

**Duncan Park Commission**  
Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2019  
City Manager's Conference Room, Grand Haven City Hall  
519 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Commission members:

Present: Cotner, Lucas, Wierenga, Sass, Tuuk

Absent:

Others present: City Liaison, Matt Wade, Dennis Scott

Approval of agenda: A motion was made by Sass and seconded by Lucas to approve the June Agenda. Motion carried 5-0

Public Comment: None

New Business:

- A) Moved by Wierenga, seconded by Sass, to increase the previously authorized amount for Ottawa Conservation District's treatment of all larger Hemlocks in the park for prevention of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid infestations to a maximum of \$18,000 from \$10,000.  
Motion Carried 5-0

- B) Discussion of priorities for park maintenance:

The Commissioners discussed their vision for the Park and agreed that the Park should be accessible and used while maintaining the natural integrity of the Park. The Park should look attractive. The area near the picnic tables should be maintained including mowing and irrigation during the summer. The Deed of Trust provides that the Park shall be a "public park, for the use and enjoyment of the citizens or inhabitants of Grand Haven." The Deed of Trust also provides that "the natural beauty of the forest within said park shall be preserved as far as possible." The Commissioners also discussed irrigation at the Sheldon Street entrance, maintenance of the meadow on the north side of the Park, and other maintenance matters but did not reach consensus on those issues. The Commissioners agreed to continue to reflect on these and other maintenance items for future discussions.

- C) Moved by Mark, seconded by Sass, to approve the Use Application submitted by Tri-Cities YMCA for a Coast Guard Run through the Park. Motion Carried 5-0

- D) Discussion of Use approval process:

1. Tri-Cities YMCA Kick-Off to Summer Run was never formally approved the the Commission. Wade agreed to try to assure proper channeling of use requests involving the Park through the Commission. The Commissioners unanimously agreed that organizers of any event in the Park must receive prior approval of the use by the Commission.

Approval of Minutes: No motion was made and the meeting was adjourned due to a medical emergency.

The next meeting will be July 16, 2019 at 7:00p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room.