

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CB Meeting Room – 120 N Broadway
Cassopolis, MI 49031
January 12, 2023**

4:00 p.m. – CALL MEETING TO ORDER –Secretary Dohm

INVOCATION – Director Wyman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Parrish

ROLL CALL –

Director Wyman – P
Bruce Campbell –P

Annie File –A
David Kring – A
Fritz Kucklick – P

Lyndon Parrish - P
Robert Parrish – P

Jaimie Stafne - P
Jeff VanBelle - P

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion to retain current officers for another year: Commissioner Campbell

Second: Commissioner Stafne

Approved

President – Fritz Kucklick

Vice President – Robert Parrish

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Stafne

Second: Commissioner L. Parrish

Approved

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER’S MINUTES

Motion to accept: Commissioner Stafne

Second: Commissioner L. Parrish

Approved

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS –

Joyce Locke, Board of Commissioners

Jake Young, Director Cass County Conservation District

PUBLIC COMMENT –

1. Joyce Locke – hoping to be appointed to the Cass County Parks Board
2. Jake Young – would like to partner with Cass County Parks in the future. Offered to sell annual passes in their office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

None

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
 - a. In June there will be an opportunity to share an Ameri-core worker with Camp Tannadoonah for some big projects.
 - b. Arts in the Parks – 15% of what they make during that program will come back to the parks.
 - c. Thomas Rea property will be handled by the SW Michigan Land Conservancy.
 - d. Will be having a meeting with Ambrosia regarding the website.

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
 - a. Maintenance is always the struggle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dark Sky

- a. Commissioner R. Parrish investigated what was thought as a light issue from the Amazon building in Elkhart, only to find that it was dark.
 - b. Midwest Energy is replacing home lighting with downward facing lights.
 - c. County needs lighting policy for new construction.
 - d. App available on phones – “Globe at Night” to record what you see.
 - e. IDA report was accepted.
 - f. Virtual presentation in January at Detroit library
2. Grant Strategies
 - a. Presented report, there were 100 applications, 30 were approved, we finished #40.
 - b. The haven’t announced the 2nd round for the Spark Grant
 3. Point Park
 - a. We will need to schedule a meeting at this park when the weather allows.
 - b. Director Wyman will be meeting with Administrator Newton.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting Dates/Times
 - a. Discussion and decision to be made at February meeting.
2. 2023 Fees
 - a. Discussion and decision to be made at February meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Commissioner R. Parrish

Second: Commissioner L. Parrish

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Dohm
Recording Secretary

Next regular meeting February 9, 2023; 2nd floor meeting room, County Services Building