

**Van Buren County Parks Commission Board  
 Regular Meeting Minutes  
 April 11, 2023**

**Conference Room 303, Van Buren County Administration Building  
 219 E Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw MI 49079**

**1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum and Attendees**

At 11:01 AM, by Vice Chair John Small with attendees/absentees/status as follows:

Board Member Attendance Report--Parks and Recreation Commission										
Name	Position	Attendance/Quorum Status	Declared Remote Location			Present Anytime	Present @ Start	+ Late Arrivals	- Early Departs	Present @ End
			Municipality	County	State					
Mike Chappell	Chair	Did not attend meeting				No	No	✓	✓	No
John Small	Vice Chair	Attended physically				Yes	Yes	✓	✓	Yes
Wayne Nelson	Secretary	Attended physically				Yes	Yes	✓	✓	Yes
Joe Parman	Member	Attended physically				Yes	Yes	✓	✓	Yes
Kurt Doroh	Member	Attended physically				Yes	Yes	✓	✓	Yes
Lorna Nenciarini	Member	Attended physically				Yes	Yes	✓	✓	Yes
Dick Godfrey	Member	Attended physically				Yes	Yes	✓	✓	Yes
Paul Garrod	Member	Did not attend meeting				No	No	✓	✓	No
Emily Hickmott	Member	Did not attend meeting				No	No	✓	✓	No
<vacancy>	Member	Did not attend meeting				No	No	✓	✓	No
Count:						6	6	0	0	6
Members Present:							6 of 9	6 of 9	6 of 9	6 of 9
Quorum (Yes/No):							Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- a. **Board Members Present (6); Board Members Absent (3); Board Vacancies: (1).** A quorum (6 of 9) is initially present, and a quorum remained throughout the meeting.
- b. **Staff and Others Present:** John Faul, County Administrator; Ron Sefcik, Hartford Township Supervisor.

**2. Approval of Agenda--**The prepared agenda was approved 6-0 on the motion of Doroh, supported by Godfrey.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting held March 14, 2023--**The proposed minutes of the meeting were included in the agenda packet. The minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0 on the motion by Parman, supported by Doroh.

**4. Public Comment—**None

**5. New Business—**

- a. **Welcome to New Board Member Lorna Nenciarini—**The county's new Finance director, Lorna Nenciarini, is now on the job and thus is an automatic member of this board. We welcome her.

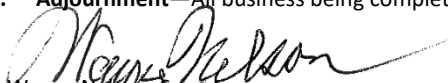
**6. Unfinished Business—**

- a. **Board Vacancy and Representation Status—**There was no action to report on the remaining Board vacancy.
- b. **County Fair Board and Museum Leases—**The county's GIS staff is reviewing the Fairgrounds and Museum leases at the county's property in Hartford Township.
- c. **Kayak Launch Project—**Marcy Hamilton of SWM Planning Commission submitted the new grant application to the state on April 7. The Board of commissioners conducted the required public hearing and approved funding for the new Parks department.
- d. **Michigan Sparks Grant Program—**Marcy Hamilton continues to monitor this for us.

**7. General Member Comments—**

- a. Vice Chair Small mentioned that the Sheriff's work crew will now resume doing park mowing.
- b. Nelson thanks Hartford Township Supervisor Sefcik for the townships increased financial support for the Kayak Launch Project.
- c. Sefcik commented positively on the Allegan County Conservation District's pollinator encouragement programs.

**8. Adjournment—**All business being completed, the meeting was adjourned by the Vice Chair at 11:22 AM, by unanimous consent.

  
 Wayne Nelson, Secretary  
 Van Buren County Parks and Recreation Commission