NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: October 8, 2019
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Parks Administration Building, 2230 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645

AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of the Minutes
   A. September 10, 2019 Working Session (attached, pp. 1-3 /action item)
   B. September 13, 2019 Meeting (attached, pp. 4-6 /action item)

3. Public Comment

4. Communications, Projects & Activities (attached, pp. 7-30 /action item)

5. Consent Agenda
   A. NAPP – Landau Final Approval (attached, pp. 31-36 / action item)
   B. NAPP – Laier Final Approval (attached, pp. 37-41 / action item)
   C. B2B – TAP Grant Resolution (attached, pp. 42-44 / action item)
   D. B2B – 2021-24 Road Millage Support Resolution (attached, p. 45 / action item)

6. Financial & Recreation Reports - September 2019
   A. Financial Reports (attached, pp. 46-48 /action item)
   B. Recreation Reports (attached, pp. 49-54 /action item)

7. Old Business
   A. Electrical Proposal for Rolling Hills and Independence Lake (attached, pp. 55-56 /action item)
   B. Staebler Farm County Park Presentation (presentation at meeting)
   C. Connecting Communities Program Update (presentation at meeting)
   D. Adoption of the 2020-24 Master Plan (attached, pp. 57-58 /action item)
   E. Other Old Business

8. New Business
   A. Boat House Livery at Independence Lake – RFP (attached, pp. 59-60 /action item)
   B. Summer Day Camp Program Funding (attached, pp. 61-62 /action item)
   C. NAPP – Moehrle contribution (attached, pp. 63-68 /action item)
   D. Other New Business

9. Commissioners / Directors Comments

10. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF WORKING SESSION

Date: September 10, 2019
Time: 2:00 p.m.
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Members Present: Robert Marans, WCPARC President; Patricia Scribner, WCPARC Vice President; Daniel Ezekiel, Brenda McKinney, and Sue Shink

Members Absent: Janice Anschuetz, WCPARC Secretary-Treasurer, Barb Fuller, Janis Bobrin, Ricky Jefferson, and Evan Pratt

Staff Present: Coy Vaughn, Director; Meghan Bonfiglio, Deputy Director; Ginny Trocchio, Superintendent of Park Planning and Natural Areas; Jason Brooks, Manager of Finance and Administration; Allison Krueger, Stewardship Manager; Jeffrey Dehring, Park Planner

Others Present: Matt Grocoff, Veridian at County Farm; Gregory Schoefer, Stantec.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Marans called the working session to order at 2:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Communications, Projects & Activities

Mr. Vaughn presented the Communications and the Projects & Activities presentation and report which included a thank you from the mayor of Saline; article in The SunTimes on the opening of the B2B trail segment in Chelsea; article on the Playground Program Camp in “On the Ground Ypsilanti”; and an Mlive article on B2B for rebuilding portion of the trail in Ann Arbor.

Ms. Macyda presented overview of the Master Plan timeline and process.

Ms. Macyda also presented an update on the Connecting Communities program. This year staff modified the proposal process to require submittal of pre-proposals and pre application meeting. The proposals are due Sept. 15th this year and will be presented to the Commission at a future meeting.

Marans requested a presentation on all projects and status to date. Mr. Vaughn mentioned that more detail will be provided when staff presents this year’s funding requests to the Commission. He also reminded Commissioners that the road millage is also up for renewal next year.
Two Connecting Communities projects were just completed including Platt – Textile Greenway in Pittsfield Township, which brings it to 11 miles completed in Pittsfield Township.

Ms. Squiers and Ms. Robinson presented an overview of horticulture work within County Parks. Eight of the 13 parks have gardens: Rolling Hills, Pierce Lake, Independence Lake, Parker Mill, Staebler, County Farm Park, Sharon Mills and Pierce Lake Golf Course. Some parks have seasonal staff that take care of the gardens. Staff also partners with MSU Extension and Master Gardeners to get volunteers to help maintain the gardens. In addition, staff provide educational programs and community events.

Matt Grocoff gave an overview presentation of the planned development adjacent to County Farm Park, Veridian at County Farm Park. A portion of the property will be owned and developed by Avalon for affordable housing. The development is considered a mixed income, net zero community with additional amenities to include 100% all-electric development powered by solar, connection to wooded trails at County Farm Park, landscaping to be dedicated to food production, a multifunctional community barn, greenhouse and retail center with coffee shop and a full service Farm Stop grocery, among others. Mr. Grocoff stated that he would come back to the Commission in a few months with more detailed plans and a likely request for a grading easement and other opportunities to better coordinate his development with County Farm Park.

8. New Business

A. Electrical Issues Presentation – Stantec

Mr. Vaughn presented an overview of the electrical issues and resolutions to date for Independence Lake and Rolling Hills. Stantec met with staff at the beginning of the summer to get an initial assessment. Greg Schofer from Stantec, presented a list of recommendations to the Commission to be able to monitor energy surges, brown outs, and how to address issues when power is out. Alternative solutions include generators to operate the entire water park that could automatically trigger on and off as needed.

Sue Shink, asked about solar power as an option. Mr. Schofer replied that Rolling Hills needs almost 1MGW of energy; Independence Lake needs 250 KWh. In addition, he noted that solar power is not good for starting motor and pumps. Solar array has to be a lot bigger than people expect – would need roughly 40 acres of solar panels for Rolling Hills, and Independence Lake would need 10 acres of land, plus need battery storage. Would be better to purchase from wind farm and offset carbon.

Stantec recommends moving away from VFDs and replace with soft starters to increase reliability. Three pumps at Independence Lake need to be addressed. The budget would be $15K for all. Rolling Hills has 20 total but need to replace for 3 pumps more immediately; could do phase approach.

Stantec also recommended that WCPARC consult with utility companies to combine all bills into one contract and negotiate with suppliers. Can possibly save 20% annually on utility bills.

B. Dominican Meadows Parking Lot Contract

Ms. Krueger presented the plan for the parking lot construction at Dominican Meadows Preserve. Cost in the contract proposal included additional site work to get the preserve open to the public. Ms. Krueger provided overview of stewardship activities to allow for flexibility of space.

C. Pierce Lake Board walks

Mr. Dehring provide a brief overview of the boardwalk project replacement at Pierce Lake Golf Course.

D. Pierce Lake Board Parking and Pathway Repaving Project

Mr. Dehring provided a brief overview of the repaving project for the parking lot and park pathways at Pierce Lake Golf Course.
E. Parker Mill Pathway Repaving

Mr. Dehring provided a brief overview of the repaving of the Parker Mill pathways. The time is critical to have this project completed, since WCPARC will have access through the adjacent property, currently under development by Beztak.

F. Independence Lake Paving

Mr. Machemer provided a brief overview of the reconstruction and regraveling of the main entrance drive and reconfiguration of the Beach Center parking lot at Independence Lake.

G. Other New Business

None.

8. Commissioners / Directors Comments

An update of the purchase of the Fink property was provided. Given there is not satisfactory site distance to the south that would be required by WCRC in order to change the private driveway to a commercial drive (required for public access) NAPP is no longer pursuing the purchase of the property.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM.
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: September 13, 2019
Time: 8:45 a.m.
Location: Parks Administration Building, 2230 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645

Members Present: Robert Marans, WCPARC President; Patricia Scribner, WCPARC Vice President; Daniel Ezekiel, Barbara Fuller, Ricky Jefferson, and Brenda McKinney

Members Absent: Janice Anschuetz, WCPARC Secretary-Treasurer, Janis Bobrin, Evan Pratt, and Sue Shink

Staff Present: Meghan Bonfiglio, Deputy Director; Ginny Trocchio, Superintendent of Park Planning and Natural Areas; Jason Brooks, Manager of Finance and Administration;

Others Present: None

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Marans called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of The Minutes

The minutes of the August 13, 2019 regular meeting were included with the agenda material.

