

Gratiot County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2023
Alma Public Library, 500 E Superior St, Alma, MI 48801

Commission Member Present: D. Yost, K. Davis, J. Lewis, H. Soderberg, D. Justin, D. Hessbrook, T. Lambrecht, D. Terwilliger & J. Bollinger

Commission Members Absent: S. Smith

Others Present: P. Little

- 1. Introductions and Welcome:** All in attendance and made introductions.
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Declaration of Quorum:** Quorum was declared with 9 members present.
- 4. Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the Agenda was made by J. Bollinger, seconded by T. Lambrecht, Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 5. Approval of March 15, 2023 Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by T. Lambrecht, seconded by K. Davis. Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 6. Public comment:** None
- 7. Financial Report:** A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by J. Lewis, seconded by D. Terwilliger. Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 8. Directors Report:**
 - a. Beach House Opening**
 - i.** Reassembled the toilets and sinks.
 - ii.** Turned water on, checked for leaks and pressure.
 - iii.** Had to do two repairs, the pressure tank at Reed's Park and the shower at Hubscher.
 - iv.** Had to get two sets of water samples 24 hours apart.
 - v.** Contacted F&B Operations for septic start up.
 - vi.** Water is available to the public on May 1.
 - b. Grounds Start Up**
 - i.** Set up the picnic table and trash cans.
 - ii.** Put out the fishing platforms at both parks.
 - iii.** Buoys and waterfront.
 - iv.** Ball fields are prepped, dragged, mowed and leaf blow.
 - c. Maintenance Projects**
 - i.** Playground repairs at Reed's are complete and the replacement for Mondo Pod ordered.
 - ii.** Both trucks had to be sent in to get repaired.
 - iii.** We will be lucky to get one Gator in May. They have a shortage on the motors right now.

- d. Capital Improvement
 - i. Hubscher Boat Launch construction is on schedule for May 1 completion.
- e. Administration
 - i. Seasonal hiring, interview six candidates, two offers accepted, two declined, still need to hire two more.
 - ii. Hammock Village – reached out to the Eagle Scout about sign for Village, he said he will get right on it and let us know in a few weeks.
 - iii. Duck Box Houses – inspected houses north end of Hubscher, will remove one on rickety post and brush back other.
 - iv. Pollinator garden at Hubscher is in bloom.

9. Old Business:

- a. **Millage Funding Application review:** Looked over the draft copy.
- b. **Hubscher boat launch update:** Still on target for May deadline.


10. New Business:

- a. **23/24 Capital Improvement Projects:** Review the 5-year plan and look at a reserve that we shouldn't go below.
- b. **23/24 Capital Equipment:** Discussed
- c. **Bannister Park:** Discussed and decided to table it for next week until we get more information.

11. Additions: None

12. Commission Member Comments: Helen talked about the Wood duck boxes and about the signage in the parks.

13. Adjournment: A Motion to adjourn was made by J. Bollinger, seconded by D. Terwilliger, Approved by all present, motion carried at 6:57 pm.


Jennie L Bollinger, Secretary