

## **Minutes**

### **The City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority Board of Directors**

**March 2, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Recreational Authority Board of Directors was called to order in the Second Floor County Training Room, Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m.

The following Directors were present, constituting a quorum: Michael Groleau, Secretary; Tim Hughes, Treasurer; Molly Agostinelli; Gary Howe; Mattias Johnson; and Matt McDonough.

The following Directors were absent (excused): Ross Biederman, Chair.

Secretary Groleau presided at the meeting.

#### **1.**

The first item being “Consideration of approving the minutes of the regular meeting of January 6, 2016,” Secretary Groleau introduced this matter. The following individual addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director

Moved by Agostinelli, seconded by Johnson, that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 6, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED.

#### **2.**

The next item being “Reports,” Secretary Groleau introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director  
Tom Vitale, GTCD  
Brianna Bidwell, Two B Events  
Karen Schmidt, BGHBP

Jenee Rowe, SEEDS  
Kimberly Conaghan, TCCG

Moved by Howe, seconded by McDonough, that the Chair be authorized to execute a letter supporting a grant request to the Oleson Foundation by the Botanic Garden, SEEDS and TC Community Garden on behalf of Historic Barns Park.

CARRIED.

**3.**

The next item being “Consideration of 2014-15 Audited Financial Statements,” Secretary Groleau introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director  
Mary Krantz, DGN

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Hughes, that the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year end June 30, 2015, be accepted.

CARRIED.

**4.**

The next item being “Consideration of a draft cooperative agreement with the City of Traverse City concerning Hickory Meadows and Hickory Hills,” Secretary Groleau introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director  
Eileen Ganter, HMAAC  
Maureen Madion, Preserve Hickory  
Jennifer Jaffe  
Emily Mitchell  
John Nelson, HMAAC

Moved by McDonough, seconded by Hughes, that the Chair be authorized to execute the Cooperation Agreement with the City of Traverse City regarding Hickory Hills and Hickory Meadows as amended by the Hickory Meadows Advisory Committee, provided that:

Paragraph 2 on Page 1 be further amended to read, “Hickory Meadows, a public park and natural area, is owned and operated by the Joint Recreational Authority. Hickory Meadows encompasses approximately 112 acres of meadows and wooded upland that include wildlife habitat and, in some sections, trails for passive recreation.”;

Paragraph 1 on Page 2 be restored to read, “The new lodge, parking, lighting, outdoor-access restrooms and park entrance to be built with the implementation of the Hickory Hills Master Plan will serve, benefit and be shared by both parks and users of both parks.”; and

Paragraph 6 on Page 2 be struck in its entirety.

CARRIED.

**5.**

The next item being “Presentation of the Energy Farm Master Plan for Historic Barns Park,” Secretary Groleau introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director  
Sarna Salzman, SEEDS  
Kevin Summers, SEEDS  
Jenee Rowe, SEEDS

No action was taken.

**6.**

The next item being “Report regarding payment of expenditures,” Secretary Groleau introduced this matter. The following individual addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director

No action was taken.

7.

The next item being “Public Comment,” Secretary Groleau introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

None.

There being no objection, Secretary Groleau declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

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Matt Cowall, Executive Director