

**Minutes
PUBLIC HEARING
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Applications
Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Applications
Board of Commissioners
Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
Thursday, March 14, 2019**

A Public Hearing for the MNRTF/LWCF grant applications for Oakwoods, Lake Erie, Stony Creek, Kensington and Hudson Mills Metroparks was held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the Administrative Office. The hearing convened in pursuance to a legal notice placed in the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News.

Commissioners Present:	Timothy J. McCarthy Robert W. Marans Kurt L. Heise John Paul Rea Steve Williams Jaye Quadrozzi
Staff Officers:	
Director	Amy McMillan
Deputy Director	David Kirbach
Chief of Finance	Rebecca Franchock
Others:	
Park Planner	Tim Phillips
System Planner	Jason Bibby
Grant Writer	Michelle Nichols
Grant Writer/Rec. Programs Coordinator	Janet Vandewinkle

1. Call to Order

Chairman McCarthy called the public hearing to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Chairman's Statement

None.

3. MNRTF/LWCF Grant Application Overview

Chief of Planning and Development Nina Kelly updated the Board on the scope of the projects for the five projects at Oakwoods (Accessible Nature Trail Development), Lake Erie (Accessible Launch Development), Stony Creek (Off-Leash Dog Area), Kensington (West Boat Launch) and Hudson Mills (Rapid View Development). She said staff was applying for two grants for the Kensington and Hudson Mills projects; however, only one grant would be awarded.

Ms. Kelly said the Hudson Mills project is a complicated site. It has a lot going on in the area and is a popular access point for paddling activities on the river; it has natural rivers, is in a flood plain and the parking area is small. She said staff has been in contact with Natural Rivers staff at the DNR regarding the project and that this project was included in the Hudson Mills Master plan.

Ms. Kelly said the public hearing information was officially posted in the Detroit News on March 4 and March 11, on the Metroparks website and press releases were sent out to 159 agencies. Staff also received input from the public.

Commissioner Williams asked if the asphalt could be recycled. Staff said yes.

4. Public Participation

Toni Spears, Dexter, thanked staff for the work done on the grant applications. She said she spends a lot of time at Hudson Mills and her main concern is the turnaround area and proposed tree removal. She said there are a lot of mature trees and she would hate to see them damaged

or removed for this project. Ms. Spears said she would like the word turnaround removed from the resolution and replace it with language that is less restrictive.

5. Motion to Close the Public Hearing

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Williams that the Board of Commissioners close the public hearing on the MNRTF/LWCF Grant Applications.

Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing on the MNRTF/LWCF Grant Applications adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shawn Athayde
Recording Secretary