It was moved by Ms. Fuller and seconded by Ms. McKinney to approve the Minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting. Ayes all; the motion was approved.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Communications, Projects & Activities

5. Consent agenda

A. Financial Reports

It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Ms. McKinney to accept and file the financial reports and to approve the recreation expenditures presented in the Claims Report for the month of August, 2019, totaling $496,627.30. Ayes all, the motion was approved.
It was moved by Ms. Fuller and seconded by Ms. McKinney to receive and file the Recreation Reports for August, 2019 as presented. Ayes all, the motion was approved.

It was moved by Ms. Fuller and seconded by Ms. McKinney to award a service contract in the amount of $96,867.17 to Carver Construction for activities proposed at Dominican Meadows Preserve (RFP #7762) and include an additional 10% ($9,687) contingency for potential change orders. Ayes all, the motion was approved.

It was moved by Ms. Fuller and seconded by Ms. McKinney to award a service contract in the amount of $218,060.00 to Brock & Associates, Inc. for the boardwalk project at Pierce Lake Golf Course (RFP #7766) and include an additional 10% ($21,800) contingency for potential change orders. Ayes all, the motion was approved.

It was moved by Ms. Fuller and seconded by Ms. McKinney to award a service contract in the amount of $599,762.00 to Best Asphalt, Inc. for the parking lot, pathway, and concrete replacement project at Pierce Lake Golf Course (RFP #7767) and include an additional 10% ($60,000) contingency for potential change orders. Ayes all, the motion was approved.

It was moved by Ms. Fuller and seconded by Ms. McKinney to award a service contract in the amount of $226,742.00 to Erie Construction, LLC for the pathway repaving project at Parking Mill County Park (RFP #7765) and include an additional 10% ($22,675) contingency for potential change orders. Ayes all, the motion was approved.

It was moved by Ms. Fuller and seconded by Ms. McKinney to award a service contract in the amount of $181,815.00 to TLS Construction for the paving project at Independence Lake County Park (RFP #7770) and include an additional 10% ($18,200) contingency for potential change orders and to purchase gravel through the Washtenaw County Road Commission competitive bid process at a cost not to exceed $140,000. Ayes all, the motion was approved.

None.

Ms. Trocchio reported that the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC) is no longer pursuing acquisition of the Fink property located in Webster Township due to Washtenaw County Road Commission access concerns.

None.
8. Commissioners/Directors Comments

None.

9. Adjournment

*It was moved by Ms. McKinney and seconded by Ms. Fuller to adjourn until the regularly scheduled meeting on October 8, 2019. Ayes all; the motion was approved.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.
Communications, Projects & Activities
Dear Meghan and Coy,

I'm sending you this note with my heartiest thanks for this kind acknowledgment. Everyone works so hard, so I was a wee bit embarrassed but also very delighted. I enjoyed what I did for the parks and have always felt warmly included by all the staff and crew members.

I appreciate the gift card and will spend it on some good reading material this fall. Sincerely,

Mary Robinson
Thank you for your continuing support and generosity towards the Shop with a Cop Back to School Program benefiting C. S. Mott Children’s Hospital.
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Pallas Schuster, ’20
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Dear Sir or Madam,

From all of us at Washtenaw Literacy, thank you! Your generous donation of a one month pass to the Meri Lou recreation center valued at $45.00 was received on 7/8/2019, will go a long way towards ending illiteracy in Washtenaw County.

As a donor, you’re part of a special community, a community dedicated to ending the cycle of illiteracy and creating a more sustainable community in Washtenaw County. For nearly fifty years, Washtenaw Literacy has been serving those who tend to fly under the radar. Illiteracy can be an invisible problem but it’s something that affects many different aspects of our lives. Our health, our education, our work, our families, and so much more are impacted by our ability to read the words around us.

Throughout my time with Washtenaw Literacy, I’ve had the chance to encounter hundreds of different people, each with their own story of literacy. What I find most amazing about their stories, are the survival strategies they create which allow them to get by without being identified as illiterate. The shame around illiteracy has allowed it to go unrecognized. Your contribution is helping bring attention to this growing problem.

I am honored to be a part of an agency which brings this issue to the forefront and gives people the tools to overcome it. I am grateful to you, our friends, for supporting our cause and helping change lives.

From all of us at Washtenaw Literacy—staff, board, tutors, and learners—thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Madeline Kahl
Event Coordinator

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“There’s No Place Like Preschool”

August 22nd and 23rd 2019

Executive Director of Early Childhood Education
While we frolicked in the summer sun, the leaves on the trees in the streets, yards, parks, and country worked hard keeping us cool and helping us breathe, not to mention providing the lumberjack's share of scenic bucolic splendor. But now as our summer vacation comes to an end, it is time for the trees, more specifically their leaves, to take a break of their own.

Autumn is coming, and with it the stunning array of colors we all anticipate with great excitement. But, what exactly happens to our deciduous friends that they should change into a coat of many colors before shedding their garb completely for the cold months of winter?

We have innumerable places in The Suntimes News area to experience an explosion of fall colors. If you want to get outside in the cool autumn air, the Metroparks are a great place to stretch your legs while enjoying the colors. Walk the three-mile loop at Hudson Mills or the half-mile jaunt at Dexter-Huron. Both are loaded with hardwoods and Huron River views.
If you’re a cyclist, or long-distance runner, the Border-to-Border Trail connects Hudson Mills to Dexter-Huron with a short cruise through Dexter. The extension from Dexter-Huron to Zeeb Rd., scheduled for completion later this fall, will create an 11.6-mile one-way ride from Hudson Mills once finished. Stop in Dexter at the cider mill, bakery, or coffee shop. You’re going right by them anyway.

When the leaves are green, trees use sunlight to convert water and carbon dioxide into sugar, i.e. food. This is photosynthesis. The trees use chlorophyll to fuel the process. Chlorophyll is green, hence the green color of leaves.

The changing angle of the sun late summer into fall means we get fewer hours of sunlight. Trees need sunlight to produce chlorophyll. Less sunlight means less chlorophyll. Less chlorophyll means less green. At some point, the other colors emerge.

As the green chlorophyll in leaves recedes due to reduced sunlight, the underlying colors emerge. Photo by Aaron Burden on Unsplash

Dimming the lights on the leaves isn’t the only factor in leaf color. Perhaps you’ve noticed that in some years, the red fall colors seem brighter and more robust than in other years. The temperature and cloud cover can make a big difference in a tree’s red colors from year to year.

If you would rather stay in the car for your autumn tour, there are plenty of roads. Grab a coffee at Zou Zou’s or Agricole in Chelsea and then head west out to Cavanaugh Lake Road. From there it’s simple – go anywhere. There are miles and miles of hardwoods every which way you turn. Stick to the roads less traveled for a slower roll. You’re in no rush.

Annual rainfall also affects autumn leaf color. We all look better when we’re properly hydrated. A drought can delay the arrival of fall. An unseasonably warm, wet fall will mute the vibrancy of colors. A severe frost will kill leaves turning them brown.

Conditions for the best autumn colors are:

- a warm, wet spring
- a summer that’s not too hot or dry, and
- a fall with plenty of warm sunny days and cool nights.
Tree roots, branches and twigs are tough customers that can endure frigid temperatures. Leaves are delicate by comparison. Leaves full of water-sap will freeze in winter. The flora law of survival teaches us that any plant tissue unable to live through the winter must be closed off and shed. Nobody likes carrying dead weight.

For a more robust adventure, check out the U of M property at Peach Mountain. Park at Kids Land on N. Territorial Rd. just west of Dexter-Pinckney Rd. Be courteous. The preschool is doing us a favor. Cross the road and head down the Dexter Animal Clinic driveway and keep going straight for about ½-mile. Just before the gravel pit there are trails to the left and right. There are lots of pines and hardwoods. The 700 acres has not been logged since the 1930s so the trees are tall. The trails are not marked so pay attention. But the greater the effort, the greater the reward and it is certainly true at Peach Mountain.

