

**BARRY COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

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**Barry County Parks and Recreation Board
Tyden Center Community Room
Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

Minutes:

1. Call to Order: Chair Catherine Getty called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Present: Jim Cary, Catherine Getty, Don Hutchens, Frank Jesenek, Patricia Johns, Doug Klein, Rick Moore, Dan Parker Joyce Snow, and Ron Welton. Absent: None.
3. Motion that the agenda be approved by Snow and seconded by Parker. Ayes all. Motion passed.
4. Approval of Minutes of August 16, 2018 meeting. Motion that the minutes be approved by Johns and seconded by Klein. Ayes all. Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Old Business:
 - a) Recreation Plan – Today’s meeting with MCSA Group focused on goals of both boards. Next meeting with MCSA Group will be the public input meeting and is scheduled for October 16 at 6 pm in the Commission on Ageing Building.
 - b) 2019 Budget - Budget as currently proposed by County Administrator at 49,175, which keeps my position at quarter time rather than third to half time requested and reduces requested capital outlay from 25,000 to 14,064. We have requested a budget hearing which will be part of the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 2. My biggest concern is our inability to meet basic requirements of keeping parks clean/safe/and well maintained with a quarter time position.
 - c) Special Projects/Promotions Committee Chair - Frank is unable to be considered at this time due to other obligations. Roundtable discussion with Don agreeing to assume position. Ayes All.

- d) Charlton Park Barry County Outdoor Recreation Youth Day – Another successful event with almost 800 kids participating. We are providing \$500, the remainder of MParks Healthy Living Grant, towards Conservation District Youth Day expenses.
- e) TAP Workshop – I attended a MDOT Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) workshop to become familiar with this grant program. Some grant basics include:
- \$17 million per year
 - No cap on request amount (300,000 with DNR Trust development grants)
 - 35 – 40% match needed to be competitive
 - No engineering fees covered by grant and required for grant submittal
 - Multiyear process, but over 90% of applicants receive funding at some point
 - Grant is for transportation from point a to point b, not recreation
 - TAP and Trust Fund Grants can be combined
 - As with DNR Trust Fund you need to demonstrate you have the organizational structure and budget to maintain project, which at this point we do not have

7. New Business - None

8. Limited Public Comment – None

9. Board Member/Administrator Comments – Administrator:

- Received grant completion payment request from Middleville Village for drinking fountain.
- Michigan Trails Magazine request to continue eighth page ad in 2019 edition at \$375. Motion by Moore to place eighth page ad in 2019 edition of Michigan Trails Magazine, seconded by Johns. Ayes all. Motion passed.
- Received Paul Henry Brochures, sample alum trail maps for kiosk and map box locations provided for consideration. Motion by Johns to purchase 10 aluminum maps not to exceed \$600, seconded by Jesensek. Ayes all. Motion Passes. I will go to trailheads to trim around and stock brochure holders.
- McKeown Bridge – Park has a lot of dead trees and with tree trimming about third done, it has become evident we were to conservative on selecting trees for removal. Need to increase expenditure from 5500 to 7000 to remove most dangerous trees. Motion by Moore to increase dead tree removal allotment from \$5500 to \$7000, seconded by Johns. Ayes All. Motion Passed. Cleared new growth along boardwalk, replace broken latch on kiosk, replace missing restroom door stop, repaired another parking lot fence rail. I have started

scraping/priming/painting bridge railing. In what is a big job for me, I am currently ¼ done with over 40 hours invested in project. One passerby who observed me lying on my back while working under low railings wondered if he should call 911.

Jim thanked Patricia for all she has done for Park and Recreation Board as she joined us for her final board meeting. Doug offered to build and erect a bench on Paul Henry Thornapple Trail down from Devine Road. Motion by Johns to provide up to \$75 towards bench project, seconded by Parker. Ayes All. Motion Passed

10. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned by chair at 8:12pm.