

Alleghan County Parks Advisory Board



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Chairperson: Bruce Brandon
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PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – Draft Minutes

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 @ 8:30am

Virtual Meeting – Connectivity Instructions **Attached**

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Brandon at 8:33am

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Bruce Brandon, John Clark III, Mark DeYoung, Gale Dugan, Dean Kapenga, Maryln Langeance, Jackie Metz

Members Absent: Samuel Dykstra

Also Present: Brandy Gildea

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Kapenga, seconded by DeYoung to approve the May 5, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Yes – Brandon Absent – Dykstra

Yes – Clark III Yes – Kapenga

Yes – DeYoung Yes – Langeance

Yes – Dugan Yes – Metz

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Dugan, seconded by Langeance to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried.

Yes – Brandon Absent – Dykstra

Yes – Clark III Yes – Kapenga

Yes – DeYoung Yes – Langeance

Yes – Dugan Yes – Metz

REVIEW ITEMS:

1. Financials

a. Financial Statements

Gildea is working to make a balanced budget this year. Revenues were down for quarter 1 & 2; Gildea reports we are \$20,000 down. Currently for quarter 3 we are up on revenues. Again there will be effect on revenues next years as many pavilion reservations moved to 2021. Gildea reports the expenditures are on track; with staff starting late it saved on payroll, gasoline and other expenses.

- b. Quarterly Revenue Comparison
Revenues were down for quarter 1 & 2; Gildea reports we are \$20,000 down. Currently for quarter 3 we are up on revenues.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. None
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INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Parks Updates – Gildea went through each park and discussed what was occurring (pros/cons) in each park.

Gun Lake – very busy. Sold a lot of new season passes for Gun Lake

Bysterveld – trails and playground are staying well used

Dumont – extremely busy – having some issues with parking and overcrowding

Littlejohn Lake – busier than it has been in long time. Users at beach and accessing walking trails

Ely Lake Campground – again staying busy on the weekends. Quite a few homeless people staying at park

Silver Creek Campground – staying steady with equestrian and no equestrian users.

West Side Park – staying busy. Still having beach issues.

Gildea stated that parks is short three staff members (one maintenance and two park rangers). Gildea reviewed the upcoming special events and park programs that are scheduled. The Benefit Ride at Silver Creek in April was rescheduled to August, and the CMO Ride in May was rescheduled to the end of October.

2. Trowbridge Dam Area – 1st draft concept designs/recreational use – Gildea went over the concept designs that were attached in the agenda packet and asked for feedback:

- Would like to see campground as many kayakers enjoy kayaking and staying the night along the river.
- Like concept 2 with boat launch up and down of where dam area was
- Like concept 2 with boat launches but would also like to see ADA accessible kayak launches installed by both boat launches (many people agreed with this)
- Most don't think soccer field (concept three) would be needed or best use of this land. If didn't do campground then liked concept 4.
- Likes having walking trails around the property
- Liked the education area
- Thought it was a good idea to have day use area (pavilion/playground) at front of the park.
- Worries that campground would be used by others/homeless and not available for kayak users.
- Recognizes higher maintenance costs and more operational staff need if campground is installed.

NOTICE OF PARK ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- **Vacancy: term expires 12/22**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ROUND TABLE:

Clark: Walked with member of Allegan County GIS to map out Littlejohn Park.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Dugan, seconded by Dugan Kapenga to adjourn the meeting at 9:24am. The motion carried.

Yes – Brandon	Absent – Dykstra
Yes – Clark III	Yes – Kapenga
Absent– DeYoung	Yes – Langeance
Yes – Dugan	Yes – Metz