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Chuck Nelson, Citizen Rep.

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Dave Pohl, BOC Rep.  
Roni Christmas, Planning Comm. Rep.  
Kevin Holt, Road Comm. Rep.  
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# MINUTES

## PARKS AND GREENSPACE COMMISSION

Friday, April 1, 2022, AT 8:30 A.M.  
**Clinton County Courthouse**  
**Board of Commissioners Boardroom**  
**100 E. State Steet, 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 8:34 AM

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

Guests Present: Jill Detwiler-Clinton County Conservation District, Barry Culham-FMCIS Trail.

Staff Present: Todd Campbell

- A. Approval of April 1, 2022, Agenda  
**Moved by Phil Hanes, seconded by Kevin Holt, to approve the April 1, 2022, meeting Agenda.** Motion carried.
- B. Approval April 1, 2022, Per Diems  
**Moved by Pat Jackson, seconded by Kevin Holt, to approve the April 1, 2022, meeting Per Diems.** Motion carried.
- C. Approval of March 4, 2022, Meeting Minutes  
**Moved by Dwight Washington, seconded by Kevin Holt, to approve the March 4, 2022, meeting Minutes.** Motion carried.

## II. Public Comments Non-Agenda Items

- A. Jill Detwiler from the Clinton County Conservation District reported that Kurt Wolf accepted the position as the new Executive Director position with the Conservation District.

## III. Coordinator's Report – Kyle Thornton

- A. Kyle Thornton reported the difficulty that Clinton County is having to find seasonal summer help and County staff is looking into options of opening the park ranger positions up to youth under 18 years old. The PGSC held a discussion and provided some additional suggestions while looking for seasonal summer park staff.

## IV. Committee Reports

- A. Water Based Recreation/Surface Water Quality – Phil Hanes & Chuck Nelson
  - a. Kyle Thornton reported the City of Laingsburg is putting a MDRN Trust Fund Grant Application in for a new kayak launch on the Looking Glass River. He provided Laingsburg with a letter of support, as kayakers will start in Shiawassee County and finish floats in Clinton County.
- B. Non-Motorized Facilities – Chuck Nelson & Dave Pohl
  - County-wide NMF Plan / Trails Advisory Council
  - FMCIS Trail
  - a. Barry Culham reminded the Friends of the FMCIS Trail will be hosting their annual meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Muir Community Center and April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be trail clean-up day on the FMCIS trail. The 36-inch culvert was installed on the trail near Muir to help with the flooding over the trail. FMCIS Trail is exploring the options of paving into Owosso. The FMCIS Trail is in the process of being blown near Fowler for spring cleaning.
- C. Universal Access – Dwight Washington & Pat Jackson
  - a. Dwight Washington mentioned possibilities of new “friends’ group” such as The Friends of the Tri County Park System, a discuss was held about the options of a friends group partnership with Ingham and Eaton Counties.
- D. Finance Committee – Tim Machowicz
  - a. Tim Machowicz provided year to date financial report for review.
- E. Grassland Committee – Chuck Nelson & Jim Graham
  - a. Chuck Nelson reported grassland burn is on schedule for May.

- F. Southern County Park Search Team – Chuck Nelson, Tim Machowicz, Phil Hanses, and Dave Pohl
  - a. Dave Pohl reported the Board of Commissioners approved to contract with Spicer Group to complete the surveys and design of all season parking lot, beach, and emergency access trail around the lake on the Pratt Road Property.
- G. Health Committee – Dwight Washington & Pat Jackson
  - a. Nothing to report

## V. Old Business

- A. Clinton Lakes Dog Beach Rules
  - a. Discussion was had about the Clinton Lakes Dog Beach Rules as presented by Coordinator Kyle Thornton.  
  
**Moved by Chuck Nelson, seconded by Pat Jackson, to approve the Rules and Regulations for the Clinton Lakes Dog Beach.** Motion carried.
- B. Clinton Lakes Scale House Demo
  - a. Demo is waiting on the well company to complete the capping of the Clinton Lakes well before demo of the scale house can be completed.
- C. Environment Site Assessment – Wood Road Property
  - a. Kyle reported the Phase I assessment of Wood Road Property is in progress and Tetra Tech was on site for a full day evaluation in March.

## VI. New Business

- A. PGSC meeting location – May
  - a. Discussion was had the PGSC Board is planning to move the Parks and Green Space Commission meetings for May, June, July, August and September to Motz County Park as planned (weather permitting).

## VII. Public Comments – Agenda Items

- A. Dave Pohl mentioned a caution as Clinton County also needs to look to the future as not wanting to overreach and to be budget concise when investigating the potential additional properties.

## VIII. Adjournment –Next Meeting:

Friday, May 6, 2022, at 8:30 am  
Motz County Park  
4630 Dewitt Road  
St. Johns, MI 48879

**Moved by Chuck Nelson, seconded by Pat Jackson to adjourn the meeting until Friday, May 6, 2022.** Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:41 AM.