

Allegan County Parks Advisory Board



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Chairperson: Pam Brown
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PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

Pam Brown
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Tuesday, April 6, 2021 @ 8:30am

Virtual Meeting – Connectivity Instructions **Attached**

John Clark III
269-274-2736
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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Brown at 8:31am

ROLL CALL:

Mark DeYoung
616-318-9612
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Members Present: Pam Brown, John Clark, Mark DeYoung, Gale Dugan, Samuel Dykstra, Kevin Formsma, Dean Kapenga, Jackie Metz, Maryln Langeance

Members Absent:

Gale Dugan
269-694-5276
Otsego

Also Present: Brandy Gildea, Ashley Thomson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion made by Kapenga, seconded by DeYoung to approve the February 2, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Samuel Dykstra
269-792-2945
Wayland

Yes – Brown

N/A – Dykstra

Yes – Metz

Yes – Clark III

Yes – Formsma

Yes – DeYoung

Yes – Kapenga

Yes – Dugan

Yes – Langeance

Kevin Formsma
616-886-7030
Hamilton

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

Dean Kapenga
616-218-2599
Hamilton

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None

Jackie Metz
269-521-6524
Allegan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Clark III, seconded by Langeance to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

Yes – Brown

N/A – Dykstra

Yes – Metz

Yes – Clark III

Yes – Formsma

Yes – DeYoung

Yes – Kapenga

Yes – Dugan

Yes – Langeance

Maryln Langeance
269-694-9326
Otsego

PARK ADMINISTRATION UPDATES: Gildea went over the Parks Administrative update that was sent along with the agenda packet. Gildea shared that the seasonal rangers and maintenance start on April 19. Season passes and campsites are off to a good start. Littlejohn Lake Park fence is scheduled to be removed by the end of this month. All cooking grills at all parks have been checked and bad ones replaced.

There was discussion about the removal of Littlejohn Lake Park fence.

A motion was made by Dugan, seconded by Formsma that the Parks Advisory Board supports the removal of Littlejohn Lake Park fence. The motion carried.

Yes – Brown	N/A – Dykstra	Yes – Metz
No – Clark III	Yes – Formsma	
Yes – DeYoung	Yes – Kapenga	
Yes – Dugan	Yes – Langeance	

REVIEW ITEMS:

1. Financial Statements
 - a. Quarterly Revenue Comparisons

Gildea went over the financial statements and reviewed the quarterly revenue comparisons for first quarter. Gildea shared that pavilion reservations have picked up a little within the last week. Season passes and campsites are really picking up.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. 2022 Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant - Gildea went over the timeline for the grant. Gildea reviewed the purpose, key items and benefits for the New Richmond Park proposal and the Gun Lake Park proposal.

A motion was made by Langeance, seconded by Brown to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to consider using local revenue sharing funds (#2470) to hire engineer firm to amend/update the current Gun Lake Park Master Plan and then use this plan and engineer firm to apply for a Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant in 2022 (due April 1, 2022). The motion carried.

Yes – Brown	N/A – Dykstra	Yes – Metz
Yes – Clark III	Yes – Formsma	
Yes – DeYoung	Yes – Kapenga	
Yes – Dugan	Yes – Langeance	

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. West Side Park South Beach Access
 - a. Temporary fix for North Stairs
 - b. Long Term with ADA accessibility

Gildea shared that a contractor won't fix anything without an engineer. Parks staff went out this morning to take pictures of the North stairs and to get an idea on what material is needed to fix the stairs. Parks staff will be fixing the North stairs. Right now the water levels are down. Much discussion took place about the long term plan.

A motion was made by Langeance, seconded by Dugan to recommend to the Board of Commissioners for up to \$25,000 be reserved within the local revenues sharing funds for maintenance of access to the beach via north stairs at West Side Park for the duration of the 2021 season. Then to secure an RFP for maintaining long term access to the beach which shall incorporate ADA Accessibility to the degree practical. The motion carried.

Yes – Brown	N/A – Dykstra	Yes – Metz
Yes – Clark III	Yes – Formsma	
Yes – DeYoung	Yes – Kapenga	
Yes – Dugan	Yes – Langeance	

2. 2020-2024 Recreation Plan Review - [Link to Recreation Plan](#)

- a. Consideration of the National Community Citizen Survey (NCS) input - [Link to NCS](#)
- b. Input from Board and Elected Official Combined Board Survey
- c. Input from Parks Advisory Board Members

Gildea would like everyone to review the Recreation Plan, the Citizen Survey (NCS) input/results and Input from Board and Elected Official Combined Board Survey and be ready to discuss at the June meeting.

NOTICE OF PARK ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: John Clark mentioned that Joe Gill owner of BlueGill Disc Golf Course would like to present at the next meeting.

ROUND TABLE:

Brown - She went to SilverCreek and seen that the old picnic tables were removed and that the park is looking nice.

Clark III –John shared that 50 million rounds of disc golf were played in 2020. There was an increase of 50% new players for disc golf. John was at Jaycee Park on Palm Sunday and seen a lot of people playing disc golf.

Dugan - Gale shared that the Trowbridge Township Board reviewed the latest option for dam removal and a possible new park. Gale will be bringing to the Park's Advisory Board to put into the recreational plan in 2024/2025.

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting –Tuesday, June 1, 2021 @ 8:30 Virtual

Motion made by Brown, seconded by Kapenga to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 am. The motion carried

Yes – Brown

Yes – Clark III

Yes – DeYoung

Yes – Dugan

N/A – Dykstra

Yes – Formsma

Yes – Kapenga

Yes – Langeance

Yes – Metz