The leaves die when the veins transporting the sap-water gradually close. Once closure is complete, the tree sees no reason to keep hanging onto a dead relationship and makes the break. Down to the ground the leaves go. The exception is oak leaves. For some reason the mighty oaks just can’t bring themselves to fully detach.

Washtenaw County is loaded with lots of opportunity to enjoy the season in short, easy walks. Another U of M property, Saginaw Forest is 80 acres loaded with an amazing variety of huge trees. Go to 2|42 Community Center on Wagner Rd. and park in the southwest corner of the parking lot. You’ll see a trailhead right there.

While the big parks get most of the attention, there are many smaller preserves in Washtenaw County with varied topography that can be enjoyed with a brief visit if you don’t want to gear up or have time for a hike. These are great to do with kids who may not be up for the longer walks.

Regardless of how you enjoy fall, on a path, in a car, or from your chair, it is nature’s fireworks putting on our favorite show. And even understanding the process that turns the leaves from green to yellow, orange, and red, can’t take away the magic we know as autumn.
Ypsilanti Township to unveil skatepark design at workshop

By Dana Afana | dafana@mlive.com

YPISILANTI TOWNSHIP, MI -- The public is invited to a community workshop unveiling the designs for Ypsilanti Township’s newest skatepark.

The skatepark, at the corner of East Clark and Midway roads at Community Center Park, is expected to open by summer 2020.

At 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, in Room 201 of the Ypsilanti Township Community Center, 2025 E. Clark Road, design firm New Line Skateparks will present and take feedback on two different skatepark concepts.
Tony Hawk Foundation breaks ground on skatepark in Ypsilanti Township

The skatepark is funded through the Tony Hawk Foundation and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, which offered financial support through a “Built to Play” matching grant of $250,000. The initiative is available for public skateparks in southeast Michigan and western New York. The Washtenaw County Parks Commission provided the funds needed for the grant match.

Organizers broke ground on the site of the skatepark in June. The property was purchased for $60,000 and the skatepark will cost $500,000 to build. The site was chosen based on its high visibility, proximity to neighborhoods and its location in a multi-use park, according to Trevor Staples, Built to Play skate park manager and previous advocate for the Ann Arbor skatepark.

There are about 3,500 skateparks across the nation, according to Miki Vukovich, executive director of the Tony Hawk Foundation.

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation plans to build 20 skateparks in southeast Michigan and western New York within the next few years, according to Jim Boyle, vice president of programs and communications.

“What we’re trying to do is give kids the places where they can go out and get active on their own terms,” Boyle said at the June groundbreaking. “Skateparks are a great place to do that. You don’t have necessarily a parent or coach driving that, it’s all kid-driven.”
New skatepark concept designs revealed at community workshop

The latest concept designs for the new skatepark were presented at the community workshop Sept. 11

By SOPHIA KALAKAILO

The second community workshop for the local skating community was hosted by New Line Skateparks on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at the Ypsilanti Township Community Center. Two design concepts were presented and community members discussed which aspects they wish to be in the finalized design.

Construction of the skatepark will likely begin Spring 2020. It will be located at the corner of E. Clark and Midway.

“It gives people an opportunity to recreate that is not organized sports,” said Meghan Bonfiglio, deputy director of Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. “There’s just so many benefits. There’s social, economic, cultural and everything. But from what I’ve experienced from skaters I’ve worked with, it’s really just about the community. It gives people an opportunity to just be together in a great space that’s safe and help share their sport with others.”
The skatepark has been underway since the beginning of 2018. In fact, the idea of a new skatepark was suggested by a local skater. Through his connection to Trevor Staples, who was instrumental in the Ann Arbor Skatepark and now works for the Tony Hawk Foundation, the grant opportunity arose and the project began.

Built to Play offers matching grants up to $250,000 for public skateparks through a partnership between the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Tony Hawk Foundation. The Washtenaw County Parks Commission has committed to securing the funds for the Built to Play Skatepark Grant Match.

“I’m personally not a skater, but I have known friends who are, and from what I’ve noticed it’s a lot of building each other up, teaching each other and learning from others,” added Bonfiglio. “It’s just a really cool project to be a part of because everyone in that skate community is welcoming to each other and supportive of each other’s ideas.”

The date for the third Community Workshop is pending. To submit your own feedback about the new concept designs, take this survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YpsilantiSkateparkSurvey.
A solution for the Huron River congestion at Mast Road? Possibly.

By Doug Marrin - September 17, 2019

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Congestion at the Mast Rd. bridge over the Huron River is well-known to Dexter area residents as paddlers and tubers crowd the spot and its easy access to the river. Vehicles are often parked in areas where parking is prohibited, often leaving the driver's side of their vehicle partially on Huron River Drive. Clusters of people are frequently in the road carrying their river gear.

In an effort to keep people from clotting their small parking lot for hours, the party store on the corner of Huron River Drive, Mast Road, and Joy Road (it's a 5-point corner) began offering free parking on their empty lot across Joy Road, complete with a porta-potty.

Looking for a solution to the ongoing problem, Dexter City Council is in discussion with several other organizations about the possible purchase of property on the corner of Huron River Drive and Mast Road.

At City Council's Sept. 9 meeting, City Development Manager Michelle Aniol gave an update on the process. Her complete report can be found at this link beginning on page 55.

Here is what she had to say regarding the river property:

**Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) Mast Rd/Huron River Dr. Property Discussion:**

On August 20th staff (and Councilman Cousins) attended a meeting at the HRWC offices with select HRWC staff and Barry Lonik. The purpose of the meeting was to restart discussions regarding the possible purchase of property at the corner of Huron River Dr and Mast Rd (see attached parking lot concept sketch).
For some in the group, there is an urgency to secure the property, as some members of the group believe the opportunity may not present itself again. During the meeting, we identified the Huron Clinton Metropark Authority (HCMA), Webster Township, Washtenaw County Parks and the Washtenaw County Sheriff as agencies/organizations that needed to be part of the future discussions, as well as the property owners.

Councilman Cousins offered to follow-up with the property owner and HRWC is talking with a real estate agent interested in waterfront land protection.

**Background:**

Council will recall the City’s 2016-2021 Park and Recreation Plan established a variety of goals and objectives, which reflect the community’s desires regarding future recreation in the City and among other things, includes improving access to the Huron River, at the Mast Road Bridge. To achieve those goals, the Commission created an action item to develop and implement solutions to improve access to the Huron River, at the Mast Road Bridge. Relevant excerpts from the Park and Recreation plan accompany this report, to help provide context on this item.

**Post Meeting Update:**

After the initial meeting, staff consulted with the City Manager and Mr. Cousins and then emailed the group some points to consider regarding the boundaries of the property, in relation to the Huron River. Attached to this report you will find an aerial photo map (Washtenaw County GIS) of the property and surrounding area.
The following bullet points provide context for what you see on the map:

- The subject property (dashed yellow line) abuts a side stream (light blue line), however, it does not directly abut the Huron River (dark blue line).
- The light green areas represent property that is owned by the HCMA.
- The red circled areas on the north side of the Huron River, directly to the east and west of the Mast Road Bridge represent public road ROW, which is under the jurisdiction of the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC).
- The side stream branches off from the Huron River and meanders between HCMA property and private properties on the south side of Huron River Dr, west of the Mast Road Bridge, before reconnecting with the Huron River, just before the Mast Rd bridge.
- The flow of the side stream is intermittent and the depth of the side stream is not sufficient to float a kayak, canoe, tube, etc.

The following are questions staff suggested the group consider, and offer them for council’s consideration, as well:

- Will people need to walk their kayaks, canoes, tubes and other watercraft from the property to the Huron River?
- How feasible or safe would it be to walk to the actual put-in location?
- What is the condition of the area between the side stream and the point at which it connects to the Huron River?
- What buy-in from and coordination with HCMA and WCRC will be needed?
- Since the County GIS map is general information, how much will it cost to determine ownership of HCMA properties, as well as those under the jurisdiction of the WCRC?

