

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, July 17, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.

Attendees: R. Tillotson, N. Jenkins-Arno, D. Bales, and D. Bruggeman

Absent: KZ Bolton

Others Present: Commissioner Van Doren, Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliott, and Rob VanNieuwenhze

I. Approval of the Minutes

Comm. Van Doren noted that the minutes should be amended to reflect the correct year (change date from 2022 to 2023).

Motion by N. Jenkins-Arno, seconded by D. Bales, to approve the June 26, 2023, minutes as amended. Motion carried.

II. Finance Report

Administrator Murphy presented the finance report. A \$25,000 donation was received and the revenue is currently at 87% of projected. The Refuse expense line item appears to be slightly over budget.

There are approximately \$32,000 of restricted funds.

III. Parks Updates

A. Bicentennial Park – Working on fencing

B. Medina – A waterline break has been repaired.

C. Ramsdell Park – Working on the trail markers and signage; this will be paid out of the restricted funds with the remaining funds being applied to natural playscapes.

D. Bruggeman reminded the Commission that brush control needs to be maintained.

IV. Parks Survey

The results of a Community Asks survey were reviewed; the survey collected 139 responses between June 12 and July 5. Although 72% had not visited a county park within the past 6 months, respondents would like to see improvements to the restrooms, walking trails & playgrounds.

V. Updates & Other Business

Although there was little that we could add to improve the scoring; the SPARKS Grants have been resubmitted.

There was a discussion regarding how to encourage residents to visit the County parks.

The Parks Commission annual picnic will be held Monday, September 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and will be at Bicentennial Park this year.

VI. Public Comment

No Public Comment was offered.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by D. Bales, seconded by N. Jenkins-Arno, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am. Motion carried.

DB/rb

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