

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD  
PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 2, 2021**

**Roll Call of Commission Members:**

Present: William Scott, Denise Schmuckal, Fern Spence, Andy Hoort, Chris DeGood, Chris Remy, and Art Bukowski

Staff Present: Deputy Planning Director Steve Hannon, Parks Steward Derek Morton

**Call to Order:** Chair DeGood called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

**1. Public Comment (6:05)**

None

**2. Review and Approval of the Agenda – Conflicts of Interest (6:05)**

*Spence moved and Scott seconded to approve the agenda as presented.*

*Yeas: Spence, Scott, Schmuckal, Bukowski, Hoort, Remy, DeGood*

*Nays: None*

**3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2021 (6:05)**

*Spence moved and Bukowski seconded to approve the minutes of June 7, 2021 as presented.*

*Yeas: Spence, Bukowski, Schmuckal, Remy, Hoort, Scott, DeGood*

*Nays: None*

**4. Correspondence (6:06)**

**5. Reports (6:07)**

**a. Commissioner Reports**

Schmuckal said that the basketball court at Silver Lake was being used. Remy said he has been appointed to the board of the Betsie Valley Trail and they are working on various connections.

**b. Staff Report/Updates**

Morton updated commissioners on all the parks. Silver Lake Recreation Area has been cleared of sumac, and a new countertop is being installed in the men's bathroom. Cameras have been ordered for the Commons area since graffiti is getting out of hand. Commissioners discussed about the vandalism and how to deter it. The bid for crack sealing the tennis courts at Silver Lake were revised and a discussion of proposed court signage by the Traverse Area Pickleball Association was discussed.

**6. Old Business (6:38)**

**a. Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area Update – August 2021**

Hannon said the deed for the Commons Natural Area is still in Lansing pending the Governor's signature. The RFP process was discussed for the Commons Natural Area as soon as the deed is returned to the Township. Hannon added that a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment final report is being prepared.

**b. Park User Survey Results**

Commissioners agreed to review the survey results at the next meeting.

**7. New Business**

**a. Norm Fred Recognition (6:50)**

*Bukowski moved and Hoort seconded to recommend to the Garfield Township Board to name a trail after Norm Fred in the River East Recreation Area.*

*Yeas: Bukowski, Hoort, Schmuckal, Spence, Remy, Scott, DeGood  
Nays: None*

**b. PD-2021-101 – 2022 Parks Priority Projects (6:53)**

Commissioners wanted to review the parks survey before delving into the priority projects and decided to hold off on any major planning at this time. Morton and Hannon talked about some upcoming River East projects and commissioners decided to request additional funds from the Township Board for River East Recreation Area.

**8. Public Comment (7:16)**

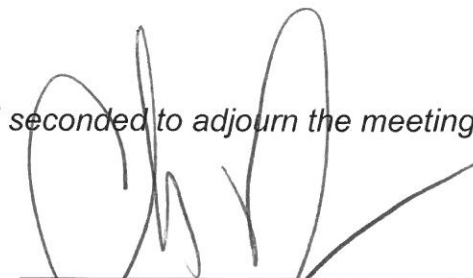
None

**9. Items for Next Agenda – October 4, 2021 (7:17)**

Finalize parks priority project recommendations  
Review survey results

**10. Adjournment**

*Schmuckal moved and Bukowski seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm.*



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