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**Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting  
Thursday, August 8, 2019, 5 p.m.  
Commission Chambers, Second Floor, Governmental Center  
400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49684  
MINUTES**

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Rob Hentschel, Rod Kivell, Steve Largent, John Roth, Whitney Waara, Shirley Zerafa, Rodetta Harrand

Commissioners Absent: David Grams, William Mouser

Others Present: Kristine Erickson, Director, Ryan Walsh, Office Manager, Lori Wells, SCN Manager, Katelynn Brown, Office Coordinator, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation; Penny Morris, Crystal Bindi Studio Owner; Erin Whiting, Executive Director, Parallel 45; Chris Kushman, TART Trails; Dean Frick, Orchard Shores HOA; Lloyd Morris, Jalen Provo, Michelle Houghton, Linda Peoples, Suzannah Greeve, Kelly Lambert, Alanna Crouch, Grand Traverse County residents

**D. First Public Comment**

Alanna Crouch spoke in support of Crystal Bindi Studios.

Linda Peoples spoke in support of Crystal Bindi Studios.

Erin Whiting spoke regarding Parallel 45's first season.

Michelle Houghton spoke in support of Crystal Bindi Studios.

Suzannah Greve spoke in support of Crystal Bindi Studios.

**E. Approval of/Additions to Agenda**

MOTION by Largent, second by Zerafa, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**F. Special Orders of Business/Presentations**

There was no Special Orders of Business/Presentations.

**G. Consent Calendar**

MOTION by Waara, second Roth, to receive and file and approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried.

***Receive and File***

1. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Network Budget Report
2. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Network Department Report
3. Grand Traverse Bay YMCA Central Y Use Statistics
4. Stitches of Kindness Comment Form: Thank-you
5. Approved Minutes from May 7, 2019 Business Development Team Meeting
6. Draft Minutes from July 17, 2019 Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners' Meeting

#### **Approvals**

1. Draft Minutes from July 11, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

#### **H. Items Removed from Consent Calendar**

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

#### **I. Reports**

1. Parks and Recreation-Senior Center Report  
The Director summarized her written report to the Commission.  
Lori Wells summarized her report to the Commission.
2. Committee and Representative Reports  
Commissioner Kivell briefed the Commission on the recent Business Develop Team Meeting.  
Commissioner Hentschel briefed the Commission on recent meetings of the County Board of Commissioners.

#### **J. New Business**

1. Maple Bay Park: Request to Remove Hazardous Trees Per Orchard Shores Subdivision Easement  
MOTION by Hentschel, second by Zerafa, to approve Orchard Shores HOA to maintain the property at their own expense as prescribed in the easement.  
Roll Call Vote  
Yeas: Hentschel, Kivell, Largent, Roth, Waara, Zerafa, Harrand (7)  
Nays: (0)  
Absent: Grams, Mouser (2)  
Motion passes, 7 to 0.

#### **K. Old Business**

1. VASA Trailhead: Proposed Memo of Understanding for VASA Pathway Bartlett Road Trailhead Mountain Bike Skill Building Loops Project  
MOTION by Kivell, second by Largent, to sign and fulfill the Memo of Understanding for VASA Pathway Bartlett Road Trailhead Mountain Bike Skill Building Loops Project.  
Roll Call Vote  
Yeas: Zerafa, Waara, Roth, Largent, Kivell, Hentschel, Harrand (7)  
Nays: (0)  
Absent: Grams, Mouser (2)  
Motion passes, 7 to 0.
2. Civic Center Park: Request to Apply for Seed Grant for Master Site Plan  
MOTION by Largent, second by Hentschel, to authorize Director to apply for a Rotary Charities seed grant for the master site plan at the Civic Center, and to authorize expending \$5,000 from the Parks and Recreation Commission's budget toward this project as the required match  
Roll Call Vote  
Yeas: Zerafa, Waara, Roth, Largent, Kivell, Hentschel, Harrand (7)  
Nays: (0)  
Absent: Grams, Mouser (2)  
Motion passes, 7 to 0.
3. Twin Lakes Park: Request for Internet Upgrade

MOTION by Hentschel, second by Roth, approve the expenditure of up to \$7,000 to install coax internet for Gilbert Lodge.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Waara, Largent, Zerafa, Kivell, Hentschel, Roth, Harrand (7)

Nays: (0)

Absent: Grams, Mouser (2)

Motion passes, 7 to 0.

4. Twin Lakes Park: Second draft of Proposed Agreement for Crystal Bindi Studios' Use of Lower Level of Gilbert Lodge at Twin Lakes Park

MOTION Roth, second by Zerafa, to approve the continuation of the Partnership with Crystal Bindi Studios at the proposed amounts as presented in the agreement for three years.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Hentschel, Kivell, Largent, Roth, Waara, Zerafa, Harrand (7)

Nays: (0)

Absent: Grams, Mouser (2)

Motion passes, 7 to 0.

5. Natural Education Reserve: Request to Name the Landing

MOTION by Hentschel, second by Waara, to approve the naming of the new landing at the former Boardman Dam location as Jack's Landing.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Zerafa, Waara, Roth, Kivell, Hentschel, Harrand (6)

Nays: (0)

Abstained: Largent (1)

Absent: Grams, Mouser (2)

Motion passes, 6 to 0.

#### **L. Second Public Comment**

Kelly Lambert thanked the commission for supporting Crystal Bindi Studios.

Lloyd Morris spoke regarding the Twin Lakes Property and Crystal Bindi Studios.

#### **M. Notices and Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Roth addressed the matter regarding the Maple Bay House Fire Training.

Commissioner Harrand spoke regarding the Northwestern Michigan Fair.

#### **N. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.