

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The May 17, 2022, Commission Meeting of the Mecosta County Park Commission was called to order at Mecosta County Services Building at 5:00 PM by the Commission Chairman, Mr. O'Neil.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Bradstrom, Mr. Farrow (arrived at 5:20), Mr. Griffith, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lambrix, Ms. Miller, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Stratton and Mr. Vogel. **Members Absent:** None.

Others Present: Jeff Abel - Superintendent and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Lambrix to approve the minutes of the April 19th Park Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Updates

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 22 current and completed projects, including:

Logo Meetings Mr. Stratton motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to adopt the new logo design and color options as presented. Motion carried.

Traffic Speed Trailer has been receiving positive reactions from camping guests. The speed trailer was posted at Brower and then at School Section for each of the park's opening weekends.

Beaver Trapper at Merrill-Gorrel trapped 2 nuisance beavers. No additional beaver damage has been detected.

Goose Round-Up no geese nests were found at Brower Park this year due to low water levels.

Fish Stocking 10,000 brown trout were released from Paris Park into the Muskegon River by the DNR Fisheries Division.

Road Grading was completed in all parks prior to park openings; the next scheduled grading/brining will take place the week prior to Memorial Weekend.

Ferris Welding representative is potentially interested in partnering with the parks to complete future projects. Park walk-throughs are planned in the future.

Tubb's Mainland Boat Launch erosion has been temporarily stabilized by the Road Commission. We are working with the DNR to establish a long-term improvement plan.

Paris Pond repair options are being sought. Mr. Lambrix has scheduled to meet on site with a vendor to discuss shotcrete.

Generator Status Bid documents for the generator units have been prepared and sent out.

YTD - Park Revenue Report shows vehicle permit sales are off \$3,300 from last year and camping revenue for Brower and Paris Parks are currently trending behind last year.

Dragon Trail Updates - The trail counter has arrived; licensing, installation and information accessibility tasks are being worked through. The builder is scheduled to start trail building this week north of the Newaygo State Park and continue north to the Brower Loop. This section will include a 55' bridge which is due to be ordered. Erosion concerns in portions of last year's build are being addressed with last year's trail builder.

Incident/Accident Report vehicle hail damage report discussed.

Committee Actions

Masterplan

WPVRA - Mr. Vogel has been meeting with County and State officials to determine the specific requirements and fees associated with designing and licensing the area as a rustic campground. Additional meetings to be scheduled with the Health Department. The Committee to schedule a meeting to define use and propose project scope.

Finance

Phatt Matt Food trailer has requested to offer concessions at Brower Park for 5 weekends. Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to approve a \$500 concession fee for the 5 specific weekends requested and to approve any additional weekends at a rate of \$100 per weekend. Motion carried.

Personnel

2022 Seasonal Staff Update Forty of forty-seven seasonal positions have been filled.

Financial

Financial Report - Revenue & Expenses, Cash Spreadsheet, Year-to-Year - Reports were reviewed and discussed.

Approval of Bills - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Farrow to approve the bills in the amounts of \$14,920.54, \$27,573.51, \$23,214.20 and \$33652.00. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business:

Report from Mrs. Bradstrom - The County Board of Commissioners has decided to provide \$225,000 of cannabis tax revenue to the Dragon Trail and \$100,000 toward the park's generator project. Additional Park capital improvement funding may be provided from ARPA funds.

Next Commission Meeting is scheduled for 5 PM, June 21, 2022, at the Mecosta County Services Building.

Adjourned: 6:00 PM