

**BARRY COUNTY  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

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**Barry County Parks and Recreation Board  
McKeown Bridge Park  
Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order: Chair Catherine Getty called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Present: Jim Cary, Catherine Getty, Don Hutchens, Patricia Johns, Frank Jesensek, Rick Moore, Dan Parker, Joyce Snow, and Ron Welton. Absent Doug Klein.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion that the agenda be approved by Hutchens and seconded by Cary. Ayes all. Motion passed.
4. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2018 meeting. Motion that the agenda be approved by Moore and seconded by Parker. Ayes all. Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Tour of McKeown Bridge Park: Welton led a hour long tour, with all members participating except Johns, of park grounds to highlight the many maintenance issues that needed to be addressed in this park. All agreed on the need to move forward with an increased emphasis on facility maintenance. Roundtable discussion at the conclusion of the tour. Motion by Johns, seconded by Parker to authorize Welton to add additional hours to his work schedule to perform maintenance and other duties as needed, not to exceed \$12500 budgeted for position. Ayes all. Motion passed. Motion by Moore, seconded by Snow to remove dead trees jeopardizing infrastructure and safety not to exceed \$5500. Ayes all. Motion passed. Approval was granted for Welton to spend up to \$999 on a Stihl power scythe, trimmer, blower Kombi unit to cutback and manage overgrowth.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Recreation Plan – Nine bids were received with the lowest bid coming from MCSA Group Inc. Patton and Welton met with MCSA at their office to discuss bid and plan. Given our resources and their past performance, it is recommended that we move forward with MCSA to develop our next 5 year recreation plan. Motion by Johns, second by Parker to accept bid from MCSA to prepare our next Parks and Recreation 5 Year Master Plan. Ayes all. Motion Passed. Joint committee with Charlton Park meets tomorrow for their approval of MCSA proposal.

8. New Business:

- a. Budget – Welton presented proposed 2019 Budget request as prepared by the Executive Committee. General roundtable discussion with adjustments made to Printing and Capital Outlay. Motion by Johns, second by Cary to submit budget request of \$69295 for 2019. Ayes all. Motion passed.

9. Limited Public Comment – None

10. Board Member Comments – Johns announced we have received our first 2018 completed grant coming from Yankee Springs Township. Hutchens reported a dip at the entrance to the Irving trailhead. Moore advised he put in 21.5 volunteer hours on trail since last meeting and presented diesel fuel invoice from tractor for payment. Motion by Johns, seconded by Getty to pay invoice. Ayes all. Motion passed.

11. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned by chair at 8:42pm.