

Gratiot County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2022
Alma Public Library, 500 E Superior St, Alma, MI 48801

Commission Member Present: D. Yost, D. Netzley, J. Lemmermann K. Davis, J. Lewis, C. Ross, H. Soderberg, J. Bollinger, D. Terwilliger & J. Macha

Commission Members Absent: None

Others Present: P. Little & T. Lemmermann

1. **Introductions and Welcome:** All in attendance and made introductions.
2. **Invocation**
3. **Declaration of Quorum:** Quorum was declared with 10 members present
4. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve was made by J. Bollinger, seconded by C. Ross, Approved by all present, motion passed.
5. **Approval of March 16, 2022 Minutes:** A motion to approve was made by K. Davis, seconded by J. Macha. Approved by all present, motion passed.
6. **Public comment:** None
7. **Financial Report:** A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by J. Lemmermann, seconded by J. Lewis. Approved by all present, motion passed.
8. **Directors Report:**
 - a. Getting the parks up and running. Working on turning water on and next week will be testing the water with the Health Department.
 - b. Warmer weather this coming up week anticipating that people are going to come to the parks
 - c. First full weekend in May will have reservations for pavilions and campsites.
 - d. Received some new hardware for the POS System. 4 laptops have been ordered.
 - e. The fishing platforms @ Reed's Park has some boards that are pushed up and missing a couple bolts as well.
 - f. Softball & Baseball are practicing on the fields already. Haven gotten a lot of calls to reserve the ball diamonds.
 - g. Guys have been finishing up the Concessions Stand for Reed's Park. Electricians have been there they should have like a half of a day left.
9. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Universal access canoe/kayak launch engineering update:** Spoke with ROWE and meeting with them next week on-site.
 - b. **Reed Park Paving Project Update:** Got the packet back from ROWER and ready to go out for bid next week.
 - c. **Elm Hall Park:** A motion was made by K. Davis that we do not purchase Elm Hall Park. Seconded by J. Lemmermann. Approved by all present, motion passed.

10. New Business:

- a. Drones:** Pete is going to look into other parks and Recs to see what they permit about flying drones in the park.
- b. Dog Signage:** We would like to have more signage throughout the park about keeping dogs on leashes and no dogs allowed on the beach area
- c. Pay Grade:** A motion was made by J. Lemmermann to increase the starting pay to 14.00 for weekday and 15.00 for weekends for the park rangers and 16.00 for the managers. Seconded by H. Soderberg. Approved by all present, motion passed.
- d. Security Cameras:** A quote for security camera came back at 11,800.00 for the more expense and 6,871.00 for the lesser. The board decided to wait on purchasing security cameras through EPS.

11. Additions: None

12. Commission Member Comments: None

13. Adjournment: A Motion to adjourn was made by D. Netzley, seconded by C. Ross, Approved by all present, motion carried at 7:07 pm.

Jennie L Bollinger

Jennie L Bollinger, Secretary