting)
12. **Cascades Inc.** (No Minutes)

**Moved by DuBois, supported by Seitz** to receive the communications. Motion Carried.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Swains Lake Campground-** As of this past Friday morning, we met with Toby Jones and staff to discuss the interior construction progress, quarry tile installation and other amenities that have been ordered. The outside concrete walkways will be constructed along with final grading and seeding this spring. Staff continues to meet on site with the contractors to review the project construction schedule.

### **Lime Lake Breech-**

ASTI Environmental submitted the construction plans to MDEQ for review and approval of the final phase of the restoration process. The review process has *verbal approval* from MDEQ per the email I

received from Asti Environmental on 1/16/15. Some modifications to the original permit are being submitted to MDFEQ per their recommendations. The project must be completed by September 26, 2017 according to permit.

**Cascades Champion Team** - The Champion Team will be meeting on the 1/21/15 of to begin the discussion about completing Phase 1 this spring. The RFP was sent out on 1/16/15 and the bid opening will be 1/30/15. Discussion on Phase 2 will also be discussed at our 1/21/15 Champion Team meeting. Please see the Committee Meeting Minutes in “Correspondence”

#### **Clark Lake-**

In November of 2014, I met with the Clark Lake Spirit Foundation and lake residents about the opportunity to pilot an Integrated Plant Management Program for Clark Lake to manage Eurasian water-milfoil. Professional Lake Management Company (PLM) would be the contractor to administer the program. At our November 2014 board meeting the Jackson County Parks Board approved the recommendation to have the Clark Lake County Park as one of the pilot sites for this program. All of the invasive plant management program information is currently on the Clark Lake Spirit Website. Over the past few weeks the Clark Lake Spirit Foundation has been in conversations about hiring Restorative Lake Services to oversee the entire project both now and in the future. This company would work directly with PLM and the invasive plant management program, however, as of last week the decision was to not contract with Restorative Lake Services and move forward directly with PLM and the invasive plant control program.

**Cascades 2015 Events-** We have been approached by Donovan Cronkite about hosting the Junior Achievement Grand Prix Race at The Cascades for 2015. We will be meeting with him on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 to discuss the opportunity to be the host site for this event.

**Moved by Torres, supported by Seitz** to receive the Director’s report. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS -**

##### **City/County Recreational Plan**

This item has been moved to the February BOC meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS – None**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Cmr. Alexander** – Two things: 1) The Falling Waters Trail is very nice when plowed. 2) Trail information presented on the JDOT schedule to resurface is due. Cmr. Alexander would ask the Director of Parks to have a conversation with JDOT to have the trail tree trimming, resurfacing, and re-sealing be placed secondary to roads. Discussion – conversations already taking place.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair at 8:34 a.m.

#### **John Polaczyk, Vice Chairman**

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