



Barry County Parks and Recreation

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Jennifer Killian - Administrator • Jim Cary – Board Chair

Unapproved minutes
Barry County Parks and Recreation Board
Special Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1 p.m.
Barry County Parks and Recreation Board
Tyden Center Community Room, 121 South Church Street, Hastings, MI
49058

1. Chair Cary called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Role call: Attending were Jim Cary, Joyce Snow, Patricia Johns, Rick Moore, Ron Nelson and Dan Parker. Absent was Catherine Getty. Gerald Schmedicke has resigned from the board.
3. Agenda: Johns moved, seconded by Moore to amend the agenda to allow the presentation of proposed 2018 Grant Program to an open space during the interview portion. Motion approved
4. Public Comments: Cary invited new board member Nelson to tell the board members a little about himself. He told the board that he is now retired and is looking forward to being involved in promoting recreation. He has enjoyed using the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail in Middleville.
5. New Business:
 - a. Johns moved, seconded by Cary to send a letter to the Barry County Commission supporting the request from the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission to have Catherine Getty continue to serve as a voting stakeholder on the Parks board. Motion passed.
 - b. Interviews of candidates for the administrator's position: Arthur Divine, Ron Welton and Frank Jesenek began at 1:20 pm. Snow distributed score sheets to be used in evaluating answers to the questions.
 - c. Since the interview with Arthur Divine ended early, Johns moved, seconded by Moore that the 2018 grant program be approved. She explained that changes in the program included having \$10,000 available. Grants will be in increments of \$500. Any grant of \$2000 or more will require 50 % in matching funds.

Motion passed.

- d. Interviews continued at 2:20 p.m. with Ron Welton. The interview with Frank Jesenek began at 3:15 p.m.
 - e. Once the interview with Frank Jesenek ended at 3:45 p.m. the board reviewed score sheets. Both Welton and Jesenek scored well. Members of the board agreed to ask both candidates to come in for a second interview to make sure they both understood the requirements of the position. This includes office work like making sure bills are paid, checking the mail, working on the agenda, recruiting volunteers, posting minutes and sending out packets for monthly meetings. This is in addition to seeking grants and presenting board activities to commission meetings and other public meetings. The board decided to begin the Feb. 21, 2018 at 6 p.m. and begin the short (5 question) interviews at 6:05 p.m. Johns will contact the candidates and change the meeting times so that the change can be posted.
6. Public Comments: none
7. Cary moved and Moore seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 4:15 p.m. Motion passed.