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Tim Machowicz, Citizen Rep.

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Phil Hanses, Drain Commissioner

Members

Dwight Washington, BOC Rep.

Dave Pohl, BOC Rep.

Kevin Holt, CCRC Rep.

Bob Kudwa, Planning Comm. Rep.

James Graham, Pat Jackson and
Andrea Polverento, Citizen Rep.



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MINUTES

Friday, February 8, 2019 (8:30 am)

Board of Commissioners Room (2nd Floor), Clinton County Courthouse

100 E. State Street St. Johns, MI 48879

I. Call to Order - Declaration of Quorum

Chair Tim Machowicz declared a quorum present and the meeting was called to order at 8:39am.

Members Present: Tim Machowicz, Chuck Nelson, Dwight Washington, Dave Pohl, James Graham, Kevin Holt, and Phil Hanses

Guests Present: Marcus Cheatham (Health Dept), Dave Reicosky, and Gayla Phillips

A. Approval of February 8, 2019 Agenda

Moved by Phil Hanses, seconded by Dave Pohl, to approve the February 8, 2019 meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

B. Approval February 8, 2019 Per Diems

Moved by Dave Pohl, seconded by Chuck Nelson, to approve the February 8, 2019 meeting Per Diems. Motion carried.

C. Approval of January 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Phil Hanses, seconded by Dave Pohl, to approve the January 11, 2019 meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

II. Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items

Dave Reicosky gave an update on the monarch butterfly recovery effort, noting that numbers are slowly increasing. He also urged the commission to plant more milkweed on park properties if possible. Dave gave an update regarding the Lansing area milkweed pod collection efforts.

III. Coordinator's Report – Tom Olson

-Tom Olson gave a review of the Mpark Conference and noted its diverse topics.

-Two potential Eagle Scouts would like to partner with the PGSC for their 2019 projects. One will be constructing an ADA bench to go along the trail at Motz Park and the other will create better water access at CLCP.

-The PGSC has once again partnered with the MSU College of Natural Resources for their legacy project portion of the community engagement course. Representatives will join the March meeting to meet and connect with the PGSC in regards to their grassland project.

-The PGSC will pursue a Consumers Energy Forestry Grant that seeks to plant up to 25 native trees and will cover up to \$25 per tree. The application process begins in August.

-The DNR Fisheries department is hopeful to be able to conduct a dissolved oxygen/temperature survey within Motz and Clinton Lakes County Parks to help better identify what species of fish will survive best within the lakes.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Water Based Recreation – Phil Hanses

The Quiet Water Symposium will take place on March 2, 2019 at the MSU Pavilion.

B. Non-Motorized Facilities – Chuck Nelson/Dave Pohl

- County-wide NMF Plan / Trails Advisory Council
- FMCIS Trail

The Ovid drain project is still in need of completion (Lowell to Edmore)

C. Universal Access – Dwight Washington

The Universal Access Committee will meet in March to discuss the Clinton County and City of St. Johns grant proposals in order to review accessible features.

D. Finance Committee – Tim Machowicz

E. Grassland Committee – Chuck Nelson/Jim Graham

Chuck Nelson and James Graham urged the clearing of the 'demo' site by renting machinery to remove autumn olive stumps.

F. Southern County Park Search Team

Tom Olson will be meeting with Don Potts and an excavation operator in early March to discuss future plans for a potential park parcel south of Pratt Rd. A tour will be requested at a later date as well.

G. Health Committee – Dwight Washington

Dwight Washington gave a review of his presentation on the public health benefits of parks usage. The presentation highlights a number of studies connecting parks and a healthy lifestyle to help limit preventable illness and disease as well as create a regional mindset in regards to park planning.

V. Old Business

A. Grant Update

Tom Olson will seek a resolution from the BOC highlighting the required match from the County (1:1) for the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application at the March Ways and Means Committee meeting. The grant proposal seeks to create better access to recreation amenities (hiking trails, quiet water boating, beach, etc).

VI. New Business

A. Able Eyes – Meegan Winters

Meegan Winters gave a presentation about the able eyes service which provides a virtual tour of facilities to create familiarity for all users prior to arriving. Tom Olson will contact Meegan and provide a tour of Motz Park in the spring and discuss possible options.

B. Pollinator Habitat Project - Adelyn Geissel

Adelyn Geissel gave a review of the Sleepy Hollow State Park pollinator habitat project. The 5-acre project will serve as a pollinator and monarch butterfly habitat and as a test plot for future habitats within the park.

C. Election of Officers – Postponed until March PGSC Meeting

VII. Public Comments – Agenda Items

VIII. Adjournment – Next Meeting: March 8, 2019 at 8:30 am, Board of Commissioners Room (2nd Floor), Clinton County Courthouse 100 E. State Street St. Johns, MI 48879

Moved by Phil Hanes, seconded by Chuck Nelson, to adjourn the meeting until Friday, March 8, 2019 at 8:30am at the courthouse. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am