

MINUTES OF THE LENAWEЕ COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. Present were President Chris Wittenbach, Secretary Dan R. Bruggeman, and Vice-President K Z Bolton. Also present was Park Superintendent Mike Sexton, and Marty Marshall and Kim Murphy from the Administrator's Office.

Upon motion made and supported,

***RESOLVED***, The Minutes of the previous meeting be approved as submitted.

Upon motion made and supported,

***RESOLVED***, That the present officers continue to serve on an interim basis for one more month until the next organizational meeting.

Kim Murphy presented the financial report. It was reviewed and placed on record.

A letter from ITC Holdings Corporation dated January 19, 2018 was reviewed along with a donation of \$5,000 which was presented to the Parks Commission pursuant to the commission's letter of June 29, 2016 which is attached to these minutes. Thereafter, upon motion made and supported,

***RESOLVED***, that the \$2,000 previously contributed plus \$5,000 currently contributed plus \$2,000 in restricted funds for Gerber Park be expended as set forth in the letter dated June 29, 2016, specifically, \$6,750 to Prairie Nursery for seeds for five acres, and approximately \$2,400 for herbicide application to begin in the Spring of 2018, with planting scheduled for Autumn of 2018. The exact location of the planting will be established in the Spring of 2018 before the herbicide is sprayed.

Mike Sexton presented a parks report. As to Bicentennial Park, Siena Heights cross country team is still contemplating donations to the park, possibly a tire obstruction activity.

As to Iron Lake, the boat launch will be installed in the Spring.

As to Medina Park, Ron Reba will begin the Bean Creek cleanup and continue over the next two years. In addition, the main gate at Medina Park needs to be repaired.

The Parks Commission then proceeded to a discussion of continuing development at Taylor Road Park. It was noted that Dan Bruggeman had donated wood duck nesting boxes for the park and Bill Daub has installed same. It was reported that Bill Daub and Dan Bruggeman had located along the trail at Taylor Road Park approximately 25 trees which could be identified by descriptive tree marker plaques at a cost of \$4.25 per plaque and \$12 per post. Upon motion made and supported,

*RESOLVED*, that the Parks Commission expend from Taylor Road Park restricted funds not to exceed \$600 for plaques and posts. The plaques would be identified by Bill Daub, and the posts and plaques would be installed by county maintenance.

The question of seeding of Native American grasses and forbes at the half-acre oak opening along the Taylor Road walking trail was discussed. Upon motion made and supported,

*RESOLVED*, that the Parks Commission spend up to \$700 to acquire the Clay Busters Wildlife Prairie mix from Prairie Nursery for this purpose. Seeding is to be commenced this Spring, using a special drill to be rented from Lenawee Farm Conservation Service.

The Parks Commission then considered the acquisition of three 30" by 48" educational signs at Taylor Road Park, one at the entrance, one at the oak openings, and one at pond area. Upon motion made and supported,

*RESOLVED*, That the Parks Commission expend from restricted funds an amount not to exceed \$6,000 for the acquisition of such signs which would be installed by the maintenance department.

It was reported that Bill Daub volunteered to construct photography blinds at the edge of the Buttonbush Pond provided that the county hard labor crew clear the viewing area from the top of the bluff down to the pond for that purpose. The Parks Commission had a favorable reaction to that proposal, and will continue to work with Mr. Daub toward that end.

The Parks Commission proceeded to review proposed educational signs for Gerber Park, and upon motion made and supported,

*RESOLVED*, That the Parks Commission expend up to \$6,000 for three such signs to be ordered and in-

stalled by county maintenance at Gerber Park.

The installation of the fence and entrance gate at the parking lot of Taylor Road Park was discussed, and county maintenance will continue to work with the Eagle Scouts to accomplish the installation of that gate in the near future so that the work contemplated for this Spring will be protected.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan R. Bruggeman, Secretary