

Regular Parks Commission Meeting on April 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL: Call to order 6:31PM

Chairperson – MarryAnn Devries-Present

Vice-chairperson - Kevin Louden-Present

Secretary - Judy Risdon- Present

Treasurer – Gary Baumgardener- Present

Recreation Director - Scott Kuebler- Present

Public present; 3

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to accept the agenda as presented made by Scott Kuebler, second by Kevin Louden

Yeas carry

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Scott Kuebler, second by Kevin Louden

Yeas carry

TREASURER'S REPORT – pooled cash as of 3-31-2022: \$145,895.33

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion made to accept the Treasure's report & to pay bills in the amount of \$6635.28 made by Gary Baumgardener, seconded by MarryAnn Devries

Yeas carry

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PARKS REPORT – PARKS MANAGER

- Winter deadfall at the parks will be burned weather permitting
- The court nets for the Pickle Ball are up. The separating court nets will be placed.
- The ball diamonds are being used. The bases, etc. will be placed.
- Volley Ball nets will be placed when it warms up.
- Doggy Bag Dispensers will be ordered
- The pricing for the replacement docks is still coming in to the builders. MarryAnn Devries is searching for grants to help with the pricing. The tires on the Handicapped dock are flat. Repairs will be addressed.
- The swimming buoys at Gull Lake need to be placed. The divers have not Scheduled installation as yet.
- The water quality measurements have been sent to the appropriate office.

FISHING TOURNAMENT UPDATE - RECREATION DIRECTOR

GULL LAKE HAS FISHING TOURNAMENTS **62**

UPPER CROOKED HAS **49**

LOWER CROOKED HAS **2**

PINE LAKE HAS **32** with **18** scheduled for Center Street

Rank	Waterbody	County	Heaviest Fish (lb.)
1	Center Lake		
2	Fine Lake	Jackson	8.61
3	Portage Lake	Barry	7.80
4	Portage Lake	Jackson	7.71
5	Indian River	Jackson	7.59
6	Lake Erie	Cheboygan	7.37
7	St. Joseph River	Wayne	6.75
8	Lake Saint Clair	Berrien	6.70
9	Gull Lake	Macomb	6.67
10	Indian River	Barry	6.55
11	Indian River	Cheboygan	6.50
12	Indian River	Cheboygan	6.48
13	Mona Lake	Muskegon	6.40
14	Indian River	Cheboygan	6.36
14	Cloverdale Lake	Barry	6.32
16	Lake Saint Clair	Macomb	6.32
16	Klinger Lake	Saint Joseph	6.30
16	St. Joseph River	Berrien	6.30
16	Lake Superior	Chippewa	6.30
19	Brevoort Lake	Mackinac	6.28
20	Michigamme Reservoir	Iron	6.26
20	Lake Saint Clair	Macomb	6.26
22	Kent Lake	Oakland	6.25
22	Mullett Lake	Cheboygan	6.25
24	Barton Lake	Kalamazoo	6.24
24	Hubbard Lake	Alcona	6.24

Rank	WaterBody	County	# of Tournaments
1	Lake Saint Clair	Macomb (76), Saint Clair (7)	83
2	Gun Lake	Allegan (9), Barry (54)	63
3	Gull Lake	Barry	61
4	Grand River including Lloyd Bayou	Ingham (13), Ionia (12), Ottawa (31), Lloyd Bayou (1)	57
4	Muskegon Lake	Muskegon	57
6	Jordan Lake	Barry	52
7	Upper Crooked Lake	Barry	50
8	Lobdell Lake	Genesee	42
8	Portage Lake	Saint Joseph	42
10	White Lake	Muskegon	39
11	Morrison Lake	Ionia	35
12	Lake Ponemah	Genesee	33
13	Klinger Lake	Saint Joseph	31
13	Paw Paw Lake	Berrien	31
15	Kalamazoo Lake	Allegan	29

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes - state name and address)

Larry Carter, 263 S Gull Lake Dr, Richland, expressed his Thanks "for your hard work" representing the Gull Lake Sailing Club. The club is eager to get on the water.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 175 update-information

The Township Board has passed the Ordinance, the Public Notice has been published in the paper, and will be in effect May 21, 2022.

Update for UCL Wash Station

There have been 5 meetings with the Upper Crooked Lake Boat Wash Committee. There was discussion. A list of what we are currently doing to help the process was made. We are offering our Parks Manager to get the wash station going, our Assistant Parks Manager will help with scheduling, \$11,000.00 to pay for needs for the wash station and committee members from the Commission are helping with planning. In addition, a motion was made to help get resident volunteers by offering an incentive.

A motion was made by Judy Risdon, seconded by Scott Kuebler, to support the Upper Crooked Lake Boat Wash Station by offering a one-time code for those volunteering to man the Boat Wash. Yeas carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Recycle Container at Parks – Judy

Judy & TK have noted the amount of returnable bottles and can tossed in the trash over the winter at Gull Lake. Options were discussed.

A motion was made to place containers for returnables, beginning at Gull Lake for a trial. 1st Judy Risdon, 2nd by Gary Baumgardener

Yeas carry

North Country Trail Kiosk at Parker Road – Eric Longman, 15928 Woodlawn Beach <https://northcountrytrail.org/trail/michigan/cnd/>

The North Country Trail passes from New Hampshire to North Dakota through Barry County and Prairieville Township. The Chief Noon Day Chapter is requesting permission to place a kiosk at the Parker Road Park to offer education & information about the North Country Trail. The chapter has donated a picnic table to the area for hikers to have an area to rest and picnic. There are 420 hikers attempting to collect badges for segments of the Trail they have successfully traveled. The placement of a porta john was discussed.

A motion was made for permission to have the Chief Noon Day Chapter place a kiosk in the park at Parker Road. 1st MarryAnn Devries, 2nd by Gary Baumgardener

Yeas carry

A date will be set to discuss placement options and installation of the kiosk.



Sign – TK and Judy

Discussion has been held regarding the placement of a sign with directions for parking at Gull Lake when the lot is full.

A ceiling of \$350 is set for the sandwich board and printing on the sign. TK will arrange for the sign to be made with writing on both sides to be displayed at the Gull Lake launch site

Replacement of OPEN sign at Gull Lake – TK

The LED sign at Gull Lake has many bulbs out. It will cost \$300 to replace the sign. It is currently on 24 hours.

A motion was made by Judy Risdon, seconded by Gary Baumgardener to remove the sign.

Yeas carry

The sign will be removed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes - state name and address)

Larry Carter, 263 S Gull Lake Dr, Richland, expressed concerns regarding the value of boat washing.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chairperson – MarryAnn Devries- Thank you all for coming and to the commission for the work you are doing!

Vice-chairperson - Kevin Loudon- Thank you all for coming.

Secretary - Judy Risdon- Yes, Thank you all for coming.

Treasurer – Gary Baumgardener- I attended the 4.14.2022 Planning & Zoning committee meeting. The Prairieville Creek Overlay proposal has been removed from the discussion for the present

Recreation Director - Scott Kuebler- How are we doing on applications for summer help? Maryann is going to contact the High Schools again to see if there is any interest.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn by Judy Risdon, 2nd by MarryAnn Devries @ 7:58 PM Yeas carry

Respectfully submitted: Lorraine Brown

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