

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
T.K. Lawless Park
Cassopolis, MI, MI 49031
December 10, 2020**

1:00 p.m. – CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Commissioner Campbell

INVOCATION – Director Wyman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Campbell

ROLL CALL – Recording Secretary Dohm

Director Wyman – P

Thomas Atkinson – A

Bruce Campbell –P

Annie File – P

Hailey Harman – A

David Kring – P

Lyndon Parrish -P

Robert Parrish - P

Fritz Kucklick - P

Jamie Stafne - A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner R. Parrish

Second: Commissioner Kucklick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion: Commissioner Kucklick

Second: Commissioner Kring

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS – Sandy Bliesner

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

1. Commissioner R. Parrish regarding Dark Sky
 - a. Purchased a camera in order to project to a larger area, however it isn't what we need.
 - b. Provided written report to all.
 - c. Special thanks to Jody for all the great work he did at the special opening for possible viewing of Northern Lights.
 - d. Selling of shirts: Hooded sweat-shirt The Friends of the Parks purchased for \$21, selling for \$26; long sleeve T-shirt purchased for \$10 selling for \$15.
 - e. Special wording to add in publications and postings regarding Dark Sky dates: "If scheduled stargazing dates for a particular month are canceled due to weather conditions, makeup dates may be made available for the following weekend. If those makeup dates are also canceled due to weather conditions, no other makeup dates for that month will be scheduled. For the following month, stargazing dates will return to the original schedule.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Director's report was presented.
 - a. He has received photos of steelhead caught at Dodd Park.
 - b. DNR is stocking with coho & etc.

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
 - a. Half of Patty Dohm's salary is now being taken out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Master Plan
 - a. Sandy Bliesener presented a preliminary sketch of possible Lawless Master Plan changes
 - i. Lodge/campground
 - ii. Dark Sky area
 - iii. Nature Center
2. 5-Year Rec Plan
 - a. Presented the draft of the rec plan

- b. Starting on Monday, the plan will be going into the 30-day public comment period
 - c. Deadline to submit to DNR is February 1, 2021
3. Zoom meetings
- a. Due to Covid and the cold weather in the next couple of months, the next few months.
 - b. Everyone agreed that the normal date (2nd Thursday of the month) and time (9:00 a.m.) should remain

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Sled dog training
 - a. Director Wyman was approached by a lady wanting to train her sled dogs in Lawless.
 - b. It will be a cart with wheels and not during snow
 - c. Great idea... hope she will be willing to demonstrate
- 2. Discover Winter Nights
 - a. If we are allowed to have them, and if weather permits, Winter Nights will be the last 2 Saturdays in January and the first 2 Saturdays in February

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Commissioner Campbell has loved being on the board, and will be filing to be appointed to the seat Commissioner Claire vacated. In January, the new drain commissioner will be appointed to the board as required.

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner File

Second: Commissioner Kucklick

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Dohm
Recording Secretary

Next regular meeting January 12, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. via Zoom. A link will be sent to you prior to the meeting. Please call 445-4456 if you cannot attend.