

**Gratiot County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**August 16, 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, & J. Bollinger

**Commission Members Absent:** T. Lambrecht

**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 J. Lewis, Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 5. Approval of July 19, 2023 Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by K. Davis, seconded by D. Justin. 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 J. Lewis. Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 8. Directors Report:**
  - a. Buildings**
    - i. Paint/staining projects.
    - ii. Playground repairs at Reed is ongoing.
    - iii. Awning for Concession stands.
  - b. Grounds Care**
    - i. Invasive removal Hubscher Beach.
    - ii. Lots of mowing and trimming.
    - iii. Reed Ball Fields had some storm damage.
    - iv. Wood chips around playground.
    - v. Shrub trimming.
  - c. Administration**
    - i. Calls about reservations slowing down, reservations till October 1.
    - ii. Most weekends full for camping and pavilions.
    - iii. MIOSHA training with building and grounds.
    - iv. Seasonal Staff winding down, fall schedule start September 4.
  - d. Activities in the Parks**
    - i. Disc Golf Tournament July 29.
    - ii. Scouts' campout August 11-13, community service project.
    - iii. Company Picnics.
    - iv. Invasive species walk with CISMA and Gratiot Conservation District.

**9. Old Business:**

- a. **Park Acquisition Policy:** Going to table it until the next meeting since Tim was absent at this meeting.
- b. **23/24 Draft Budget:** Going to discuss it at the next meeting.

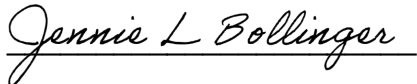
**10. New Business:**

- a. **Hubscher Beach Algae Bloom:** Discussed the Algae Bloom out at Hubscher Beach.

**11. Additions:** None

**12. Commission Member Comments:** Moving meeting to September 13<sup>th</sup> to look over the 23/24 Draft Budget.

**13. Adjournment:** A Motion to adjourn was made by J. Bollinger, seconded by J. Lewis, approved by all present, motion carried at 6:23 pm.



Jennie L Bollinger, Secretary