

CASS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CB Meeting Room – 120 N Broadway
Cassopolis, MI 49031
December 07, 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 –A	Lyndon Parrish - P	Jaimie Stafne - P
Bruce Campbell –P	David Kring – A	Robert Parrish – P	Jeff VanBelle - P
Skip Dyes –P	Fritz Kucklick – P	Ryan Laylin - P	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Laylin

Second: Commissioner L. Parrish

Approved

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER’S MINUTES

Motion to accept: Commissioner Laylin

Second: Commissioner Stafne

Approved

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS –

Blair Garceau

PUBLIC COMMENT –

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

None

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Director Wyman

1. Was presented.
 - a. Scott and Commissioner R. Parrish presented at SMC
 - b. Conservation District meeting went well; they are a great partner
 - c. Cass County Parks made their debut at the Dowagiac Christmas parade
 - d. There was a leadership meeting with Sarah regarding the Sparks grant

BUDGET – Director Wyman

1. Was presented
 - a. At the quarter; vehicle & repair almost at half

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dark Sky
 - a. Report was sent in on time
 - b. Amazon building’s lights in Elkhart may be hurting our southern exposure
 - i. Gather more information before starting a letter-writing campaign
 - ii. Have Administrator Newton contact Elkhart County to find out more information
2. Mobile home at Dodd
 - a. One quote for demolition has come in at \$3,500
 - b. Second quote will be coming in
 - c. Need a third quote if possible
3. MNRTF

- a. Waiting to hear
 - b. LWCT Grant – we were one of 12 grants approved – 50/50 renovation; \$428,600
 - c. Still waiting to hear regarding the trust fund grant
- 4. Rail Trail
 - a. Marcy Hamilton and Director Wyman met with Vandalia to discuss Vandalia to be the applicant for the Van-Cass Heritage Trail
- 5. Spark Grant Update
 - a. Commissioner Laylin, Administrator Newton and Director Wyman met regarding a possible entrance on the north side of the park with a welcome center, restroom and possible camp spots for Dark Sky area

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. 2023 Fees
 - a. Director Wyman will have more information for the January meeting

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. President Kucklick congratulated Director Wyman on a job well done in securing the grant and thanked Commissioner Dyes for his years' service on BOC

Motion to adjourn: Commissioner R. Parrish

Second: Commissioner L. Parrish

Meeting Adjourned

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Respectfully submitted,
Patty Dohm
Recording Secretary

Next regular meeting January 12, 2023; 2nd floor meeting room, County Services Building