



Barry County Parks and Recreation

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Allison Hinton - Administrator • Jim Cary – Board Chair

Agenda

Barry County Parks and Recreation Board

Thursday, March 16, 2017 6:30 pm

Barry County Community Room

121 South Church Street, Hastings, MI 49058

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance** Jim called meeting to order 6:31 pm
2. **Roll Call**
Present: Jim Cary, Cindy Vujea, Rick Moore, Gerry Schmedicke, Patricia Johns, Steve Shults, Dan Parker Absent Catherine Getty.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
MOTIONED: Gerry motioned, Rick seconded. No discussion. All in favor
4. **Approval of Minutes: 2/16/17**
MOTIONED: Gerry motioned, Rick seconded. No discussion. All in favor
5. **Public Comment (3 minutes)**
Patricia spoke on behalf of new secretary. Unless you want to do the job, please do not harass the person on their efforts.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Elect/Appoint Secretary
Decided to put off until larger board. Allison agreed to record minutes.
 - b. Barry Roubaix Update
Allison gave vendor information to Patricia, Gerry, Dan. Patricia and her husband will handle set up Friday.
 - c. 2016 Grant Recipients Update
Allison gave an update that no grant recipients reimbursements have been submitted.
7. **New Business**
 - a. New Board Members
Allison presented that 2 potential board members will be interview by commissioner March 21st. Rick asked for more information on the candidates. Patricia stated that there was not information posted as of 3.15.17
 - b. PHTT Mowing Bid Review
Gerry/Jim met with Michael Brown. Gerry presented bid packet, contract
MOTION: Cindy motioned to accept as presented with changes. All approved.
discussion occurred with dates, bids opening and accepted in one meeting without checking references, etc
MOTION: Patricia motioned to change dates as amended. Rick 2nd. All in favor.
CHANGES: Commissioner to Board, Bids submitted by April 12th, Opened at Executive Meeting April 13th, Present to Board as a whole April 20th.
 - c. McKeown Bridge Park/Contracts - Allison
 - i. Garbage Pick Up - Les's will pick up every Monday for \$40 a month, 4

barrels. MOTIONED: Cindy motioned as presented, Steve 2nd. Roll Call Vote: All present approved.

ii. Vault Toilet Care - Hall's Septic agreed to same contract as 2016 totalling \$910. Gerry motioned to accept as presented. Cindy seconded. Roll Call Vote: All present approved.

iii. Mowing: Halifax is willing to continue mowing, putting in proposal of \$500 per month flat fee. Since bid is over \$1000, we need to collect 3 bids. Jim is going to call 2 other places.

d. Public Education Funding

Patricia just wanted to share a late notification of a grant that would help us have more of a public face. Also that we should look to budget an amount earmarked for matching funds when these types of grants pop up.

e. Water Trails

Steve just raising awareness of water trails in the state and wants to look to develop Thornapple River. Knows a consultant group for public policy development, LIAA. Cindy also added that Lee Adams out of Kalamazoo is a great recourse as well

f. Committees

i. Consolidation of Committees (Hinton)

Allison proposed consolidating special projects and marketing. Yes we are going to meet consolidate

ii. 2017 Committee Meeting Dates

Executive: 2nd Thursday at 8 am.

Trails: 2nd Friday, 9 am, Commissioner Court

Special Projects/Marketing March 30th, 6 pm

8. Committee Reports

a. Executive (**Cary**, Johns, Shults, Parker)

i. Finance Report (Shults)

b. Barry County Trails Committee (**Moore**, Cary, Schmedicke, Miller)

Steve-is the Hastings Trial a go? Hinton responded that Lee Hays hopes to attend April meeting. Moore said city was going to apply for a grant. Talks about grant givers Wal-Mart. Talks about DNR grants, etc.

c. Special Projects Committee (**Johns**, Shults, Cary)

d. Marketing Committee (Johns, Vujea, Parker)

9. Limited Public Comment (3 Minutes)

10. Board Member Comments

Cindy: Barry Township has applied for DNR grant. Going to improve park at Hickory Corners, American Legion-ball fields, playground equipment. Working to bring North Country trail up through Delton.

Patricia: we are beginning to see recreation more people talking about it. We have to remember in our updated 5 year plan, we need to put narrative in about changes in the past 5 years.

Cindy: Seeing a lot more discussion on healthy living in lots of varying entities.

Patricia: North County Trail people went to look at fallen trees, they are going to do some certified sawyer classes.

Allison informed the board about her resignation for April 30, 2017. She is willing to stay on to help hire, train, etc. for new person.

11. Adjourn Dan, Rick motions to adjourn. So moved.