

**Barry County Parks and Recreation Board  
Minutes  
Thursday, April 19, 2018  
Tyden Center**

- Meeting began with Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll call: Present Catherine Getty, Dan Parker, Joyce Snow, Don Hutchens, Frank Jesensek, Rick Moore, Jim Cary and Patricia Johns. Absent: Administrator Ron Welton due to a medical emergency
- Johns moved that the agenda for the April 19, 2018 be approved. Seconded by Cary. Motion passed.
- Cary moved that the minutes of the March 15, 2018 meeting be approved. Seconded by Moore. Motion passed
- Public comments: none
- Old Business
  - a. Election of Secretary: Cary moved that Dan Parker be appointed as secretary to allow new members to feel more comfortable on the board. Then the position could come up again. Seconded by Moore. Motion passed.
  - b. RFP for Five Year Plan: Getty presented the request for proposal written by Dan Patton for approval by the BCPRB. Seconded by Johns. Following discussion the RFP was approved with Snow voting Nay. Michael Brown will be posting it on the county website and in local papers.
  - c. Bills: Johns moved that the bill from Halls for maintenance of the vault toilet at McKeown Bridge Park. Seconded by Parker. Johns noted that Luella had met with Welton on how to fill out invoices. Johns will be checking the mail until he is able to check the mail. Voting yes were Getty, Parker, Snow, Hutchens, Jesensek, Moore, Cary and Johns. Motion passed.
  - d. RFP for development of the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail from 108<sup>th</sup> Street to Stimson Road. Getty reported that she had met with Michael Brown on this issue. Parker explained that this RFP was to hear from local firms about what paving this section would cost and the steps to take.
  - e. Website: Welton will be working with the county's IT staff on this.
- New business
  - a. Johns moved, seconded by Cary that the board approve the recommendations by Special Projects Committee for the 2018

program. During the discussion Johns explained that the board received 5 applications. Any recipient receiving \$2000 or more must provide 50 % in matching funds;

This year's recipients are:

Hastings Middle School: \$500 for Gaga Ball Pit

Prairieville Township: \$1500 for updating 2 local playgrounds/parks

Orangeville Township: \$2500 for establish native plant area to attract birds, butterflies and enhance the experience of visitors to the park. The township is working with Pierce Cedar Creek and the DNR on this project

Yankee Springs Township: \$2500 to improve the township park. The application noted the volunteer support for the park.

Village of Middleville: \$3000 Water fountain including water bottle filling and a pet bowl filler. It will be installed near the pavilion to be accessible to users of the trail, Farmers Market and visitors to Village events.

Voting yes were: Getty, Parker, Snow, Hutchens, Jesensek, Moore, Cary and Johns. Motion passed.

- b. Getty told the board that Doug Klein has applied to fill the open citizen at large position. He will be interviewed at the May 1 Committee of the Whole meeting.
  - c. Inventory of items stored in the basement of the Tyden Center. Johns will meet with the maintenance department to set a time.
  - d. McKeown Bridge Park: Welton has gone to the park and has seen some maintenance needs, including problems with the vault toilet building. The board will have to go out for bids on the vault cleaning and maintenance.
  - e. Upcoming events:
    - June 9: Rockin the Trail in Nashville. The committee is continuing to meet and have begun planning events.
    - July 24: No Family Left Indoors: Volunteers needed and activities planned.
- Committee reports:
    - a. Executive Committee: Getty asked that the board set a new time for the committee to meet. The new location, day and time are at the Thornapple Township Hall on the second Friday of the month at 9 a.m.

- b. Trails committee. Moore reported that he is working with Winchell Lawn Care on mowing of the trail and McKeown Bridge Park.
- c. Marketing committee: Jesensek and Snow will join Johns and Cary on the committee.
- Limited Public Comment: none
- Board Member comments
  - a. Don asked if anything can be done about roots coming through portions of the paved trail. Johns said that the Village of Middleville and the City of Hastings are responsible for their paved sections.
  - b. The board will have to begin working on the budget for 2019. Johns will get information from Michael Brown.
- Parker moved, seconded by Snow to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Approved.