

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

November 19, 2014

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Cmr. **Alexander, Beaman, DuBois, Gaede, Polaczyk, Price, Seitz, Snyder, Torres, and Way**  
**Ex-Officio:** **Scott Robbins**, County Parks Director  
**Staff:** **Scott Bradford, Todd Draffen, Phil Fischmeister, Mike Hoskins, Becky Humphrey, Josh Hunt, Jack McCloughan, and Chris Polich**  
**Guests:** **Adam Brown**, Deputy County Administrator, **Travis Barnett** and **Steve Robinson**, Department of Corrections, **John Deming, Dr. Carley Kratz**, Program Director, River Raisin Watershed Council, **Rick Sigers** and **Bob Jenson**, Jackson County Parks Association

**WELCOME NEW PARKS COMMISSIONER**

Welcome **Kenny Price** as a Parks Commissioner, which was approved at the Tuesday Board of Commission meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Torres, supported by Seitz** to approve the October 2014 and November 19, 2014 agenda. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Snyder, supported by Polaczyk** to approve the September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 15, 2014 Minutes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Rick Sigers**, President, Jackson County Parks Association – The Jackson County Parks Association is hosting a Craft Show in the starter house at Cascades Golf Course on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, come out and see what we have. We are also going to have a retirement get together for Scott Bradford on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> that you are all invited to. And the Parks Association is having their annual holiday get together on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 p.m.

**August 2014 FINANCIALS**

**Moved by Polaczyk, supported by Torres** to receive the September and October 2014 Financial Reports. Motion carried.

**Moved by Torres, supported by DuBois** to approve the September and October 2014 Claims Report. Motion carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. Copy of Email from Mike Brown, Cascades Champion Team  
Re: Consumers Energy and The Cascades Restoration Project
2. Letter from Dana Ashlock, Jackson Community Foundation  
Re: Cascades Renovation, Phase 1 project
3. Letter from Jackson County Fair  
Re: Thank you letter
4. Letter from Michael McKay, President, Clark Lake Spirit Foundation  
Re: Clark Lake milfoil
5. Note from Alexis, Parks Clerical Assistant  
Re: Leaving the Parks Department
6. **Friends of the Falling Waters Trail** minutes of September 16, 2014
7. **Cascades Park Foundation** minutes of September 24 and October 15, 2014
8. **Jackson County Parks Association** minutes of October 27, 2014
9. **Cascades Inc. n/k/a Jackson Civil War Society** (No Meeting)

Moved by DuBois, supported by Seitz to receive the communications for October and November 2014. Motion Carried.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Swains Lake Campground-** The demolition is completed and construction has begun on the bath house. The rough-in for plumbing and the foundation is completed. The concrete floor and roof trusses should be installed by the end of the week. Staff continues to meet on site with Toby Jones to review the project construction schedule.

### **Lime Lake Breech-**

ASTI Environmental is completing the second set of plans for the permanent and sustainable repair to the breech. The plans are being reviewed will be submitted by end of November.

### **Clark Lake-**

On November 13, 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 Watermilfoil. PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. would be the company to administer the program. A Lake Management Plan was conducted and drafted in the summer of 2014 and will be the outline/structure for the treatment plan. The recommendation would be to select several sites on Clarklake as pilot sites. Our park shoreline would be one of those pilot sites. Other sites would include residential sites near our park and the Yacht Club. I requested that members of the Community Foundation and township along with Dr. Carley Kratz – Program Director of the Raisin

River Watershed Council to provide an overview of the program to our Board of Park Commissioners on November 19, 2014.

**Cascades Champion Team-** The Champion Team has secured grants in the amount of \$100,000 from Weatherwax, Sigmund and Jackson Community Foundations. Also an additional challenge grant of \$10,000 is being offered from the Jackson Community Foundation during the month of November. So if our Champion Team can raise a matching \$10,000 that will bring our total grant allocations to \$120,000. The Dunigan's have agreed to provide "in kind" services for the demolition of the wall and leveling of the amphitheater. Our last Champion Team meeting was 11/13/14.

**Moved by DuBois, supported by Gaede** to approve a letter of support for the Clark Lake Management Plan 2014. as long as it is in line with the Jackson County Conservation District. Motion carried.

**Moved by Snyder, supported by Price** to receive the Director's report. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS -**

##### **Weir Farm Lease**

**Moved by Snyder, supported by Beaman** to approve the Parks Director to provide written notification to Weir Farms that the Parks Department is going out for bids on the parcel located in Liberty Township, used for agricultural purposes as set out in deed from the Mr. and Mrs. Burns. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

##### **All American Portable Toilets**

**Moved by DuBois, supported by Polaczyk** to approve the 3 year contract (2015 – 2017) with All American Portable Toilets. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** –

**Cmr. Beaman** – The All American Portable Toilets is a very good deal – about \$13 under other places. Also, is putting on a charity triathlon in 2015 and want to hold it at the Vandercook Lake County Park, will be getting with Scott with a proposal.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair at 9:17 a.m.

**Mike Way, Chairman**

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