

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Arthur Dodd Memorial Park
Cassopolis, MI, MI 49031
October 8, 2020**

9:00 a.m. – CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Commissioner Campbell

INVOCATION – Commissioner R. Parrish

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Claire

ROLL CALL – Recording Secretary Dohm

Director Wyman – P	Annie File - A	Lyndon Parrish - P
Thomas Atkinson – A	Hailey Harman – A	Robert Parrish - P
Bruce Campbell –P	David Kring - P	Jamie Stafne - P
Kevin Claire - P	Fritz Kucklick – P	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Kucklick
Second: Commissioner R. Parrish

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion: Commissioner Kucklick
Second: Commissioner Claire

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. Commissioner Kucklick reported on the meetings they have had with County Administrator Carmen and BOC Chairperson Marchetti. They have identified 4 major project area that are the focus of the parks board moving forward and have identified who the stakeholders are.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Director Wyman reported that Terek Curtis’ work hours were extended another 40 hours.
2. Due to the hiring freeze, there is now a hiring committee in effect – County Administrator Carmen, Finance Director Moore, BOC members Marchetti and Dyes. All hiring/extensions must be requested through this committee.

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. Only 8 days into the new budget year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dark Skies Update, Commissioner Parrish
 - a. The yearly report to IDA is done and sent out; 12 pages long.
 - b. There will be music for the next dark sky event October 16 from 1 hour prior to dark until 1 hour after dark.
 - c. Amanda Roach, a certified yoga instructor has approached regarding having “Full Moon Yoga” at the park.
 - d. September 18, Unistellar visited the park to demo their telescope.
 - e. With the uptake in virus numbers, Commissioner R Parrish is being extra vigilant regarding looking into his telescope and social distancing.

- f. We have 487 people following the dark sky facebook page.
- 2. EDC Grant
 - a. It was announced that R. Parrish was appointed to the Economic Development Committee.
- 3. Master Plan
 - a. A survey has been constructed and is on-line. Hard copies of the survey are available at the county admin office as well. Deadline for the survey is October 31.
 - b. Commissioner Kucklick suggested sending out survey reminders/handouts to the park's guests.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. 2020/2021 Future Plans
 - a. The parks are on the cusp of great things happening.
- 2. The Friends of the Cass County Parks
 - a. Many thanks to the Friends for all the support they give to the parks department.
 - b. Plans are underway for the Friends to give the Schug a bit of a facelift including a sound system.
- 3. October 16-18 BIG WEEKEND
 - a. Sandhill Crane Marathon already has 277 registered runners. The cap will be 300.
- 4. Fall Egg-stravaganza
 - a. There was much discussion regarding whether the parks should have an event or cancel entirely.

MOTION: To move forward with the fall event contingent on the response from the health department and limiting the event to 300 kids. – Commissioner R. Parrish

SECOND: Commissioner Kucklick

VOTE BY ROLL: Commissioner Stafne – yes	Commissioner R. Parrish – yes
Commissioner Kring – yes	Commissioner Kuklick – yes
Commissioner Campbell – no	Commissioner Claire - yes

Total: 5 yes; 1 no

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. none

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner R. Parrish

Second: Commissioner Stafne

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Dohm
Recording Secretary

Next regular meeting November 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Please call 445-4456 if you cannot attend.