

# Allegan County Parks Advisory Board



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**Chairperson: Pam Brown**  
**Vice Chairperson: John Clark III**

## PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – Minutes

Tuesday, June 1, 2021 @ 8:30am

Virtual Meeting – Connectivity Instructions **Attached**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Metz called meeting to order @ 8:37am

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Dugan, Langeance, Formsma, Kapenga, Metz, Clark (arrived late)

**Absent:** Brown, Dykstra, DeYoung

**Also Present:** Peter Ter Louw, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy; Joe Gill,  
Disc Golf; Brandy Gildea; Heather Bausick

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made by Dugan, seconded by Langeance to  
approve the April 6, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried.

**Brown:** Absent

**Clark:** Absent

**DeYoung:** Absent

**Dugan:** Yes

**Langeance:** Yes

**Dykstra:** Absent

**Formsma:** Yes

**Kapenga:** Yes

**Metz:** Yes

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion made by Langeance, seconded by Dugan to  
approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried

**Brown:** Absent

**Clark:** Absent

**DeYoung:** Absent

**Dugan:** Yes

**Langeance:** Yes

**Dykstra:** Absent

**Formsma:** Yes

**Kapenga:** Yes

**Metz:** Yes

**PARK ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:** Gildea gave updates on parks

- West Side Stairs are now open
- Littlejohn fence not down yet but will be working on

### **PRESENTATION:**

1. **Peter D. Ter Louw, Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy -**  
Kalamazoo River purchase project -Peter TerLouw gave a brief history of  
the 30 years that the Southwest Mich Land Conservatory has been in

operation. SWMLC is currently working with Armintrout/Millbocker camp to create a nature preserve along the Kalamazoo river. This is a 140 acre parcel with 3 miles on the river. They are currently working with state and local partners to secure funding to develop this property. He would like to schedule a 1-1 ½ hour field trip in the future to see the scope of the project.

2. **Joe Gill – Disc Golf Association.** He has resided in Allegan county since 1999 and is originally from Grand Rapids. Disc golf began in 1981 and has since become a college level and professional sport. There are over 200,000 active members in professional disc golf association. He has a private course on his property and has helped design and build many courses over the years. Gill would like to see a course at one of the Allegan county parks. Gildea stated she would like to see a course at Littlejohn park and wants the design to be correct and user friendly. Gill stated a course could run from \$500 - \$2000/hole depending on scope of project.

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#### REVIEW ITEMS:

1. **Financial Statements** – Gildea went over the expenditure and revenue statements located in agenda packet. Gildea then went over the quarterly revenues comparisons
  - Q1 – about the same as last year
  - Q2 – great numbers so far and still another month in the quarter
    - i. Pavilion and boating numbers are down but hope to pick up as weather gets warmer
    - ii. Camping is doing great
    - iii. Dugan asked if Gildea expects this increase to continue to the end of the year and Gildea stated she expects it at least through the end of August.

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#### RECOMMENDATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. None
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#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **2020-2024 Recreation Plan Review - [Link to Recreation Plan](#)**
  - a. **Step 1: Review info from: this info was presented to Parks Board at April meeting**

- i. Review info from Consideration of the National Community Citizen Survey (NCS) input - [Link to NCS](#)
  - ii. Input from Board and Elected Official Combined Board Survey
  - iii. Input from Parks Advisory Board Members
- b. Step 2: Review and if needed update current Goals/Objectives (Recreation Plan - Section 6)
- c. Step 3: Review and if needed update info/action plans for County owned/operated Parks listed in Recreation Plan (Recreation Plan - Sections 3 & 7)
- d. Step 4: Determine what needs to be added to Recreation Plan
- e. Step 5: Recommend to the BOC to adopt changes
  - i. BOC approved changes will amend current plan and be included in 2025-2029 Recreation Plan

Steps 1-3 were reviewed at today's meeting. Gildea went through all the National Community Citizen Survey and the Input from Board and Elected Official Combined Board Survey with the parks Board. She state that there was a focus on recreation/wellness and how we have already started to address that in the recreation plan. Gildea then went through Section 3 (Recreation Inventory), Section 6 (Goals/ Objectives) and Section 7 (action Program) with the Parks board. We will be reviewing all this information at out next meeting which is the all-day park tour. The Parks Board will continue with steps 5 & 6 at their October meeting. Dugan states he will ask BOC members for input on what they want to see happen at the parks and listed in the goals/action sections.

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**NOTICE OF PARK ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:  
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1. Littlejohn Disc Golf course – what kind of course do we want? Recreation or Competition? What kind of funding can we generate/use?

**ROUND TABLE:**

**Clark:** mentioned he was honored for his volunteer work @ disc golf courses. He would like to move forward with the Littlejohn course.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Next Meeting –Tuesday, August 3, 2021 @ 8:30 all day parks tour.

Motion made by Dugan, seconded by Formsma to adjourn the meeting at 10:27am. The motion carried

**Brown:** Absent  
**Clark:** Yes  
**DeYoung:** Absent  
**Dugan:** Yes  
**Langeance:** Yes

**Dykstra:** Absent  
**Formsma:** Yes  
**Kapenga:** Yes  
**Metz:** Yes