Additionally, Councilman Cousins followed-up with the property owners. Though that conversation he found out that their contract with the current listing agent expired over the Labor Day weekend, which was them contemplating their next steps, and that the property owners are split on whether 1) to see the property end up as a public space or 2) to sell the property quickly.

HRWC has encouraged the group to “go see the property next week” and Mr. Cousins will help arrange it. HRWC is also following up with the County and HCMA.
Ypsilanti

SARAH RIGG | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

Ypsi Fall River Day to feature boats, birds, and more on the Huron River

The fifth annual Ypsi Fall River Day from noon-3 p.m. Sept. 22 will encourage local residents to enjoy one of Ypsilanti's most important natural resources.

"The event was started to provide free and low-cost family activities and programs along the (Huron River)," says Evan Sweet, chair of the Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Commission, which hosts the event. "We wanted to engage families in outdoor programs in our city parks and get them to value and appreciate this great resource we have."
Most of the programming takes place at Ypsi’s Riverside Park, with kayak trips launching from nearby Frog Island. Most of the programming is free, except for kayak rides being offered at a reduced rate of $10 for a single kayak or $15 for a two-person kayak. Organizers have also arranged for a shuttle to pick up kayakers at Ford Lake and bring them back to Riverside.

Free programming includes face painting, music, crafts, games, a bird of prey exhibit from Leslie Science and Nature Center, and an educational program on river wildlife hosted by the Huron Clinton Metroparks Mobile Learning Center.

Visitors can also talk with representatives from the Huron River Water Trail or visit the Ypsilanti District Library Bookmobile. A nature hike led by Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation employees will also include an update about the county’s Border-to-Border trail and other upcoming county parks projects.

Sweet says the event has grown “exponentially” since its small beginnings five years ago. The 2018 event was the largest yet, attracting more than 400 attendees. The event sent about 60 kayaks downriver last year.

The event is made possible through funding and support from Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation, the city of Ypsilanti, Huron River Watershed Council, Maiz Mexican Cantina, Middle Huron Partners, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner, and Ypsi Real. It will take place rain or shine, with no rain date scheduled.

“We encourage people to come out and enjoy the river and park with us, and take advantage of free and low-cost activities we have planned,” Sweet says. “River trips tend to be popular, so the earlier you arrive the better if you want to get into a kayak.”

More information about the 2019 Fall River Day is available at the city’s website.

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Photo by Ryan Poling.
B2B Trail Construction Updates
5 of the 6 projects are in western Washtenaw
By Doug Marrin - October 1, 2019

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**Dexter-Chelsea Trail, Freer to Lima Center**

This new trail segment is now open! On August 27, more than 125 community members attended the grand opening of this trail segment, marking the completion of another 2.1 miles of the B2B. Trail partners and supporters, cycling groups, children and family pets were in attendance and eager to take their first walk down this serene new trail. It was a beautiful day to celebrate the B2B!

**Grove Road Trail, Ypsilanti Township**

We are excited to announce the official opening of the Ypsilanti Grove Road segment of the B2B Trail! This half-mile stretch of trail connects to Rawsonville Elementary, giving local children a safe path to walk to school. This trail segment also brings the B2B closer to reaching the border of Washtenaw and Wayne counties, with the long term goal of connecting to the scenic Lower Huron Metropark trail.

The Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, October 8th, to celebrate the occasion. The ceremony will take place on the grounds of Rawsonville
Elementary School, adjacent to the trail. Families and neighbors are encouraged to attend! We will have B2B Trail giveaways and updates on future trail construction.

Visit the HWPI Facebook Events page for details about this and other upcoming events!

**Grove Road Trail Segment Opening**

Tuesday, October 8 - 4:00pm
Rawsonville Elementary

**Huron River Drive Trail, Dexter Huron Metropark to Zeeb Road**

All four permanent bridge abutments are now complete. Bridge #1 has been delivered, with installation planned for early October. Bridge #2 will be delivered in late September. The contractor is continuing to work on the boardwalks and stone placement on the trail. Paving is anticipated to begin in mid-October.

**M-52 Chelsea-Stockbridge Trail, Lyndon Township Trailhead**

Grading has begun on the parking lot and the universal access hiking trail. Stone placement will occur prior to the end of the construction season this fall.

**M-52 Chelsea-Stockbridge Trail, Green Lake to North Territorial Road**
The contractor has started work on stump removals and installing the silt fence for the project. They plan to begin grading and stone placement on the path in October. Work on some of the retaining walls will occur in November, before the seasonal shutdown.

**M-52 Chelsea-Stockbridge Trail, Tunnel Project**

A preconstruction meeting was held for the tunnel project where timelines were discussed. Construction work will likely be delayed until the spring of 2020, due to the production time needed to fabricate the concrete tunnel sections.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Coy Vaughn, Director
DATE: October 8, 2019
RE: Project and Activities Update – September 2019

A. Park Facility Events and Projects

Independence Lake
- Maintenance staff has been working to address Spray Park repairs.
- A pre-bid meeting was held on September 5, to tear down the old pump house and construct the new livery. Four bids were received and are under evaluation.
- TLS Construction has been contracted to repair and regrade the entire gravel roadway of the park and the Beach Center parking lot. They will also replace a deteriorating stormwater pipe under the roadway that has been in service since the park opened in the mid-1970s.
- Disc Golf Glow Nights held September 13. Participation was low due to earlier storms.
- Campouts were held September 14-15 and 21-22, with a combined participation of 75 patrons.
- Big Foot, Small Print Trail Run benefiting the Humane Society of Huron Valley was held September 20. 34 people participated in the 5k portion and 6 kids in the 1-mile run/walk.

Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center
- MLMRC reopened after the annual shutdown with new Sunday hours, 8:00 am -6:00pm. The hours change was driven by years of low usage data captured after 6:00 pm on Sundays along with staffing challenges. In addition, survey results reflected 81% either in-favor (42%) or indifferent (39%) to this change. On the first Sunday of the new hours, 20 guests were counted in the first 30 minutes.
- More than 1,000 MLMRC pass holders took advantage of free access to the YMCA during shutdown.
- As part of the study to determine the feasibility of facility and programming changes at MLMRC, Integrated Design Solutions scheduled community engagement feedback sessions for September 25 and September 28.

Parker Mill Park
- Erie Construction has signed a contract for reconstruction of the paved pathway in the park. A pre-construction meeting was held on September 24. This trail segment will be closed to the public while under construction. A detour route has been posted with signage.

Pierce Lake Golf Course & Park
- Best Asphalt is now under contract to repair the main parking lot and replace the “park” segments of pathway. A pre-construction meeting was held on September 20, and work began on-site on September 30.
Rolling Hills Park
- Fourteen seasonal staff members received a summer bonus based on their schedule availability, hours worked, and commitment to a full season of work.
- Annual Dog Swim took place September 7 & 8 with a record-setting 471 dogs (previous record was 365). Human participants enjoyed vendor giveaways, raffles, and free coffee.
- Music in the Park concerts took place September 12, 19, and 26, with more than 60 attendees.
- Glow in the Park 5K took place September 20 at 8:30pm. 118 people participated in this lighted nighttime run.
- Monthly Glow Disc Golf night was held September 20, exclusively for Bag Tag holders.
- Park hosted a Disc Golf Tournament, in partnership with MOB Disc Golf, on September 29. 70 players participated in the event.
- A herd of goats from Twin Willows Ranch was on-site for two weeks clearing two areas of land as a trail for alternative land management.
- Baruzzini Construction began work on surface and structural repairs within the Lazy River at the Water Park.

Staebler Farm Park
- The Michigan Folk School (MFS) is continuing construction of the blacksmithing studio, with an anticipated opening of November 2.
- Architects from The Collaborative continue to develop a design for the multipurpose building.
- Staff and MFS representative have been planning the upcoming park opening on Oct. 12.

