

PARKS COMMISSION

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MEMBERS

Karol "KZ" Bolton, Ralph Tillotson,
Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Dawn Bales, Dan Bruggeman

MEETING LOCATION

Chambers
301 N. Main Street - Adrian, MI

Minutes: Monday, March 20, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.

Attendees: Commissioners Bolton, Tillotson, Jenkins-Arno, Van Doren and Bales

Absent: Dan Bruggeman

Others Present: Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliott, Tim Mehan, Rob VanNieuwenhze, and Jennifer Ambrose

I. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Bales, to approve the February 13th minutes. Motion carried.

II. Finance Report

Administrator Murphy presented the finance report.

III. Parks Updates

A. Gerber Park – Boy Scouts reached out requesting the use of the park for a mock disaster survival training weekend April 21- 23. General agreement to allow the training.

B. Tree limb – Due to the recent heavy winter storms there are many trees and limbs down throughout the parks. There will be a significant clean-up as soon as the weather permits.

IV. Updates & Other Business

A. Keith Dursham inquired via email as to Gerber Park and possible links with Native American land use. He further questioned if any artifacts have ever been recovered in this park. It was reported that no such artifacts have been found and it is unknown as to previous use or inhabitants of the land.

B. Ken Tokarz is requesting vial email; Lenawee to consider a County Aquatics Center.

- C. There was a recent increase on social media regarding Parks and Rec. A report was provided showing it had much to do with March Madness and to local schools, Blissfield and Lenawee Christian advancing in state basketball.
- D. Bill Daub is rebuilding 3 benches at Taylor Road Park.
- E. Suggested that the County should add park signage to local roads and streets regarding County parks and their locations.

V. Public Comment

No Public Comment was offered.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Bales, to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 am. Motion carried.

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Parks Commission Goals

- Further development of parks and activities
 - Potential projects volunteer group
 - Review Parks Plan
- Partnership with forest management (LISD or Lenawee Conservation, MSU Extension, Lenawee Farm Bureau, forestry group, others) -
Decrease dead wood, increase good production, tear out grape vine, clean out invasive & diseased vegetation/trees