

**BARRY COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

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**Barry County Parks and Recreation Board
Tyden Center Community Room
Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

Minutes:

1. Call to Order: Acting Chair Jim Cary called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Present: Jim Cary, Don Hutchens, Doug Klein, Rick Moore, Sarah Nelson, Dan Parker, Joyce Snow, and Ron Welton. Absent: Catherine Getty, Frank Jesensek, Joe Sancimino, Cindi Vujea.
3. Motion that the agenda be approved by Parker and seconded by Snow. Ayes all. Motion passed.
4. Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2018 meeting. Motion that the minutes be approved by Klein and seconded by Hutchens. Ayes all. Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Old Business:
 - a) Recreation Plan – 293 public responses to survey from Survey Monkey plus 20 from table at All Hollows Eve event representing a good return. Our second public input workshop will be held on 12/5 at 5:30 in the Tyden Center Community Room.
 - b) Web Site – Web Committee (Klein, Cary, Hutchens) met with County IT Coordinator Dave Shinavier concerning our pages on county site. He expressed his desire to work with us to achieve what we desire. Committee would like to try working with IT first before seeking outside vendors and suggest working towards a site similar to what Ottawa County currently has for their County Parks. Sarah Nelson expressed interest in working with County IT towards site improvements. Motion by Cary, second by Hutchens to nominate Sarah as lead for working with county IT towards improving park and recreation web pages on county site. Ayes all. Motion passed.

c) Paul Henry Thornapple Trail Items:

- Trespass Issue – Rick checked property descriptions concerning our boundary and possible trespass brought to our attention by Jim Erwin at last meeting and discovered that no trespass exists.
- Washout next to deck on Quaker Creek Bridge in Nashville – Brought in a dozen 10 inch diameter rocks to put in bottom of washout and added 8 wheel barrels of fill material gathered from underneath bridge.
- Doug has installed the new bench he constructed along trail east of Devine Road in a location offering a nice view of Thornapple River.
- The trail map signs have been received and will be mounted in trail kiosks before trail reopens on December 1.

d) Quiet Water Symposium – Will be held on March 2 at MSU Pavilion. We paid for a booth last year and did not attend so they are offering us a booth this year at no charge. Welton is willing to attend if desired. Motion by Moore, seconded by Parker for Welton to setup and man parks booth at Quiet Water Symposium. Ayes all. Motion passed.

7. New Business:

a) Park and Recreation Board Membership – Cindi Vujea has been appointed to Economic Development stakeholder's position. Frank Jesensek and Doug Klein's citizen at large terms expire on 12/31/18 and both have applied for reappointment. They will be interviewed by County Board, Committee of the Whole on 11/20.

8. Limited Public Comment: None

9. Board Member/Administrator Comments:

Administrator – Meeting with Charlton Park and County Board representatives from each park board on joining with Charlton Park into unified Barry County Parks and Recreation Department. Attended meeting concerning Middleville East Bank Riverfront Development. Biggest items of concentration are design and location of an Amphitheater and how to repurpose the riverfront apartment building now owned by the village.

Rick reported on progress Rutland Township has made in their attitude towards Paul Henry Thornapple Trail. At last meeting they offered a unanimous endorsement of planned trail development by City of Hastings in Rutland Township.

Dan mentioned how pleased he is on how the board has been working together.

Jim started roundtable discussion concerning having annual holiday gathering after next meeting.

10. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned by acting chair Cary at 7:50pm