B. Special Initiatives
Border-to-Border Trail (B2B)
- Davis Construction continues to work on the Dexter-Huron Metropark to Zeeb Road trail segment (1.2 miles). All four bridge abutments are complete, and Bridge 1 has been delivered to the site with an anticipated installation of Bridge 1 in early October and Bridge 2 in mid-late October. Path grading, boardwalks, and fencing is ongoing.
- Construction has started on the trail segment along M-52 between Green Lake and North Territorial Road. Work, which includes the 50-car trailhead parking area, is expected to continue through early summer 2020. Salenbien Trucking & Excavating is the contractor.
- The M-52 Tunnel (awarded to Z Contractors) is going through final shop drawing and permit approvals and is expected to begin in the spring of 2020.
- Construction is complete on 0.5 miles of Grove Road Trail in Ypsilanti Township from Bridge Road to Rawsonville Elementary School. Grand re-opening is scheduled for October 8, 2019.
- OHM continues to engineer the next phase of the Huron River Drive Trail segment: Zeeb Road to Delhi Metropark (1.8 miles).

Ypsilanti Township CommUNITY Skatepark Project
- Ypsilanti Township has begun the process of removing an old building foundation on the site.
- A second Community Design Workshop was conducted on September 11, at Ypsilanti Township Community Center. The design team shared two concepts with about 30 attendees, who discussed the elements of each design. New Line Skatepark design team will be refining the concept with suggestions and input from the attendees.
C. **Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP)**

**Stewardship**
- Grading and seeding were completed at Watkins Lake County Preserve as part of the restoration project with USFWS and Ducks Unlimited. The site now contains five new wetlands, totaling 18 acres, surrounded by 58 acres of planted grassland.
- As part of the USFWS and Ducks Unlimited partnership, grading is currently underway at Sharon Mills County Park. This work and the placement of water control structures is expected to be completed this fall with seeding occurring in spring 2020.
- The Preserve Challenge is underway and in the first two weeks, more than 40 participants have shared photos of their outdoor adventures either by using #ExploreWashtenaw or emailing photos. The Challenge has bolstered interest and activity in our social media accounts and been supported by many private businesses through donations for prizes.
- Invasive plants were removed at Botsford, Northfield Woods, Leonard, Freeman Preserve, Scio Woods, Meyer West, and Trinkle Marsh preserves as well as County Farm Park, and Park Lyndon.
- Coordinated with partners on Conservation Stewards and hosted session on terrestrial ecosystems.

D. **Interpretive Programming**
- Around 590 patrons attended nature, history, and horticulture programs in September including Jr. Naturalist programs, Mill tours, preschool hikes and school groups.

E. **Other**
- Staff has completed the draft 2020-2024 5-Year Recreation Master Plan. A Public Hearing was held September 25.
MEMORANDUM

TO:        Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM:      Coy P. Vaughn
DATE:      October 8, 2019
RE:        FINAL:  Landau Property, Ann Arbor Township

Background:
In 2017, Richard Landau nominated 9.5 acres of his property to NAPP for fee simple purchase. The property was evaluated as part of Natural Area Technical Advisory Committee’s (NATAC) Round 17 and was identified as a third tier priority, indicating that research or partnerships were needed to move forward. Subsequently, the City of Ann Arbor’s Greenbelt Program expressed interest in partnering on the acquisition.

Discussion:
The Landau property is small, but its purchase is part of a vision for the complex of protected land around it. The four preserves that bound the property to the north (WCPARC’s Goodrich Preserve and University of Michigan’s Horner-McLaughlin Woods) and south (WCPARC’s Freeman Preserve and City of Ann Arbor’s Marshall Nature Area) have an interconnected trail system of over 3 miles. A trail through the Landau property would complete a looped trail through all four preserves.

Staff consulted the county Natural Area Assessment & Prioritization map, which prioritized this medium-high quality natural area for its nearness to other prime natural areas (patch expansion). The Commission’s recently adopted scoring for NAPP properties produces 57 points for the Landau property out of a possible 100. Its forest is contiguous with Horner-McLaughlin and Goodrich, though much of it is younger forest, having been clear cut into the 1960s.

An appraisal was completed and the contributions are proposed as follows:

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Members of NATAC and WCPARC staff visited the property in May 2017. At its October 2018 meeting, NATAC recommended to move forward with the purchase of the Landau property, contingent upon the Ann Arbor Greenbelt’s partnership.

As required, the following due diligence investigations have been conducted:
- An appraisal was completed for the property, identifying the value in the table above.
- An environmental site assessment was completed and no Recognized Environmental Concerns (RECs) were identified on the property.
- A boundary survey including legal description has been prepared.
Recommendation:
Based upon NATAC and staff review, I recommend that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize the purchase of the above described property, for a final purchase price of $333,000 contingent upon City contribution stated above, attorney approval of final documents, and a contribution of $4,750 to the stewardship special revenue fund to cover future management of the site.

Attachments
NAPP Round 17: Local Area Aerial
Landau Property
Nomination ID: 17.282
Ann Arbor Township
+/- 9.5 Acres
At least one parcel or area on this property was prioritized based on:

- **Patch Expansion**: This site is located in a dense area of higher quality land and protection thereof enlarges the footprint of existing protected land.

- **New Patch Establishment**: This site is located in a dense area of higher quality land and protection thereof helps preserve land where none is currently preserved, in a manner that still offers "stepping stone" connectivity.

- **Corridor**: Protection of this site protects land within an identified path of linear habitat connectivity.

- **Stream Protection**: Protection of this site preserves or is ecologically connected to a site that preserves creek frontage.

- **Lake Plain Ecoregion**: Protection of this site preserves land in the lake plain ecoregion, much of which has been developed and is significantly underrepresented in NAPP's portfolio.

Not prioritized

Prepared by Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission
2015 Aerial Photo; USGS Topo (1:24,000)
MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Coy P. Vaughn
DATE: October 8, 2019
RE: FINAL: Laier Property, Lima Township

Background:
In fall 2016, ALPAC identified the Laier property (Lima Township) to be of high priority for acquisition of a conservation easement. Applications for USDA–NRCS ACEP-ALE grant funding were submitted in February 2018, and the award was received in September 2018. On November 13, 2018, the Parks Commission approved the preliminary recommendation for the purchase agreement for the conservation easement on the property, contingent upon completion of due diligence. Due diligence is now complete.

Discussion:
Protection of this 158-acre farm, stretching for about 0.75 miles along South Lima Center Road, advances agricultural and ecological preservation goals. Farmland is the primary conservation value of the Laier property, having significant acreage of prime or locally important agricultural soils (as described by USDA-NRCS). Mill Creek borders and runs through the property for 0.6 miles. The current landowners have the property verified under multiple Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) systems, primarily relating to water quality. ALPAC prioritized this property for protection, as did the Agriculture and Natural Assessment & Prioritization mapping for the property’s potential for stream protection and its nearness to existing protected areas (patch expansion). The recently adopted Commission scoring for NAPP properties produces 67 points for the Laier property out of a possible 100.

As required, the following due diligence investigations have been conducted:
- An appraisal was completed for the property, identifying the value in the table below.
- A phase I environmental site assessment noted two sites where underground storage tanks (USTs) had been removed but the soil had not been tested. A limited phase II ESA tested the soil and concluded that no further action is necessary.
- A boundary survey including legal description has been prepared.

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Recommendation:
Based upon ALPAC and staff review, I recommend that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize the purchase of conservation easement on the above described property, for a contribution of $312,929 for acquisition with a final purchase price of $517,594 contingent upon attorney approval of final documents, and a contribution of $15,000 to the stewardship special revenue fund to cover future monitoring and enforcement of the conservation easement.

