

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
120 N. Broadway St – Conference Room
March 10, 2022**

9:00 a.m. – CALL MEETING TO ORDER –Vice President R. Parrish

INVOCATION – Commissioner R. Parrish

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Laylin

ROLL CALL –

Director Wyman – P	Annie File – P	Lyndon Parrish - P	Jaimie Stafne - P
Bruce Campbell –P	David Kring – A	Robert Parrish – P	Jeff VanBelle - A
Skip Dyes – P	Fritz Kucklick – A	Ryan Laylin - P	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner L. Parrish

Second: Commissioner Stafne

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion: Commissioner Laylin

Second: Commissioner File

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS –

Lorenne Witham, Cass County 4-H Program Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT –

1. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. None

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
 - a. March 26 will be NIMBA’s clean-up day of the mountain bike trails.
 - b. NIMBA uses a variety of trails in northern Indiana but only Lawless in Michigan; they considers Lawless as their home base and holds their one and only event (Lawless 50 Race) at Lawless.

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. Making a line-item adjustment for the repair on the plow truck.
2. Have talked to Maintenance and Animal Control for scheduled truck replacement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dark Sky
 - a. Had 6 people at the Dark Sky viewing last night, which was a spur-of-the-moment evening to make up for the cancelation of this month’s activity due to inclement weather.
 - b. Has been invited to WSBT TV’s Hometown Living TV show August 25, however trying to get them to change it to coincide with Dark Sky Week.
 - c. Tuesday, March 26 there will be a beginner Astro-photography class held at Lawless.
 - d. Working on entertainment to coincide with the Dark Sky events at Lawless.
2. Rail Trail
 - a. The meeting was rescheduled to March 21.
3. Grant Resolution of Support
 - a. Resolutions were read by Recording Secretary Dohm

- i. Dr. Lawless International Dark Sky Park Nature Center Development Resolution
- ii. Dr. Lawless International Dark Sky Park Renovation Project Resolution

MOTION by Commissioner Stafne to adopt both resolutions.

Second by Commissioner R. Parrish

Roll call vote was taken:

- Stafne – yes
- Laylin – yes
- R. Parrish – yes
- L. Parrish – yes
- File – yes
- Dyes – yes
- Campbell – yes

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Camping Initiative
 - a. Great enthusiasm for camping at Lawless.
 - b. County leadership is taking an interest and moving towards running through capital projects.
2. MAEAP
 - a. Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program
 - b. Verified by the State of Michigan representing the highest standard of environmental stewardship.
 - c. Lawless is one of very few county parks that have been verified.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Spring Egg-Stravaganza will be April 9th at Lawless
- Commissioner L. Parrish asked more questions regarding the interest in the campground plans at Lawless.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner L. Parrish

Second: Commissioner File

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Dohm
Recording Secretary

Next regular meeting April 14, 2022