

MINUTES OF THE LENAWEE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING HELD APRIL 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am and conducted via Zoom. Present were Chris Wittenbach, Dan R. Bruggeman, KZ Bolton and Ralph Tillotson.

Also present from Administration were Marty Marshall, Kim Murphy and Mike Sexton.

Upon motion made and supported,

RESOLVED, The Minutes of the meeting held on March 15, 2021 were approved as presented.

Janet Kauffman joined the meeting in an effort to express her interest in and support of Medina Park as an environmental natural area. She reports that many bird watchers visit the park to view a wide variety of birds, some of which are quite rare. She also expressed concern that recent construction might adversely affect the park, especially the Vernal pond and Creek banks. She was advised that US Fish and Wildlife was supervising the work and that intended to maintain and restore a proper Vernal pond drain.

Justin Gepert from Visit Lenawee joined the meeting to report on his organization's work to promote visits to and use of the County Parks and suggested the installation of more educational signs and trail markers.

Mike Sexton presented a parks report.

As to Medina Park, electricity has been extended to both gazebos and a new horse shoe pit is needed.

Upon motion made and supported,

It has been authorized to commit \$500 for a new horse shoe pit facility.

As to Bi-Centennial Park, fence repairs and trail clean-up is needed and underway.

As to Gerber Park, brush cutting and clean-up and pond access are underway and new fencing is needed.

A boardwalk from the pond through the wet lands in the woods is being explored.

As to Iron Lake, clean-up is underway and the dock is going in.

Upon motion made and supported,

It has been authorized, that a new in ground picnic table was authorized at the cost of \$1,000.

As to Ramsdell Park, the trails are being cleared and brush is being removed. The Prairie burn was deferred until late autumn.

As to Taylor Road Park, clean-up of trails and parking lot is underway.

The Parks Commission meeting was adjourned at 12:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dan R. Bruggeman, Secretary