

**GRAND LEDGE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
January 23, 2020
Council Chambers**

I. Call to Order – 7:01 PM

Roll Call

| COMMISSIONERS | PRESENT | ABSENT |
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| Rachel Kuntzsch, Chair | | X |
| Dave Logel, Secretary | X | |
| Taegan Byers | | X |
| Ruthann Jaquette | X | |
| Michael Krombeen | X | |
| Eva Lund | X | |
| Raechel Marks | X | |
| Dylan Westrin | X | |
| Vacant – Grand Ledge Public Schools | | |
| OTHERS | | |
| Tom Jancek, City Council Liaison | X | |
| Kurt Ristow, Public Works Superintendent | X | |

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Special Meeting agenda for January 23, 2020. Moved by Commissioner Jaquette, seconded by Commissioner Marks. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of October 24, 2019 Minutes

Motion to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission minutes from October 24, 2019. Moved by Commissioner Lund, seconded by Commissioner Jaquette. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Mayor Thom Sowle – City is consider a DNR grant for Equi at Jaycee and bathroom structure; lease of Fitz expires this year;

Staff Reports

a. Monthly Financial Statement

Motion to receive the Parks & Recreation Commission financial statement as presented and place on file made by Commissioner Krombeen, seconded by Commissioner Jaquette.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Parks Update

Gulf Street demolished and finished up – gravel lot will be installed; Mowing contract with Eaton County is up and RFP has been posted; Grant proposal for playground and restrooms at Jaycee

III. Old Business

a. Implementing No Smoking Policy

Presentation by Troy Stowell – designated areas are smoke-free, not the entire park; they are going to re-look at this because of new laws and new technology; enforcement includes possible removal from parks – have not had issues with guests complying; they are eight years into their policy

Discussion from commission members including concerns about the policy’s alignment with Eaton County parks and its language about vaping devices.

Motion to amend the main motion to include “with consideration to align with Eaton County Parks’ policy” made by Krombeen and seconded by Jaquette; carried unanimously.

Motion to recommend that City Council implement a no smoking policy in all City parks with consideration to align with Eaton County Parks’ policy. Moved by Commissioner Jaquette, seconded by Commissioner Krombeen. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Annual Calendar for Commission Meeting Dates/Times

Motion to adopt the schedule of regular Parks & Recreation Commission meetings for 2020 as noted. Moved by Commissioner Westrin, seconded by Commissioner Marks. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Splashpad Rules

Motion to adopt the splashpad rules, as noted. Moved by Commissioner Lund, seconded by Commissioner Jaquette. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. New Business

None.

V. Public Comment

Mayor Sowle – commended commission for no-smoking policy vote; encouraged support of possible grant

VI. Commission Comments

Commissioner Westrin introduced himself
Commissioner Logel thanked members for chance to be acting chair

VII. Adjournment: 7:29 pm

Submitted by:

Commissioner Logel, Secretary

_____, Chair