

**Gratiot County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**October 18, 2023**  
**Alma Public Library, 500 E Superior St, Alma, MI 48801**

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

**Commission Members Absent:** T. Lambrecht & D. Hessbrook

**Others Present:** P. Little

- 1. Introductions and Welcome:** All in attendance and made introductions.
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Declaration of Quorum:** Quorum was declared with 7 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 September 13, 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. Lewis, seconded by D. Terwilliger. Approved by all present, motion passed.
- 8. Directors Report:**
  - a. Buildings/Maintenance**
    - i.** The awning for Concession Stands is set for November 1 completion.
    - ii.** Winterization of beach houses, drain lines, irrigation, pull all freezable, antifreeze drains.
    - iii.** Stack all picnic tables, trash cans, butt poles and boats.
    - iv.** Pull fishing platforms, buoys, beach access ramps.
    - v.** Reed Park Paving project phase 2 advertised, October 24 bid opening.
  - b. Grounds Care**
    - i.** Mowing, trimming, leaf mulching.
    - ii.** Tree trimming days are set for after November 15.
    - iii.** Algae Bloom/Aquatic Weeds management meeting with MLS.
    - iv.** CISMA submitted grants for invasive species removal at both parks.
    - v.** Pollinator garden design.
  - c. Administration**
    - i.** Reservations end October 1st.
    - ii.** Seasonal Staff last day September 29
    - iii.** All eligible seasons received end of year bonuses.
    - iv.** 2024 Reservations start November 1, 2023.

**9. Old Business:**

- a. **Bannister Park:** Going to table it until the next meeting since Tim was absent at this meeting.
- b. **Reed paving phase 2:** Paving Project is out for bidding which is due on October 24th.

**10. New Business:**

- a. **Pond weed/algae management quotes:** A motion was made by D Justin to approve the contract from Michigan Lakefront Solutions for treating Hubscher Park in the amount of \$11,500.00 plus permit fee for EGLE and to accept if Reed's Park needs to be treated for 600.00 per treatment for Algae and 1,000.00 for Weed, seconded by K. Davis, approved by all present. Motion carried.

**11. Additions:** None

**12. Commission Member Comments:** None

**13. Adjournment:** A Motion to adjourn was made by J. Lewis, seconded by J. Bollinger, approved by all present, motion carried at 6:17 pm.

  
Jennie L Bollinger, Secretary