

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

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

Commission Members Absent: None

Others Present: P. Little & J. Bunting

- 1. Introductions and Welcome:** All in attendance and made introductions.
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Declaration of Quorum:** Quorum was declared with 10 members present.
- 4. Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the Agenda was made by T. Lambrecht, seconded by J. Bollinger, Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 5. Approval of June 21, 2023 Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by D. Justin, seconded by J. Lewis. Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 6. Public comment:** Jan Bunting came to the meeting to ask about how the Gratiot County Parks can acquire a new park.
- 7. Financial Report:** A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by J. Lewis, seconded by K. Davis. Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 8. Directors Report:**
 - a. Buildings**
 - i.** Caroline Ross Memorial Bench placed at north end of Reed's beach house.
 - ii.** Deep clean chase room and beach house.
 - iii.** Gearing up for paint/staining projects.
 - iv.** Playground repairs at Reed ongoing.
 - b. Grounds Care**
 - i.** Purchased two battery powered weed trimmers for rangers.
 - ii.** Disc Golf course trimming, invasive removal
 - iii.** Lots of mowing and trimming
 - iv.** Filled holes.
 - c. Maintenance Projects**
 - i.** Reed Concession, awning research.
 - ii.** Equipment upkeep, mowers, and gators.
 - d. Administration**
 - i.** Lots of phone calls about reservations.
 - ii.** Most weekends full for camping and pavilions.

e. Activities in the Parks

- i. Disc Golf Tournament July 29.
- ii. Adult softball league Sundays.
- iii. Water levels up, water testing good.
- iv. Gratiot County Herald is going to have an article in the paper.
- v. Dive team training Hubscher Park.

9. Old Business:

- a. Park Acquisition Policy:** T. Lambrecht, D. Justin, and S Smith will be on the Subcommittee.
- b. Elba Township Park acquisition request:** Going to wait until the Subcommittee looks at the park before deciding.
- c. 23/24 Capital Equipment:** A motion was made by D. Justin to put 150,000 towards capital improvements on the next budget year, seconded by J. Lewis. Approved by all present, motion passed.

10. New Business:

- a. Native Plants/Invasive report:** Matt from CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) is having a meeting on July 24th at Hubscher parks to get rid of invasive species and plant native.
- b. September 20th Meeting:** This meeting will be held at Reed's Park.

11. Additions: None

12. Commission Member Comments: None

13. Adjournment: A Motion to adjourn was made by J. Bollinger, seconded by D. Terwilliger, approved by all present, motion carried at 6:22 pm.



Jennie L Bollinger, Secretary