

**Gratiot County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**August 18, 2021**  
**Alma Public Library, 500 E Superior St, Alma, MI 48801**

**Commission Member Present:** J. Lewis, K. Davis, C. Ross, D. Wier, B. Hancock, D. Netzley, H. Soderberg & J. Bollinger

**Commission Members Absent:** D. Yost & J. Lemmerman

**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 was made by D. Netzley, seconded by J. Bollinger, Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 5. Approval of July 21, 2021 Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by B. Hancock, seconded by C. Ross. 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. Wier. Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 8. Directors Report:**
  - a. Hubscher Park has Cyanobacterial Blooms, which is the toxic type. We will monitor the blooms and still do the weekly testing of the water.
  - b. Updating signs though out the park with the help from Helen.
  - c. Alma Police had their annual softball tournament and the Boy Scouts came out and camped and resurfaced the trail with woods chips.
  - d. Pete wanted to point out the quick actions from Kaylee the Park Manager with the algae. She put up signs warning people about the blooms.
  - e. Low on staffing due to school kids & teachers going back to school.
  - f. Capital Improvement Updates
    - i. Fishing platform abetment has been poured along with the walk way
    - ii. Reed's concession stand poured the concrete pad.
    - iii. Playground for Husbcher should be delivered and installed soon.
    - iv. Electrification both parks – Everything is electrified at Reed's and Hubscher has everything except for pavilion 3.
- 9. Old Business:**
  - a. **2021/2022 Draft Budget:** A motion to approve the recommendation of the Draft 2021/2022 Budget was made by D. Wier, seconded by J. Lewis. Approved by all present, motion passed.
  - b. **Seasonal Employee Pau Grade Schedule:** A motion to approve the Seasonal Pay Grade Schedule was for the Rangers to start out at 11.00

with a .25 pay increase every year for 5 years. Park Manager to start out at 13.00 with a .25 pay increase every year for 5 years was made by B. Hancock, seconded by D. Wier. Approved by all present, motion passed.

**10. New Business:**

- a. **Bike Path:** Road Commission could not find a maintenance agreement for the bike. Therefore, if Parks & Recreation would like the bike path sprayed for brush. They will have to handle between themselves and the state.

**11. Additions:**

**12. Commission Member Comments:**

- 13. Adjournment:** A Motion to adjourn was made by B. Hancock, seconded by J. Bollinger, Approved by all present, motion carried at 6:42 pm.

  
Jennie L Bollinger, Secretary