



## MINUTES

### CALHOUN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Thursday, February 4, 2016  
315 W. Green St., 1-400, Marshall, MI 49068

1. Chair King called the meeting to order at 4:02
2. Roll Call – Michigan State University Extension Support Staff, Pat Dadow

Present: Annette Chapman, Bill Comai, Jesse Jacox, Derek King, Christine Kosmowski, Allyn Miller, Ron Sootsman

Absent: John Rodwan, Blaine VanSickle

Also Present: Calhoun County Community Development Educator Ingrid Ault, Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox, Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey, GIS Coordinator Brent Thelen, MSU Extension Support Staff Pat Dadow

3. Approval of Agenda

*Moved by Member Miller, second by Member Jacox to approve the February 5, 2016 agenda of the Calhoun County Parks and Recreation Commission as presented by Ault.*

On a voice vote, Motion **CARRIED**.

4. Approval of Minutes

*Moved by Member Jacox, second by Member Kosmowski to approve the January 7, 2016 minutes of the Calhoun County Parks and Recreation Commission as presented by Sootsman.*

On a voice vote, Motion **CARRIED**.

5. Public Comment

There was none.

6. Subcommittee Reports

a. Ott Biological Preserve Workgroup

Member Comai reported the Ott Biological Preserve workgroup is working on the management and maintenance document and he anticipates it will be ready for comment in March.

b. Trailway Workgroup

Member Sootsman reported that the Trailway Workgroup meeting had been cancelled and the next meeting is February 24 at 1:00 in room 1-400.

c. Finance Subcommittee

Member Sootsman stated the Finance Subcommittee met and the next meeting is currently being scheduled.

d. Membership Vacancies Subcommittee

Member Chapman reported the Membership Vacancies Subcommittee met to discuss the job description and application process. She stated Community Development Educator Ault has started a marketing campaign to fill the vacancy. Ault mentioned three applications have been received so far. Member Chapman noted that the subcommittee will meet to review all applications after the deadline of February 22.

7. Special Presentation – Ingrid Ault

a. New and Innovative Techniques in Park and Recreation Development Improvements

Community Development Educator Ault explained she gave this presentation to Citizen Planner course graduates last year as part of her role with MSU Extension Government and Public Policy work team. She wanted to share this presentation with the Parks and Recreation Commission Board members to spark some creative thinking and new ideas.

Topics shared in the presentation included a brief park history, traditional and non-traditional park examples, funding options for parks, and case studies of Crowdfunding projects.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Review Parks and Recreation By-laws

Tabled until the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

b. ITC Transmissions

Community Development Educator Ault reported that ITC Transmissions will be staging the work area in Kimball Pines next week with work to begin on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. ITC Transmissions expects to be finished in approximately three weeks.

9. New Business

There was none.

10. Community Development Educator Report

Community Development Educator Ault exclaimed the "Picture This" project was so well received that they are developing a new grant for 2016. The project will be slightly different than last year including more visits to parks over a longer time period. The same group is involved and has begun discussions including project development and funding options.

Ault also stated that a total of seven beaver had been removed from Kimball Pines near and around the boardwalk. She is still waiting for the invoice from Bowers Wildlife.

Ault added she had heard more about the Enbridge Energy donation program. There were some final pieces requested that she had submitted which should now complete the grant. She added there were additional monies being added to the fund in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2016 so the pool will be larger than the original \$150,000 allocated.

11. Commissioners' Time

There was none.

12. Public Comment

Vern Messler stated he was contacted by the University of Kansas. They want to start a Historic Bridge Park and they are interested in one of our bridges we have in storage for training in restoration of bridges. He is going to work with them on this.

13. Adjournment

The February 4, 2016 regular session of the Calhoun County Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 4:46 pm.