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Dave Pohl, BOC Rep.

Kevin Holt, CCRC Rep.

Bob Kudwa, Planning Comm. Rep.

James Graham, Pat Jackson and

Andrea Polverento, Citizen Rep.



# Clinton County Parks and GreenSpace Commission

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## MINUTES

Friday, April 12, 2019 (8:30 am)

Board of Commissioners Room (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8:30AM.

Members Present: Tim Machowicz, Chuck Nelson, Dave Pohl, Andrea Polverento, Pat Jackson, Kevin Holt, Phil Hanses

Guests Present: Bud Schulz, Marcus Cheatham, Kelcie Sweeney, Seth Gibson

Staff Present: Tom Olson

#### A. Approval of April 12, 2019 Agenda

**Moved by Dave Pohl, seconded by Pat Jackson, to approve the April 12, 2019 meeting Agenda.**

Motion carried.

#### B. Approval April 12, 2019 Per Diems

**Moved by Chuck Nelson, seconded by Kevin Holt, to approve the April 12, 2019 meeting Per**

**Diems.** Motion carried.

#### C. Approval of March 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

**Moved by Dave Pohl, seconded by Kevin Holt, to approve the March 8, 2019 meeting Minutes.**

Motion carried.

### II. Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items

### III. Coordinator's Report – Tom Olson

-Tom Olson met with Meegan from Able Eyes at Motz Park and will be receiving a quote for services.

-Staff orientation will take place on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> with the staffed season officially starting on May 11th.

-Miller Brothers in St. Johns has completed the autumn olive removal project at Clinton Lakes County Park.

The 'demo plot' area is now cleared and the brush was piled in the center for a future burn.

### IV. Committee Reports

#### A. Water Based Recreation – Phil Hanses

The Friends of the Maple River cleanup will take place on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will meet at the Elsie Dam at 9am.

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

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

C. Universal Access – Dwight Washington

D. Finance Committee – Tim Machowicz

E. Grassland Committee – Chuck Nelson/Jim Graham

The demo site idea was discussed further. The PGSC and CCD will start to plan for funding, seeding, planting with local resources.

F. Southern County Park Search Team

The Pratt Road Pit Tour was discussed with positive results. The PGSC is recommending further exploration into the site for its potential as a future water-based county park.

**Motion by Chuck Nelson, seconded by Phil Hanes, to recommend further exploration of the viability of the Pratt Road Pit to the Board of Commissioners.** Motion carried.

G. Health Committee – Dwight Washington

The PGSC discussed using the 2019 season to observe and participate in various health related events held within park systems before planning and implementing one for 2020.

**V. Old Business**

A. Native Grassland Burn Project

B. Spring Park Projects

Tom Olson discussed various early-season projects for the intern/park staff to undertake.

**VI. New Business**

A. 5 Year Plan Update

The PGSC discussed survey methods and decided that a voter survey with mail-in and online options would garner the best results. Tom Olson will research further.

**VII. Public Comments – Agenda Items**

**VIII. Adjournment** – Next Meeting: May 10, 2019 at 8:30 am,  
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**Moved by Andrea Polverento, seconded by Pat Jackson, to adjourn the meeting until Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:30AM at the courthouse.** Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30AM.