Attachments
Laier Property: Aerial & Soils
Natural Areas Preservation Program
Nomination ID:A16.092
Lima Township
+/-158.366 Acres
Laier Property: Assessment & Prioritization Mapping
Natural Areas Preservation Program
Nomination ID: A16.092
Lima Township
+/- 158.366 Acres

At least one parcel or area on this property was prioritized based on:

- **Patch Expansion:** This site is located in a dense area of higher quality land and protection thereof enlarges the footprint of existing protected land.

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Lake Plain Ecoregion: Protection of this site preserves land in the lake plain ecoregion, much of which has been developed and is significantly underrepresented in NAPP’s portfolio.

Not prioritized
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

October 8, 2019

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission supports the submission of an application titled “Border-to-Border/Iron Belle Trail: Dexter-Ann Arbor Trail Segment 4” to the Transportation Alternatives Program to extend the trail from Delhi Metropark east to Timberwood Dr; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2015-2019 and 2020-2024 calls for continued implementation of the Border-to-Border Trail along its planned alignment through the Huron River corridor; and

WHEREAS, the survey conducted as part of the Parks Commission’s 2020-2024 Recreation Master Plan indicates that non-motorized trails are the top priority for amenities for Washtenaw County residents; and

WHEREAS, the development of this trail segment will provide greater access to transportation and recreation opportunities for Washtenaw County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission seeks to augment its voter approved millage funding with outside financial grant assistance; and

WHEREAS, Construction of Segment 2 of the Dexter-Ann Arbor Trail (1.2 miles, Dexter-Huron Metropark to Zeeb Road) is nearing final completion; and

WHEREAS, Segment 3 of the Dexter-Ann Arbor Trail (1.8 miles, Zeeb Road to Delhi Metropark) is fully funded and is anticipated to begin construction in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Segment 4 of the Dexter-Ann Arbor Trail is 1.1 miles and has an estimated construction cost of $3,959,640,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission hereby requests $1,979,820 (one million nine hundred seventy nine thousand eight hundred twenty dollars, 50.0%) from the Transportation Alternatives Program and agrees to furnish up to $1,979,820 (one million nine hundred seventy nine thousand eight hundred twenty dollars, 50.0%), as its share of the total cost of this project which is estimated to be $3,959,640 (three million nine hundred fifty nine thousand six hundred forty dollars), if a FY 2022 Transportation Alternatives Program grant is awarded to the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

Robert W. Marans, President (DATE)

Janice Anschuetz, Secretary (DATE)
October 3rd, 2019

Coy Vaughn, Director
Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission
2230 Platt Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Re: Border-to-Border/Iron Belle Trail: Dexter-Ann Arbor Trail Segment 4 (TAP Grant)

Dear Mr. Vaughn:

The Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative (HWPI) enthusiastically supports the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application being submitted by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) to continue to close a significant gap in the Border-to-Border Trail (B2B)/Iron Belle Trail (IBT) between Dexter and Ann Arbor. The proposed trail segment, beginning in Delhi Metropark extending 1.1 miles to Timberlake Drive, will complete the B2B connection within the Metroparks in Washtenaw County. It will not only increase connectivity to the parks, but also expand access to the trail by providing parking and serving as a trailhead. When this segment is complete, the B2B will span 5.5 of the 8 miles between Dexter and Ann Arbor.

Huron River Drive is an established commuter and recreational corridor. Constructing a non-motorized trail in this location will provide safe, road-separated transportation options to access many of the community’s assets including downtown Dexter, many parks and the Huron River. Additionally, there are two nearby subdivisions, Loch Alpine and The Preserve, which have hundreds of homes and potential trail users.

Consistent with its mission to support the development of non-motorized trails, HWPI endorses completion of this segment of the B2B/IBT. Beyond recreational opportunities, this trail will provide safe commuter routes and encourage active lifestyles. Ultimately, this structural community asset will facilitate healthy, active and connected communities.

To that end, HWPI commits to provide substantial private funding for this project to contribute to the local match, if a TAP grant is awarded. Further, HWPI and WCPARC are working to establish a privately held maintenance fund (managed by HWPI) to ensure that funding exists to perform routine maintenance sufficiently across the entire county. HWPI agrees to initially deposit $20,000 per mile of trail constructed into this fund for a total of $22,000 for this trail segment. After construction efforts are complete, HWPI intends to continue to raise private money to augment this seed funding and establish a sustainable maintenance endowment.

HWPI wholeheartedly supports construction of this trail segment, expanding access to safe recreational trails. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Faulkner
Executive Director, HWPI
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RENEWAL OF THE 2020 ROAD MILLAGE BALLOT QUESTION

October 8, 2019

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission supports the Ballot Question for the Road Millage the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners is considering placing on the August 2020 primary election; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation and citizens of Washtenaw County benefited from the previous 2017-2020 Millage that allocated 80% for Road improvement projects and 20% for Non-motorized projects. The proposed 2021 – 2024 renewal is also currently planned with the 80/20 split for road and trail projects; and

WHEREAS, the survey conducted as part of the Parks Commission’s 2020-2024 Recreation Master Plan indicates that non-motorized trails are the top priority for recreational amenities for Washtenaw County residents; and

WHEREAS, the construction of numerous trail segments during the past 4 years has provided greater access to transportation and recreation opportunities for Washtenaw County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has leveraged these millage funds with outside financial grant assistance to more than triple the trail funding impact; and

WHEREAS, the 0.5 mil millage will generate approximately $8.3M annually with the Parks and Recreation Commission portion for trails being approximately $1.6M annually for four years; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission hereby requests the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to approve the Ballot Question language to place the renewal of the Road Millage initiative on the August 2020 ballot for voter consideration.

__________________________________________  (DATE)
Robert W. Marans, President                          
Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

__________________________________________  (DATE)
Janice Anschuetz, Secretary                           
Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
## September 2019 - Claims Report

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| Road Millage Fund                  | -         | -                | 389,631.91 | 389,631.91 |
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### Natural Areas Preservation Program

| Acquisition                         | -         | -                | 138,560.25 | 138,560.25 |
| Preserve Management                 | -         | 1,717.29         | 7,087.39   | 8,804.68   |
| NATAC                               | -         | -                | -         | -         |
| **Acquisition**                     | -         | -                | 153,602.00 | 153,602.00 |
| Annual Monitoring                   | -         | -                | -         | -         |
| ALPAC                               | -         | -                | -         | -         |
| **SUBTOTAL**                        | **-**     | **1,717.29**     | **299,249.64** | **300,966.93** |

**TOTAL**  $40,804.36 $24,708.32 $1,024,946.81 $1,090,459.49

It was moved by ________________ and supported by ________________
to approve payment of claims in the amount of................................. $ 1,090,459.49
### WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
#### FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

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### WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
#### NATURAL AREAS PRESERVATION PROGRAM  
#### FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

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ROLLING HILLS COUNTY PARK  
YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT  
SEPTEMBER

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\text{PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:} \\
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\text{DAILY} & \quad 55.54\% \quad 57.74\% \quad 59.43\%
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\text{2017} & \quad 2018 \quad 2019 \quad 2017 \quad 2018 \quad 2019 \\
\text{DAYCAMP} & \quad 1,599 \quad 1,866 \quad 1,941 \quad \$43,171 \quad \$50,388 \quad \$52,405 \\
\text{BIRTHDAY PACKAGES} & \quad 69 \quad 46 \quad 36 \quad 7,880 \quad 6,372 \quad 8,162 \\
\text{AQUATICS PROGRAMMING} & \quad 121 \quad 118 \quad 1,055 \quad 787 \quad 608 \quad 4,286 \\
\text{DISC GOLF} & \quad - \quad - \quad 4,230 \quad - \quad - \quad 8,460 \\
\text{SPECIAL EVENTS} & \quad 699 \quad 374 \quad 2,181 \quad 6,070 \quad 5,029 \quad 28,789 \\
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Pass Facility Use: 139,989

Percent of Non-Residents: 0.88%

## Daily Entries

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Percent of Non-Residents: 4.09%

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Percent of Non-Residents:

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# Independence Lake County Park

## Year-to-Date Participation & Revenue Report

### September

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- **Daily**: 41.9% 43.3% 45.6%

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MEMORANDUM
To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: October 8, 2019
Re: Rolling Hills and Independence Lake – Electrical Power Proposal

Background
The Rolling Hills Water Park was opened to the public in 1990 and was expanded in two phases; in 2002 the lazy river was added and in 2013 the slide tower, new bath house, and administration building were constructed. The Blue Heron Bay (BHB) spray park was opened at Independence Lake County Park in 2014, replacing an older spray pad that was located near the swimming beach. Both water parks are served by 3-phase, 480V power provided by Detroit Edison (DTE). Until recently, Independence Lake hasn’t experienced electrical power issues that would be considered out of the ordinary. However, since opening Blue Heron Bay, there have been frequent electrical power problems at this facility resulting in phase loss (dirty power).

