

Allegan County Parks Advisory Board



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Chairperson: Pam Brown
Vice Chairperson: Jaclyn Hulst

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

Pam Brown
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Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 8:30 am

County Service Building – Board Conference Room -3283 122nd Ave, Allegan, MI 49010

Virtual Option: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89828628976>

John Clark III
269-274-2736
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CALL TO ORDER: Brown called to order at 8:32.

ROLL CALL:

**Daniel
Caywood**
616-291-1214
Dorr

Present: Brown, Formsma, Hulst, Jessup, Metz, Clark, Caywood, DeYoung, Driscoll(ZOOM)

Absent: None

Also Present: Brandy Gildea; Jesse Lechner

**Mark
DeYoung**
616-318-9612
Dorr

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Hulst seconded by Brown to approve the October 3, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion carried.

**Joshua
Driscoll**
616-218-5797
Hamilton

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None

**Kevin
Formsma**
616-886-7030
Hamilton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Hulst, seconded by Clark, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS: None

Jaclyn Hulst
616-834-2436
Zeeland

PARK ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:

Gildea went over the administrative updates:

- Seasonal staff have finished the season.
- Modern Restrooms closed, some vaulted toilets remain open at campgrounds and boat launches.
- Sparks Grant was not approved.

Tom Jessup
269-637-3374
South Haven

Jackie Metz
269-521-6524
Allegan

REVIEW ITEMS:

1. Financial Statements –

Gildea reviewed the expenditure & revenue statements and Quarter Revenue Comparisons in the agenda packet.

- Second-best year of revenues ever
- Watercraft launch fees are down but season pass sales are at a record year.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Parks Meeting Schedule:

Driscoll made a motion to move the Aug 6, 2023 meeting to Aug 13, 2023. Motion seconded by Hulst. Motion carried.

Driscoll made a motion to Approve the update schedule for 2024 Parks Meetings, seconded by Hulst. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Disc Golf at Littlejohn

Great Lakes Disc Golf Owner, Shea Abbgly and Disc Golf Group President Larry Labond were in attendance and spoke on behalf of other groups (Kalamazoo and GR) and discussed the semantics of starting the project. The parks board concluded by requesting a meeting between the disc golf group and the county's administration (contract writers/lawyer) to discuss and attempt to finalize the agreement.

2. Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant –

Gildea went over the scoring for the past couple of grants we have applied for and based on this recommended that we do not apply for a 2024 MNRTF Grant as we would not score enough points. As we prioritize projects through updating of the recreation plan, we will determine when we will next apply.

3. 2025-2029 Recreation Plan – [2020-2024 Recreation Plan](#)

Reviewed and updated Section 6: Goals/objectives

Reviewed and updated Section 3: Recreation Inventory

Reviewed and updated the Purpose statement for each of the county's parks.

NOTICE OF PARK ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- Vacancy: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ROUND TABLE:

Metz: Asking about Facets Contracts/ Insurance questions, TBD for future contract.

Clark: Offering to walk the planned disc course if anyone is interested.

Jessup: Road Commission on the guard rail at Gun Lake states that removal would require permit. Replacing would not be an option. Painting it is an option. Road Commission will not fund this or the replacement of signs for crossing.

DeYoung: Thanks everyone for supporting the county and I wish everyone happy holidays.

Hulst: Brings attention to the State of Michigan’s new “My Healthy Climate Plan” and discusses possible benefits for the parks.

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting, February 6, 2023, @ 8:30 am in County Service Building – Board Conference Room -3283 122nd Ave, Allegan, MI 49010

A motion was made by Hulst seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 10:39. The motion carried.