

## Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission

Organizational Session – Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

### Tentative Minutes – Meeting recorded

*Via Zoom and at the Leelanau County Government Center, Suttons Bay, Michigan*

The meeting was called to order by Recording Secretary Pro Tem Laurel Evans at 3:12 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Evans.

#### Roll Call:

Dave Barrons – *via Zoom*  
Steve Christensen – *via Zoom*  
Don Frerichs – *via Zoom*  
Melinda Lautner – *via Zoom, present at 3:24 p.m.*  
Casey Noonan – *via Zoom, at 3:35 p.m.*  
John Popa – *absent/prior notice*  
Rick Robbins  
Lana Schaub – *via Zoom*  
Jon Walter – *absent/prior notice*  
Todd Yeomans – *via Zoom*

Guest present.

#### Public Comment:

Clerk announced the number to call in for public comment (231-256-8109); none received.

#### Agenda Additions/Deletions:

None.

#### Approval of Agenda:

**Motion by Christensen to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Barrons and Yeomans.**

No discussion.

**Ayes – 6 (Christensen, Frerichs, Robbins, Schaub, Yeomans, Barrons)**

**No – 0 Absent – 4 (Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Walter)**

**Motion Carried.**

#### Action Items –

##### Election of Chairman, 1-Year Term:

Evans noted the Planning Commission will be selecting its representative to the Parks and Recreation Commission at its Organizational Session next week and she has confirmed that Noonan is still the sole member of that Commission in the recreation category, and the Planning Commission bylaws state the Planning Commission rep to the Parks Board will be either the Planning Commission Chairman or his or her designee. Evans added she had spoken with Noonan earlier, and he would be willing to serve as Parks Chairman, if so appointed.

Evans called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Christensen nominates Casey Noonan as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Seconded by Barrons.**

No further nominations; nominations were closed.

**Evans called for all those in favor of Casey Noonan as Chairman of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission.**

Discussion – None.

**Ayes – 6 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Robbins, Schaub, Yeomans)**

**No – 0 Absent – 4 (Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Walter)**

**Motion Carried.**

Evans declared Casey Noonan Chairman of the Leelanau County Parks & Recreation Commission.

Election of Vice-Chairman, 1-Year Term, and Election of Secretary, 1-Year Term:

Evans then called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman.

**Christensen nominates Dave Barrons as Vice-Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Seconded by Frerichs.**

No further nominations; nominations were closed.

**Evans called for all those in favor to retain Dave Barrons as Vice-Chairman of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission.**

No discussion.

**Ayes – 6 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Robbins, Schaub, Yeomans)**

**No – 0 Absent – 4 (Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Walter)**

**Motion Carried.**

Evans declared Dave Barrons Vice-Chairman of the Leelanau County Parks & Recreation Commission, and then turned the meeting over to him.

Vice-Chairman Barrons called for nominations for the position of Secretary.

**Yeomans nominates Steve Christensen as Secretary of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Seconded by Barrons.**

No further nominations; nominations were closed.

**Barrons called for all those in favor of Steve Christensen as Secretary of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission.**

Evans asked for a brief recess was taken at 3:19 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 3:24 p.m.

**Barrons restated his motion, and called for all those in favor of Steve Christensen as Secretary of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission.**

No discussion.

**Ayes – 7 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Lautner, Robbins, Schaub, Yeomans)**

**No – 0 Absent – 3 (Noonan, Popa, Walter)**

**Motion Carried.**

New Commission members introduced themselves. Schaub said she and her husband own a lawncare business, she is a horse fanatic and has two teenagers. Her husband, Eric, is a lifelong County resident; she came from Mason County and has lived in Leelanau County for 19 years. Barrons asked and she confirmed she went to Scottville. Robbins said he is the District #1 Commissioner from Elmwood Township. He is a fourth generation from Grand Traverse County, has lived in the County for 11 years, and is retired from Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office. He is now a court officer and owns a trucking business.

Approval of 2021 Meeting Schedule:

Vice-Chairman Barrons asked if everyone had reviewed the tentative meeting schedule. Evans commented that the Commission had a choice of meeting in Executive Committee or as a Committee of the Whole to review the 2022 Parks Budget in June. Barrons asked if Lautner, Christensen, and Noonan would join him and take that on again.

**Motion by Lautner to approve the draft 2021 meeting schedule of the Parks and Recreation Commission, as presented. Seconded by Robbins and Christensen.**

No discussion.

**Ayes – 7 (Lautner, Robbins, Schaub, Yeomans, Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs)**

**No – 0 Absent – 3 (Noonan, Popa, Walter)**

**Motion Carried.**

2021 Parks Commissioner Subcommittee Appointments:

Vice-Chairman Barrons asked for and Evans provided a review of current appointments. Schaub mentioned she lives near Myles. Discussion followed on current committee appointments.

**Consensus to set the individual park subcommittees as follows:**

Myles Kimmerly Park  
Committee:

Steve Christensen  
Don Frerichs  
Rick Robbins  
Lana Schaub

Old Settlers Park  
Committee

Steve Christensen  
Melinda Lautner  
Casey Noonan  
Todd Yeomans

Veronica Valley Park  
Committee

Dave Barrons  
Steve Christensen  
John Popa  
Jon Walter

Review of Parks Bylaws:

Vice-Chairman Barrons asked and Evans responded the review of Parks Bylaws is added every year, because she thinks it is important that everyone understands the bylaws. It would help to prevent any future problems. She stressed that if anyone has any questions at all on procedure, to contact County Administrator Chet Janik for guidance. (Understanding) the bylaws help to

prevent any future trouble in presenting (recommendations) to the County Board of Commissioners. Discussion followed.

Evans also noted a copy of the Parks 2021 Budget had also been included in the meeting packet.

Public Comment:

Evans announced the number to call in for public comment; none received.

Commissioner Comment:

Frerichs asked and Clerk confirmed the budget is effective through the calendar year.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Noonan at 3:36 p.m.

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Laurel S. Evans  
Recording Secretary Pro Tem