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Senior Center Network makes longer lives, better lives.*

**Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2019, 5 p.m.
Commission Chambers, Second Floor, Governmental Center
400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49684
MINUTES**

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5 p.m.

C. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: David Grams, Rob Hentschel, Rod Kivell, William Mouser, John Roth, Shirley Zerafa, Whitney Waara

Commissioners Absent: Steve Largent, Rodetta Harrand

Others Present: Kristine Erickson, Director, Ryan Walsh, Office Manager, Katelynn Brown, Office Coordinator, Ariel Perreault, Office Specialist, Lori Wells, Senior Center Network Manager, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation; Jalen Provo, County Resident and member of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Planning Committee; Koffi Kpvachavi, Grand Traverse Conservation District Executive Director; Andrew Page, Grand Traverse Bay YMCA CEO

D. First Public Comment

There was no public comment.

E. Approval of/Additions to Agenda

MOTION by Roth, second by Grams to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

F. Special Orders of Business/Presentations

1. Welcome and Introduce Grand Traverse Conservation District Executive Director Koffi Kpvachavi
The Director introduced Koffi Kpvachavi to the Parks Commission.
Kpvachavi gave spoke to the commission about his professional background and expertise.
2. Welcome and Introduce Grand Traverse Bay YMCA CEO Andy Page
The Director introduced Andrew Page to the Parks Commission.
Page spoke the Commission and expressed his excitement for being in his new position.

G. Consent Calendar

Receive and File

1. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Network Budget Report
2. Grand Traverse Conservation District's Monthly Report
3. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Network Department Report
4. Central Y Membership Statistics
5. Signed First Amendment to Agreement for the River Outfitters' Use of Medalie Park
6. Letter from Patron Requesting Civic Center Track Resurfacing of Civic Center Park
7. Letter from Patron Regarding Upkeep of Plaza at Civic Center Park

Approvals

8. Draft Minutes for May 29, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting
10. Draft Minutes for May 9, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission

MOTION by Zerafa, second by Hentschel to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 7.
Motion carried.

H. Items Removed from Consent Calendar

1. Item 7. Letter from Patron Regarding Upkeep of Plaza at Civic Center Park
Commissioner Roth had questions related to the cleanliness of Civic Center Park.
The Director responded to Roth's question and explained the action being taken.

MOTION by Hentschel, second by Grams, to receive and file Item 7. of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried.

I. Reports

1. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Report
The Director summarized her written report to the Commission.
[Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Written Report](#)
2. Committee and Representative Reports
Commissioner Kivell gave a verbal report on the Business Development Team.
Commissioner Mouser gave a verbal report on the Nature Education Reserve (NER). The NER meetings take place quarterly and there was little to report on.

J. New Business

1. Proposed Park Rule Amendment Prohibiting Use of Marihuana in County Parks (Director)
MOTION by Grams, second by Zerafa, to approve amending Section 2. Unlawful act generally, of the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission Rule (County Park Rules) to state that it is unlawful:

"To intentionally smoke, ingest, consume, or otherwise use marihuana, or cannabis, or liquids or solids containing any type of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) on County Parks Property. "Smoke" means to inhale the vapor of a solid or liquid substance that has been heated. "Ingest" means to swallow a solid or liquid substance. "Consume" means to take a substance into the body which was previously outside the body".

Roll Call Vote

Yaes: Grams, Hentschel, Kivell, Mouser, Roth, Zerafa, Waara (7)

Nays: (0)

Absent: Harrand, Largent (2)

Motion passes, 7 to 0.

2. Request to Apply for Commune O2 Technology Grant

MOTION by Kivell, second by Hentschel to approve entering into an agreement with CommuneO2 to be a participating organization in the technology and aging program, pending approval of the agreement by legal counsel.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Zerafa, Roth, Mouser, Kivell, Hentschel, Grams, and Waara (7)

Nays: (0)

Absent: Harrand, Largent (2)

Motion passes, 7 to 0.

3. Agreement Renewal: VISTA Worker

MOTION by Roth, second by Kivell, to authorize execution of the 2019-2020 Memorandum of Understanding for continuation of the AmeriCorps VISTA program and to approve the expending \$9,000 for the program, pending Administrator's approval, per the County's Purchasing Policy.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Mouser, Zerafa, Kivell, Hentschel, Roth, Grams, Waara (7)

Nays: None (0)

Excused: Harrand and Largent (0)

Motion passes 7 to 0.

K. Old Business

1. Tritons at Medalie Park Construction Update

Link: [Handout-Vessel Enclosure Relocation at Medalie Park](#)

MOTION by Roth, second by Hentschel, to approve relocating Tritons' vessel enclosure in Medalie Park to site indicated, after obtaining any required permits from Garfield Township or any other entity and providing them to Director. If no permits are required, then provide proof, in writing, to Director.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Mouser, Zerafa, Kivell, Hentschel, Roth, Grams, Waara (7)

Nays: (0)

Excused: Harrand and Largent (2)

Motion passes 7 to 0.

2. Proposed Timeline and Plan for Civic Center Planning Process

MOTION by Roth, second by Grams to approve a relatively close timeline as presented, and authorize staff to work with consultant, Administration, Finance, and Facilities Management to identify and begin projects in 2019 that will improve north end of Civic Center. Motion carried.

3. Design Development for Northwest Corner of Civic Center Park

Link: [Handout-IDF Proposal for NW Corner of Civic Center](#)

L. Second Public Comment

There was no public comment.

M. Notices and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Roth praised the success of the MI Career Quest Event held at the Civic Center.

N. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.