

1 **PRAIRIEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**
2 **Regular Meeting**
3 **July 26, 2021; 6:30 PM; Prairieville Township Hall**

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5 **AGENDA**

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7 **CALL TO ORDER**

8 The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Haneckow at 6:30 p.m.
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10 **ROLL CALL**

11 Members present: Joanna Haneckow, Scott Kuebler, John Kurak, Kevin Louden and
12 Judy Risdon

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14 Members absent: none

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16 There was 2 public members present.
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18 **REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA**

19 Review of the agenda.

- 20 • **Motion by Scott Kuebler and seconded by Kevin Louden that the July 26,**
21 **2021, agenda be approved; all ayes, motion carried.**
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23 **REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES**

24 Review of the minutes.

- 25 • **Motion by Scott Kuebler and seconded by Judy Risdon that the June 28,**
26 **2021, regular meeting minutes be approved; all ayes, motion carried.**
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28 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

29 Treasurer John Kurak gave the report. The Bank Balance/pooled cash is at
30 \$131,988.50 according to his records. This does not agree with Treasurer Pence's
31 amount which is \$11,411.59. The discrepancy is 3 months of deposits equaling
32 \$20,676.87. Treasurer Kurak will talk to Treasurer Pence and get this reconciled.
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34 **BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

- 35 • **Motion by John Kurak and supported by Scott Kuebler to pay the bills in**
36 **the amount of \$ 11,411.59; all ayes, motion carried.**
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38 **CORRESPONDENCE**

39 Correspondence is all updated.
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41 **PARKS and GROUNDS REPORT**

42 The parks are in very good condition. Over 2 weeks ago there was a very large tree in
43 Gull Lake Park that came down. Fortunately, no one was there but a picnic table was

44 ruined. The tree was removed the next day. Parks Manager, Rob Robinson, said there
45 is at least one more tree that needs to be taken down and probably more. He also
46 talked about Pine Lake Recreation Center and said it has become very popular. It
47 might be time to look at reservations for it.

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49 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minutes)

50 Phil Isom

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52 Mr. Isom was in attendance to talk about Gull Lake Boat Launch concerns. Every
53 weekend that there is good weather there have been issues that are causing major
54 safety concerns around the Gull Lake Park. This is caused by people waiting for long
55 periods of time to get into the park as it is full. People are parking along the road and
56 have even gone into neighbors' driveways. Secretary Risdon is also a resident there
57 and agreed this is a huge concern. Mr. Isom requested a closed sign be put up when
58 the park is full and to look at a reservation system. He stated if this is not handled there
59 will be legal action.

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61 There were discussions with the Parks Commission members, Parks Manager Rob
62 Robinson and Mr. Isom. Following these intense conversations there were apologies
63 for any misunderstandings. Everyone agreed the problem needs to be solved and the
64 goal is to work together to get that done.

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66 Initial steps to proceed:

- 67 ○ The Parks Commission will revisit the reservation system.
- 68 ○ The neighbors are looking at a way to have the speed limit lowered in that area.
69 The Parks Commission will support any recommendations or outcomes.
- 70 ○ The Chief or Prairieville Township has been previously contacted about this
71 concern. He attended a Parks meeting. Chairperson Haneckow will recontact
72 Chief Callahan and share this new information. Steps will be taken to follow any
73 of his recommendations to improve the safety at Gull Lake Park.

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75 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

76 Parker Road Brush Clearing

77 The brush was cleared and the visibility is better.

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79 Survey Finding for 5 year plan including ADA considerations

80 ADA summary:

81 The only bathroom ADA compliant is Gull Lake.

82 The boat launches are not compliant at three areas.

83 Additional playground equipment is needed at Pine Lake Rec Center.

84 Access to Pickleball courts needs to be widened.

85 All parking areas need identified handicap parking.

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87 See the attached document for survey data analysis and next steps.

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90 Gull Lake Stream Update
91 Chairperson Haneckow will follow up on this and report back.

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93 Fishing Tournament Scheduling
94 Recreation Director Kuebler reported that there are no conflicts with tournaments for the
95 rest of the year.

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97 Candidates for Park Manager
98 Nine candidates who had applied for the Park Manager position were invited to attend
99 the meeting. One candidate chose to do so. T.K. Pence was in attendance. The
100 commission had an opportunity to talk to him along with Park Manger Rob Robinson.
101 Mr. Pence also had the chance to ask questions and learn more about the position.

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103 **NEW BUSINESS**

104 None

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106 **PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minutes)**

107 None

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109 **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

110 Chairperson Joanna Haneckow – Thank you, everyone.

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112 Vice Chairperson Kevin Loudon – I really appreciate you, Rob.

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114 Secretary Judy Risdon – All is good.

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116 Treasurer John Kurak – Nothing more to add.

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118 Recreation Director Scott Kuebler – The fishing is good. Thank you, Rob!

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121 **ADJOURNMENT at 8:40 p.m.**

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123 Respectfully submitted,

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126 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries

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