Starting in 2018, both parks experienced electrical issues resulting in equipment damage, water park closures, and lost revenue:

In 2018, Rolling Hills Water Park experienced 13 separate power outages and brown outs (a drop of voltage in the electrical supply) resulting in $112,700 in equipment damage and lost revenue. Working with DTE and consultants, staff identified that tree branches interfering with the DTE supply lines (off-site) were the primary cause of power issues. The trees were trimmed by DTE crews in spring 2019, new and improved surge protectors were installed, and damaged variable frequency drives (VFD) were replaced. This resulted in a 2019 summer season that was more typical, although the park still experienced multiple brown outs resulting in significant equipment damage.

Blue Heron Bay experienced a single storm event on August 6, 2018 that resulted in a direct lightning strike, followed by rolling brown outs, damaging critical equipment. This resulted in a necessary closure of the water park for the last month of summer and estimated losses of $85,600 in damages and revenue. On July 19, 2019, BHB experienced power loss and phased power due to high winds, then on August 18th BHB experienced a 16-hour extended brown out. This continuous lack of consistent power caused damage to essential mechanical equipment and, again, resulted in a closure of the park for the remainder of the season. After the power issues of the 2018 season, several improvements were made to the mechanical/electrical system during the off-season, including new and improved surge protectors. Unfortunately, a surge protector does not provide protection in a brown out situation or a direct lightning strike.

Discussion
Staff began working with Stantec for electrical consultation services which evolved into a comprehensive mechanical system evaluation of both Rolling Hills Water Park and Blue Heron Bay Spray Park. The evaluation by Stantec included a review of the existing pool mechanical system and provided alternatives to address the problematic areas within each. In order to improve the utility fault tolerance to the more regular brown-
out/outage conditions, Stantec provided recommendations for the secondary surge suppression phase monitor system that could be integrated at both facilities. Additionally, Stantec was asked to evaluate the loads and operating conditions at each facility to determine what would be needed if we elected to add back-up generators to keep operations running during outages.

Stantec’s recommendations and associated cost estimates are included in the table below and have been extrapolated from the three reports provided at the September 10, 2019 Commission meeting.

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*Estimates only, does not include installation  
**Rolling Hills Water Park only

Field Investigations noted additional electrical and structural improvements are needed at Blue Heron Bay Spray Park, however a cost has not been associated with those items due to the need for a structural engineering review.

The combination surge suppression and phase monitor units have a 10-year warranty and will provide the much-needed protection during brown-out conditions when the facility experiences single phase power. The device specified by Stantec will monitor the power surges and notify staff that power is outside normal parameters and/or when parameters have returned to normal. Additionally, this unit will record the power coming into the facilities, track abnormalities and provide staff with the data needed to follow-up with DTE Energy regarding any power loss issues.

Both parks have experienced many problems with the VFD units. Initially thought to help save cost and energy, the VFD units have become a constant target during power outages or brown-outs and the repairs needed to bring these units back online once damaged, are costly and time-consuming. Stantec’s recommendation to remove the VFD units and replace with a soft starter will provide more electrical surge protection and can be run in bypass mode if damage has occurred, thus allowing the park to remain open. Currently all the VFDs at BHB have been damaged and will need to be replaced or switched to the recommended soft starter. The approach for replacing the 20 VFDs at Rolling Hills Water Park could be more strategic and phased over the next 3-5 years.

Stantec’s investigation into back-up generators confirmed that both facilities could remain fully operational and run off generators during power-outage conditions. However, this comes at a cost and since many of the outages occur during inclement weather that typically necessitates closure of the facility, staff felt it would be wise to hold the generator installation for a later consideration or future phase. The one exception being the generator that would cover the Rolling Hills concession building, loss of power to the concession building results in food loss and therefore revenue loss. An 80 kW natural gas generator for the concession building would run approximately $80,000. Blue Heron Bay Spray Park concession and administration building is already served by a generator.

**Recommendation**

The recommendations outlined above will take time to implement and should be done in a strategic, phased approach. The cost estimates provided do not include installation or any associated structural improvements. Based upon the Stantec evaluation and recommendations, it is my recommendation that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize staff to continue working with Stantec to determine the most prudent, cost-effective electrical improvements in addition to the mechanical improvements outlined above and begin the necessary electrical improvements for both Blue Heron Bay and Rolling Hills Water Park in an amount not to exceed $350,000.00 and include an additional 10% contingency.
Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

A Resolution Adopting the 2020-2024 Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Master Plan
Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission
October 8, 2019

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission has undertaken a planning process to
determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during the
period 2020 through 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission developed a Parks and Recreation
Master Plan in accordance with the most recent the Michigan Department of Natural Resources guidelines to
serve as the guidebook for development of the park system; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan defines the goals and objectives of the organization and outlines an Action
Program that enumerates the steps that need to occur to meet these goals; and

WHEREAS, completion of the plan, and subsequent approval by the Michigan Department of Natural
Resources, makes Washtenaw County eligible for state grants to acquire land for parks and to develop
recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, public input on the Recreation Master Plan was gathered through a community survey, and
discussions with planning and recreation professionals, educators, environmental groups, and countless
users of County Parks’ facilities; and

WHEREAS, a stakeholder meeting and three formally announced public meetings were held at various
locations around the County to solicit input on the proposed Master Plan and;

WHEREAS, a final Public Hearing was held on September 25, 2019, at the Parks and Recreation
Commission office in Ann Arbor, to provide an opportunity for all residents to express opinions, ask questions,
and provide comments on the proposed Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission hereby
adopts the 2020-2024 Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Resolution moved by: ______________________________
Supported by: ______________________________

STATE OF MICHIGAN )
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)

Passed with _____ aye votes recorded and _____ nay votes recorded.

________________________________________
Jan Anschuetz, Secretary              (DATE)
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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: September 25, 2019
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Parks Administration Building, 2230 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645

Staff Present: Meghan Bonfiglio, Deputy Director; Ginny Trocchio, Superintendent of Park Planning and Natural Areas; Kira Macyda, Park Planner, Rosie Pahl Donaldson, Park Planner

Others Present: Carla Scruggs, Saline Parks and Recreation Director

1. Call to Order
The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:40 pm.

2. Staff Presentation
Staff presented an overview of the Master Plan process, including the public input process. The presentation also included highlights from the action program based on public input received, including:
   - Adding kayak and canoe rental options and livery at specific locations;
   - Maintaining existing nature trails including boardwalks and expanding nature trail options through our Natural Area Preservation Program;
   - Exploring the feasibility of adding camping at specific park locations;
   - Adding new amenities to Rolling Hills Water Park;
   - Collaborating with partners to continue the construction of the Border-to-Border Trail, as well as connection to water trails;
   - Continuing to support local and regional non-motorized trail connections;
   - Exploring the feasibility of additional off-leash dog parks and programming;
   - Increasing winter park programming;
   - Expanding and enhancing current community festivals, such as ice carving festival;
   - Expanding volunteer opportunities;
   - Renovating the Rec Center to provide additional wellness options for various age groups.

