

**CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CB Meeting Room – 120 N Broadway
Cassopolis, MI 49031
November 10, 2022**

4:00 p.m. – CALL MEETING TO ORDER –President Kucklick

INVOCATION – Director Wyman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Parrish

ROLL CALL –

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Johnie Rodebush Award: Commissioner Laylin

Second: Commissioner L. Parrish

Approved

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER’S MINUTES AS THERE WAS NO QUORUM IN OCTOBER

Motion to accept: Commissioner Laylin

Second: Commissioner Stafne

Approved

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS –

County Administrator Newton

PUBLIC COMMENT –

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

None

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
 - a. Issues with the mower, it was taken in to be repaired.
 - b. Weekday traffic on these record warm days have been 12-15 cars in the evenings.
 - c. The wind did damage one bench, which will be repaired.
 - d. Commissioner Laylin commented that he has the equipment to clear the disc golf course.

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. Was presented – we are in the second month.
 - a. The mower repair bill is \$1458.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dark Sky Report was submitted by Commissioner R. Parrish in his absence.
 - a. Dark Sky Park etiquette sign photo
 - b. Suggested a sign be made to say “Robert Parrish Dark Sky Park Viewing Area”
 - i. Director Wyman will ask Commissioner R. Parrish
 - c. The park opened for the lunar eclipse at 2:00 a.m. – there were about 6-8 cars that attended.
2. Special Events
 - a. October 22 – Harvest Fest/Trunk or Treat
 - i. Most cars Director Wyman has seen at Lawless, estimating 1,000-1,200 people attended.
 - ii. There were almost 30 trunks – the Jeep Club promised to have more next year.
 - iii. Director Wyman added another inflatable, which was a great idea and both were in constant use.

- iv. Borrowed a choo-choo train ride. The Friends of the Parks have decided to pay for one for the parks.
 - v. There was a truck bed full of food for donation to the Marcellus food pantry, which was desperately needed.
 - b. Sandhill Crane Marathon
 - i. There were between 250-300 runners
 - ii. Ron Gunn indicated it was the best race in 14 years.
 - c. Russ Forest Harvest Fest
 - i. Parks Department did a hayride and helped with the trails.
- 3. Grants Update
 - a. Haven't heard anything yet, but should soon.
- 4. Rail Trail Update
 - a. The group put out a naming trail contest with a December 15th deadline.
 - i. Van-Cass Heritage Trail seems to be a favorite name with the group.
 - b. Director Wyman read a resolution of support to the commission.

Motion to support the Rail Trail resolution: Commissioner L. Parrish

Second: Commissioner VanBelle

Approved

- 5. Commissioner Laylin requested the floor to announce that he went forward with a grant request to put in a 40-site campground at Lawless

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Dodd Mobile Home
 - a. 40 years old and in disrepair

Motion to demolish the mobile home: Commissioner Laylin

Second: Commissioner Campbell

Discussion: Commissioner Laylin requested that:

County Administrator Newton send out RFPs with a copy to Commissioner VanBelle
To get 10 bids
To use county funds and not park funds

Approved

- 2. Annual Pass

Motion that Cass County Park Commission members receive a free pass annually and that county employees can purchase passes at a 50% discount: Commissioner Laylin

Second: Commissioner VanBelle

Approved

Motion that county pass prices stay the same and out-of-county pass prices increase to \$30: Commissioner Laylin

Second: Commissioner File

Approved

Motion to continue the tradition of offering a \$3.00 discount for passes sold in December and January: Commissioner Laylin

Second: Commissioner File

Approved

- a. Director Wyman to talk to Ambrosia to advertise on Facebook and the county website, etc.
- 3. Johnie Rodebush Humanitarian Award
 - a. Discussion regarding criteria and possibility of presenting to Rollie Johnson.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Dohm
Recording Secretary

Next regular meeting December 8, 2022; 2nd floor meeting room, County Services Building