

PARKS COMMISSION

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MEMBERS

Karol "KZ" Bolton, Ralph Tillotson,
Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Dawn Bales, Dan Bruggeman

MEETING LOCATION

Chambers
301 N. Main Street - Adrian, MI

Minutes: Monday, April 17, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.

Attendees: Commissioners Bolton, Jenkins-Arno, and Commissioner Van Doren appointed to the committee by the chair for the purpose of a quorum.

Absent: Dan Bruggeman, Ralph Tillotson, and Dawn Bales

Others Present: Commissioner Martis, Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliott, Tim Mehan, and Rob VanNieuwenhze

I. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Jenkins-Arno, seconded by Van Doren, to approve the March 20th minutes. Motion carried.

II. Finance Report

Administrator Murphy presented the finance report.

Motion to accept the finance report by Van Doren, seconded by Jenkins-Arno. Motion carried.

Request: PK 2204 Project Closure- Ramsdell picnic tables/ benches/ outhouse repairs

Motion to approve the closure of project PK 2204 by Jenkins-Arno, seconded by Van Doren. Motion carried.

III. Parks Updates

A. Bicentennial Park – The Warner family is interested in making a donation in memory of a deceased loved one by means of planting a tree or installing a bench. The family will work with Building and Grounds to facilitate that request.

B. Ramsdell Park – The Oak Foundation donated \$25,000.00 to the park for signage and playground equipment. The Oak Foundation made the same donation to Siena Heights University to study the park's ecosystem protecting it from invasive shrubs and pond eutrophication.

IV. Updates & Other Business

- A.** Deerfield is considering the allowance of a cell tower near Gerber Park. The tower will rise just under 200ft to not interfere with FAA regulations and will be FCC compliant.

V. Public Comment

No Public Comment was offered.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Jenkins- Arno, seconded by Van Doren, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am. Motion carried.

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Parks Commission Goals

- Further development of parks and activities
 - Potential projects volunteer group
 - Review Parks Plan
- Partnership with forest management (LISD or Lenawee Conservation, MSU Extension, Lenawee Farm Bureau, forestry group, others) -
Decrease dead wood, increase good production, tear out grape vine, clean out invasive & diseased vegetation/trees