

**BARRY COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

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**Barry County Parks and Recreation Board
Tyden Center Community Room
Thursday, October 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

Minutes:

1. Call to Order: Chair Catherine Getty called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Present: Jim Cary, Catherine Getty, Don Hutchens, Doug Klein, Dan Parker Joyce Snow, and Ron Welton. Absent: Frank Jesensek, Rick Moore.
3. Motion that the agenda be approved by Carry and seconded by Parker. Ayes all. Motion passed.
4. Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2018 meeting. Motion that the minutes be approved by Carry and seconded by Klein. Ayes all. Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: Jim Erwin of 128 Fuller Street, Nashville reported that property adjacent to his and backing up to Paul Henry Thornapple Trail may be used by owner for apartment parking and he wanted to alert us to possible trespass.
6. Old Business:
 - a) Recreation Plan – Due to a date misprint in the Banner and Reminder public notices we have had to reschedule our public input meeting. It is now scheduled for October 30 at 6pm in the 911 Center meeting room. Charlton Park will be holding their annual All Hollows Eve event on Saturday October 27 and it may provide us with a good opportunity to reach out for comments on the recreation plan. Getty volunteered to attend and staff a booth with invitation to others who may also wish to assist. Welton will print up copies of survey for completion. Motion by Parker, seconded by Cary to spend up to \$200 for giveaway items. Ayes all. Motion passed.
 - b) 2019 Budget – We were successful in our budget appeal before the County Board of Commissioners and our budget is being reinstated back to our original request. Thanks to Catherine Getty and all who showed their support by attending meeting.

- c) Board Vacancies – At the 10/16 Committee of the Whole Board of Commissioners meeting the following recommendations were made for vacant board positions. Joe Sancimino for the Citizen at Large term ending 12-31-19 and Sarah Nelson representing Barry Conservation District for a term ending 12-31-20. Both are in attendance and introduced themselves to current board members who welcomed them to the Park and Recreation Board. Catherine Getty reported that Cindi Vujea has applied for Economic Development stakeholder position on board and has sent request to County Administrator.

7. New Business:

- a) Web Site – At our budget hearing the county board requested we move forward with bids for web site development. Sean McMahon, owner of Pixelvine Creative in Freeport has offered to meet with our board if so desired. Roundtable discussion with decision to form a web committee of Klein, Cary, and Hutchens to investigate possible options.

8. Limited Public Comment: None

9. Board Member/Administrator Comments: – Administrator:

- Received grant completion payment request from Orangeville Township for 2017 grant of \$1000 for exercise stations on walking path.
- Current dead tree removal project at McKeown Bridge is complete with over 30 trees removed from public use areas. Due to location of boardwalk in proximity to many of the trees and their large size several had to be skidded out with a logging skidder which caused scarring to landscape. Gravel portion of trail will need some grading.
- Paul Henry Trail Head brochure racks are once again supplied with brochures.
- I will be gone all of next week.

Klein presented invoice for bench materials and will install east of Devine Road soon. Doug also reported bird club spotted an American Golden Plover in a field by Middleville.

Hutchens hopes to have online option available for our next grant cycle.

Dan Parker provided information on Middleville's upcoming East Bank Riverfront Park Design Day to be held on 11/8.

10. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned by chair at 8:03pm.