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Tim Machowicz, Citizen Rep.

Vice-Chair

Chuck Nelson, Citizen Rep.

Secretary

Phil Hanes, Drain Commissioner

Members

Dwight Washington, BOC Rep.

Dave Pohl, BOC Rep.

Roni Christmas, Planning Comm. Rep.

Kevin Holt, Road Comm. Rep.

James Graham, Pat Jackson and

Natalie Elkins, Citizen Rep.



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MINUTES

Friday, March 6, 2020 (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 called the meeting to order at 8:36AM

Members Present: Tim Machowicz, Phil Hanes, Dwight Washington, Dave Pohl, James Graham, Pat Jackson

Guests Present: Barry Culham, Clay Summers, Seth Gibson

Staff Present: Kyle Thornton and Jerry Jaloszynski

A. Approval of March 6, 2020 Agenda

Moved by Dwight Washington, seconded by James Graham, to approve the March 6, 2020 meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

B. Approval March 6, 2020 Per Diems

Moved by Pat Jackson, seconded by Dave Pohl, to approve the March 6, 2020 meeting Per Diems. Motion carried.

C. Approval of February 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Dave Pohl, seconded by James Graham, to approve the February 7, 2020 meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

II. Introduction

Welcome new Parks and Greenspace Coordinator, Kyle Thornton.

III. Public Comments Non-Agenda Items

Clay Summers, Executive Director from Michigan Recreation and Parks Association (MParks) gave a presentation of the Protect MI project. He talked about the Vote Yes push coming up this fall,

which will change the funding formula of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to at least 25% for acquisitions and no more than 75% for development projects. The percentage between 25% and 75% may vary from year to year, as according to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board. Clay mentioned the program Park RX, this is a prescription from a doctor to visit the parks for rest and relaxing.

IV. Coordinator's Report – Kyle Thornton

No comments.

V. Committee Reports

A. Water Based Recreation – Phil Hanses

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

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

Chair Barry Culham reported the Fred Meijer CIS Trail Commission (FMCIS) has applied for a grant to obtain lights near the US 127 overpass and Scott Road. Friends of the FMCIS meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2022 at 7:00pm at Main Street Café.

Seth reported the Clinton Conservation District is conducting the annual tree sale orders are due by March 23, 2020 and will be picked up Friday, April 24th from 9am-5pm or Saturday, April 25th 8am-1pm at the Clinton County Fairgrounds.

C. Universal Access – Dwight Washington

D. Finance Committee – Tim Machowicz

Kyle mentioned that Ranger Fox and Ranger George are planning to return to Motz Park for the summer 2020. He also advised that a few more applications have been received are going to be reviewed next week.

E. Grassland Committee – Chuck Nelson/Jim Graham

Jim mentioned the birds are coming back.

F. Southern County Park Search Team

Jerry asked if other sites were reviewed besides the Pratt Road pit site. Phil mentioned that there was a few sites, but they were not acceptable due to contamination or pricing.

G. Health Committee – Dwight Washington

VI. Old Business

A. 5-Year Plan

Jerry reported that the 5-Year Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan: 2020-2024 was accepted by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Clinton County is now eligible to apply for DNR grants.

B. L&WCF Grant

Jerry is collecting five more documents and waiting for a letter of no historical preservations from the State's Historical Office.

C. MNRF Acquisition Grant

Jerry mentioned the grant will be submitted by March 31, 2020 and by his personal calculation the project will score around 240 points.

VII. New Business

A. Barry C stated that the City of St. Johns is going to be placing a sculpture near the Veterans Memorial on the trails.

B. Jerry indicated a motion is in order to request the County Board approval of a Resolution to apply for the Trust Fund acquisition grant application.

Moved by Phil Haneses, seconded by Pat Jackson, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the approval of a resolution to apply for a Trust Fund Grant to acquire the Pratt Road Property. Motion carried

VIII. Public Comments – Agenda Items

There was no public comments.

IX. Adjournment –Next Meeting: Friday, April 3, 2020 at 8:30 am

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Moved by Dave Pohl, seconded by Pat Jackson to adjourn the meeting until Friday, February 7, 2020. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36AM