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## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** September 21, 2017

**TO:** Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners and Parks and Recreation Commissioners

**FROM:** Kristine Erickson, Parks and Recreation Director  
John Sych, AICP, Planning Director

**MEETING DATE:** September 27, 2017

**RE:** **Joint Board of Commissioners and Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

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In light of the recent discussions regarding county properties, including county parks, it is timely for the Board of Commissioners and the Parks and Recreation Commission to convene a joint meeting to address two primary subjects. The purpose of the joint meeting is to: (1) create general agreement on the future direction of county parks and parklands; (2) to establish protocol for the potential disposition of county parkland. Anticipated outcomes of the meeting will be a common understanding of the role of each board, and a good flow of communication between the two boards.

This study session, scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the Training Room on the second floor of the Governmental Center, will be facilitated by MSU Extension Educator John Amrhein.

The session will commence with an overview of county parks and the pending update of the current Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The overview will include a review of the missions of both boards, and identify mutual objectives/strategies.

Next, to gain input, you will be asked the question: *What do our county parks mean to you, as commissioners on boards serving our county residents?* Responses will be listed so that commonalities may be identified and disparities addressed. This exercise will be used to work toward a general agreement on the future direction of parks.

Finally, a process for the potential disposition of any parks will be established to provide appropriate protocol and lines of communication between both boards.

We look forward to the opportunities that this meeting brings, and hope you will find it beneficial.

c: County Administration