

**GRAND LEDGE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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**GRAND LEDGE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
October 25, 2018
City Hall, Council Chambers
7:00 PM**

I. Call to Order – 7:00 PM, Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Chair Rachel Kuntzsch, Tiffany Harmon-Datsenko, Christine Richardson-Beagle, Eva Lund, and Chuck Mills

Absent – Raechel Marks and Ruthann Jaquette

Others Present – Victor Rose, Public Works Superintendent and Nicholas DiOrio, Grounds and Facilities Coordinator, and Mayor Thom Sowle

II. Approval of October 25, 2018, Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Mills, seconded by Commissioner Datsenko. Motion carried.

III. Approval of September 27, 2018 Parks & Recreation Commissioners' Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Datsenko, seconded by Commissioner Mills. Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Staff Reports

A. Monthly Financial Update –

Motion to Accept: Moved by Commissioner Datsenko, seconded by Commissioner Lund.
Motion carried.

B. Parks Update – Victor & Nick

Bids are high. Take bids in January. Kayak launch approved.

VI. Old Business

A. Performance Shelter (band shell) Update

Commissioners Kuntzsch and Marks attended Monday meetings.

Discussion on seating and placement. The volleyball and basketball courts will remain where they are currently.

B. Parks & Rec Master Plan

I. Project Priorities and Recommendations for 2019

Make the farmers' market a priority with restrooms.

II. Review of Master Plan Progress to Date

i. Review of Master Plan Progress to Date (pages: 34 & 45)

Commissioner Chair Kuntzsch went item by item on these pages.

Majority of these items have been completed.

Kudos to the City, its staff, and others to help make the Master Plan successful thus far.

Discussions on:

- J&K Steamboat replaced the wood at Island Park’s boat launch.
- Duck feed sign was installed at Island Park.
- Grand Ledge Splash Pad has been winterized. Water saving heads will be installed to improve water usage next summer.
- There is a restoration plan for the tree canopies along the river. Some of them are tilted towards the river and need to be replaced to insure the roots are rooted in the ground. Victor Rose, Public Works Superintendent, will meet with a arborist to discuss removal and planting new trees to benefit our parks.

VII. Public Comment

Eaton County Parks Director Troy Stowell introduced himself and spoke before the Commissioners.

Discussion on the replacement of the ledge’s stairs (84). There have been quotes of \$130,000 +).

Dog Park – work and fundraising (\$22-36,000) being done to be installed at Lincoln Brick Park.

There are vacancies in the Eaton County Parks & Recreation Commission.

Their budget will be increased by 1.14%. Grants need to be written.

VIII. Commission Comments

None

IX. Adjournment: 7:51 pm

Secretary, Christine Richardson-Beagle _____

Chair, Rachel Kuntzsch _____

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