3. Public Comment
Carla Scruggs asked about partnership opportunities.

4. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.
MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: October 8, 2019
Re: Independence Lake Park – Boat House Livery Project Contractor Recommendation RFP #7785

Background
In 2001, construction was initiated on a spray pad adjacent to the beach area at Independence Lake County Park. The spray play area was in operation at this location until 2012 when it was decided, due to compounding mechanical issues, to close the facility and begin design work on a new facility to be located at the Gamble Group Center (now Blue Heron Bay). The old spray pad was demolished except for the old pump house, which was converted to storage space. In 2018, due to mold damage in the building, it was deemed that the structure needed to be demolished and rebuilt. This project has been included in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) with a budget estimate of $272,000. Due to the mold damage, insurance will reimburse in the amount of $97,000 for the replacement of the building. It has also been determined by staff to use the new building as a rental location for kayak, SUPs and fishing equipment. The need and interest for a livery is consistent with feedback received from the community survey conducted as part of the Master Plan process. Livery ranked in the top 10 for facility needs as well as program needs throughout the County.

Staff engaged our architectural consultant to design and provide architectural drawings for the new building. A request for proposal (RFP #7785) was prepared by staff for the construction of the building, in accordance with the County’s standard procurement protocol which was advertised by the Purchasing Department. The work included in the RFP involve complete demolition of existing building, construction of new wood frame building to serve as a Livery facility at the park. The work will also include site grading, limited pathway paving and site restoration.

Ten companies attended a pre-bid meeting held on September 5 and four submitted proposals on September 26, 2019. The following is a tabulation of the four bids received:

- Construction Solutions, Inc. – Brighton, MI $298,900
- Polymath Development – Detroit, MI $346,415
- FH Martin Constructors – Warren, MI $429,680
- C.E. Gleeson Constructors, Inc. – Troy, MI $487,000

Discussion
Construction Solutions, Inc. submitted the lowest bid, which came in slightly higher than our CIP budget estimate. Staff contacted references and spoke with a business owner in Pinckney who stated that Construction Solutions performed well on their project from last year and indicated that they would be very capable of executing our job.

Construction Solutions also provided a list of their subcontractors, as requested. Staff has worked with several of their listed sub-contractors and had no issues with their previous performance or workmanship.
Recommendation
Based upon the bids received, their experience and qualifications in construction of similar projects, it is my recommendation that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission award a Service Contract in the amount of $298,900.00 to Construction Solutions, Inc. for this project (RFP #7785) and include an additional 10% ($29,890) contingency for potential change orders.
MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: October 8, 2019
Re: Summer Day Camp Program

Background
Since 2008, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, in partnership with various community organizations, has provided an exciting summer day camp experience for youth in the Ypsilanti area through the Summer Playground Program. Participants have traditionally attended at no cost as a result of continued support of the Commission ($60,000/annually since 2017) along with governmental and not for profit organizations in the Ypsilanti area. Through the years the program has continued to evolve; changing the structure and adding programs. Some notable improvements include:

- 2017: All 3 locations hosted programs Monday–Thursday; West Willow & Superior locations operated from 11:00 am-3:00 pm; while the Sugarbrook site ran from 9:00am- 4:00pm, acting as the pilot for a full day program.

- 2018-Present: All of the locations moved to full day (M-Th, 9am to 4pm) and received provisional licenses to operate as a day camp (no longer a playground program). More community partners were sought out to enhance and expand the program, and the camp was awarded a grant to take children on a field trip. Our partners continue to provide their talents, resources, support, and special knowledge. Toyota and Laz Parking sponsored and helped provide supplies.

Discussion
A goal of this program is to strive to mark the Eastside community with a lifelong notion that their children will always have a safe place for summer recreation. In order to achieve this goal, the main focus for 2020 turned to staff recruitment in the service of the needs of campers. Through discussions with representatives from outside agencies, WCPARC staff will be seeking Activity Leaders and Site Coordinators who are in pursuit of careers in the social work and educational fields. Attracting talented, career-driven staff will allow the program to leverage the already strong daily structure for campers which breaks the day into educational based activities followed by recreational opportunities.

Administratively, one challenge within the program is the registration process. While additional capacity became available this summer, a substantial number of registrants did not attend the program after signing up. After discussing options with partner organizations, it was decided that the implementation of a flat $10.00 registration fee per camper increases the likelihood of reaching capacity at each site. It is anticipated that this fee will generate approximately $2,100/annually.
**Recommendation**
Based on initial discussions with partners, and the past success of the Summer Day Camp Program, I recommend the Commission authorize an amount of up to $195,000 for three years ($65,000 per year), with an additional 10% contingency in the event funding gaps are created through lack of grant opportunities and sponsorships. I also recommend that if funds are not spent in a given year due to factors such as increased participation from partners, that those funds may be rolled forward into the next year to further enhance the reach and effectiveness of the Summer Day Camp Program.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
DATE: October 8, 2019
RE: Recommendation for Partnership – Moehrle Property, Ann Arbor Township

Background
The 114-acre Moehrle property was nominated to Ann Arbor Township’s land preservation program and forwarded to NAPP in 2018. ALPAC included the property in its 2018 annual review of nominations.

Discussion
Just east, across the railroad from Northfield and Arbor Woods Preserves, the Moehrle property fronts along both Joy Road and Gleaner Hall Road. The primary conservation value of the property is its prime or locally important farmland soils (as described by the USDA-NRC) that cover 98% of the property. The Agricultural Assessment and Prioritization Mapping assessed the natural area as high or medium-high quality and prioritized it for its nearness to other easement properties (patch expansion) and its potential function within a corridor. The Commission’s recently adopted scoring for NAPP properties produces 65 points for the Moehrle property out of a possible 100.

The housing associated with the property is contained within a separate parcel. No buildings will be allowed on the 114 easement acres.

The southwesternmost parcel of the three included in the easement is technically ineligible for ALPAC funds, because the Township’s master plan’s future land use map suggests the parcel should be residential, not agriculture. ALPAC decided that an easement on the eligible land was still valuable and met the requirements of NAPP since the overall contribution to the project is a smaller percent.

Value Midwest completed an appraisal in January 2019 that identified the conservation easement value of the 114 acres as $1,119,000. Ann Arbor Township was awarded an ACEP-ALE grant covering 50% of the FMV. Ann Arbor Township and the Ann Arbor Greenbelt committed to one-third each of the remaining 50% (16.67% of the total FMV), and the request to WCPARC is the remaining one-third (16.67%). After review of the nomination, ALPAC recommended to the Parks Commission to partner with Ann Arbor Township and contribute $186,500 (16.67%) toward the easement purchase. Scio Township would be responsible for monitoring and enforcing the easement.

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**Recommendation**
Based upon the review by the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Committee and staff, it is my recommendation that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission partner with Ann Arbor Township for the purchase of a conservation easement on the Moehrle property, as identified in the attachments, and contribute $185,500 toward the purchase, and a contribution of $7,500 to the stewardship special revenue fund to cover potential future costs associated with monitoring and enforcement of the conservation easement, contingent upon attorney review of documents and execution of participation agreement.

*Attachments*
Moehrle Property: Assessment & Prioritization Mapping
Natural Areas Preservation Program
Nomination ID: A18.113
Ann Arbor Township
+/-114 Acres

At least one parcel or area on this property was prioritized based on:

Patch Expansion: This site is located in a dense area of higher quality land and protection thereof enlarges the footprint of existing protected land.

New Patch Establishment: This site is located in a dense area of higher quality land and protection thereof helps preserve land where none is currently preserved, in a manner that still offers "stepping stone" connectivity.

Corridor: Protection of this site protects land within an identified path of linear habitat connectivity.

Stream Protection: Protection of this site preserves or is ecologically connected to a site that preserves creek frontage.

Lake Plain Ecoregion: Protection of this site preserves land in the lake plain ecoregion, much of which has been developed and is significantly underrepresented in NAPP’s portfolio.

Not prioritized