

**Gratiot County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**May 17, 2023**  
**Alma Public Library, 500 E Superior St, Alma, MI 48801**

**Commission Member Present:** J. Lewis, H. Soderberg, D. Justin, D. Hessbrook, T. Lambrecht, D. Terwilliger, S. Smith & J. Bollinger

**Commission Members Absent:** D. Yost & K. Davis

**Others Present:** P. Little

- 1. Introductions and Welcome:** All in attendance and made introductions.
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Declaration of Quorum:** Quorum was declared with 8 members present.
- 4. Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the Agenda was made by J. Bollinger, seconded by J. Lewis, Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 5. Approval of April 19, 2023 Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by D. Justin, seconded by S. Smith. Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 6. Public comment:** None
- 7. Financial Report:** A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by J. Bollinger, seconded by D. Hessbrook. Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 8. Directors Report:**
  - a. Beach House Opening**
    - i. Water available to public May 1.
    - ii. Repaired Reed & Hubscher showers.
    - iii. Replaced handles on spickets.
    - iv. Porta Jons placed at Hubscher.
  - b. Grounds Care**
    - i. Mowing, weed trimming.
    - ii. Tree & Shrub planting, 100 Red and Norway spruce tree and 25 dogwood and ninebark.
  - c. Maintenance Projects**
    - i. Reed Concession, new slider windows ordered.
    - ii. Vehicle Repairs on the Ford.
    - iii. Surplus picnic table sale, 30 phased out tables sold.
  - d. Capital Improvement**
    - i. Hubscher Boat Launch Complete.
    - ii. New Cornhole targets installed.
    - iii. Memorial Bench.

- e. Administration
  - i. Seasonal hiring – complete, hired six rangers.
  - ii. Reservations started May 6.
  - iii. Staff Training on May 17.
- f. Activities in the Parks
  - i. Little League Tournament May 6 & 7, over 500 people each day, made over \$1,300 in entry fees.
  - ii. Camping and pavilions reservations started May 6.
  - iii. Disc Golf League Mondays at 5:30 pm.

**9. Old Business:**

- a. **23/24 Capital Improvement Projects:** Discussed.
- b. **23/24 Capital Equipment:** Discussed.

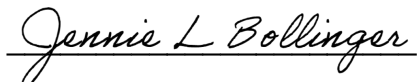
**10. New Business:**

- a. **Budget Reserve:** J. Lewis made a motion to have the Board proposes that a min 350,000 fund balance by 2027/28 Budget year, seconded by D. Justin. Approved by all present, motion passed.
- b. **Filed trip to Hubscher:** Helen discussed.
- c. **Bannister Park:** Discussed and decided to wait until we have a letter from Elba Township to act.

**11. Additions:** None

**12. Commission Member Comments:** Helen talked about the signage in the parks.

**13. Adjournment:** A Motion to adjourn was made by J. Bollinger, seconded by D. Hessbrook, approved by all present, motion carried at 6:54 pm.

  
Jennie L Bollinger, Secretary