

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

July 15, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Mike Way, Chairman at 8:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Cmr.s., **Alexander, Gaede, Polaczyk, Price, Torres, and Way**
Excused: Cmr. **Beaman, DuBois, Seitz, and Snyder**
Ex-Officio: **Scott Robbins**, Parks Director
Staff: **Becky Humphrey, Bill Scheele, Dan Lusty**
Visitors: **Adam Brown**, Deputy County Administrator, **Steve Shotwell**, County Board Chair

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Torres, supported by Alexander to approve the July 15, 2015 agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Polaczyk, supported by Torres to approve the June 2015 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

JUNE 2015 FINANCIALS

Moved by Price, supported by Polaczyk to receive the June 2015 Financial Reports. Motion carried.

Moved by Torres, supported by Price to approve the June 2015 Claims Report. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from **The Clark Lake Community Center Board**
Re: Expansion
2. **Friends of the Falling Waters Trail** newsletter
3. **Jackson County Parks Association** minutes of May 5, 2015 and June 23, 2015
4. **Friends of the Falling Waters Trail** minutes of June 2, 2015
5. **The Champion Team** minutes of June 17, 2015 (at meeting)
6. **Cascades Inc./Jackson Civil War Society** (No Minutes)

Moved by Torres, supported by Price to receive the communications. Motion Carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cascades Champion Team and The Cascades Renovations-

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The Champion Team continues to be focusing on Phase 2 funding opportunities. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, July 16th at 3:00 pm.

The Parks staff met with the Spicer Group on **Phase 2** in the end of June. The discussion revolved around the future splash pads that will be part of the Phase 2 construction. The engineering plans should be available within 6-8 months. **Phase 2** will consist of development of the new plumbing, mechanical and electrical systems for The Cascades along with the design of 2 splash pads that will be located at the base of The Cascades. Currently there are an engineering specifications and draft designs of the splash pads available for review.

Swains Lake Campground – We have done a final walk through with county facilities staff and come up with a punch list for the vendor before we will pay his final invoice. Overall, the facility looks very nice and we plan to meet with the contractor to review the final punch list.

Fair Master Plan – The Master planning process is underway and a stakeholder meeting was held on July 1st.

Cascades Golf Course and Club House- Dan Lusty was recently been hired as our Golf Superintendent at the Cascades. His first day will July 15th. Dan graduated high school from Lumen Christi and played on the golf team where The Cascades was his home course. Later he attended Michigan State University where he received his bachelor degree in Crop and Soil Sciences and Turf Management. He comes to us from Quaker Ridge Golf Club in Scarsdale, N.Y. where he held the position as the 1st Assistant. He has also worked at Shady Canyon Golf Club, Lakeland Hills Golf Course and the Country Club of Jackson.

Sparks Park Inner-City Trail Connector- Staff attended a walk through with the Department of Natural Resources. They walked the Flannery property with representatives from The Dahlem Center and Region 2 Planning who have assisted us with the grant application. They walked the segments of the proposed trail with Summit Township and the City of Jackson on the same day. It will likely be several months before we receive notice of awards.

Clark Lake Community Center – The Clark Lake Community Center would like to expand the footprint of their lease to make the center more accommodating to the various activities it hosts. We need to contact counsel to see if this should be in the form of an addendum to the lease or a lease revision. A written copy of the request in Correspondence.

Moved by Polaczyk, supported by Torres to receive the Director's report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Grass Lake Concession

Moved by Torres, supported by Gaede to give the Parks Director the authority to approve the use of the Grass Lake Concession Stand according to County Policy for the students to use in August. Motion carried.

Pleasant Lake Concession

Robbins - Informational – Rick Zdanowicz is doing an excellent job. The building looks like night and day. He is hoping to open by August.

NEW BUSINESS-

Way – the roads at Pleasant Lake Campground are horrible. Can we contact JDOT to go out there and fix the roadways in the campground? Discussion

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS –

Cmr. Price – Can The Cascades be open earlier on August 22nd and 23rd (Civil War Muster Weekend)? 6 p.m. on Saturday? 4 p.m. on Sunday? Would like to try it this year.

Cmr. Poloczyk – If we open early people should have to pay.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair at 9:46 a.m.

Mike Way, Chairman

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