

## Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The June 21, 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, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lambrix, Ms. Miller, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Stanek and Mr. Vogel. **Members Absent:** Mr. Stratton. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel - Superintendent, Mary Hansen - Asst. Operation Manager and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

### Approval of Agenda

Mr. Lambrix motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to approve the amended agenda with the addition of State Trail Grant Funds added as the last item under Reports and Updates. Motion carried.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the May 17<sup>th</sup> Park Commission and the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Masterplan Committee meetings. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

### Reports and Updates

#### Superintendent's Updates

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 17 current and completed projects, including:

**SS Septic Issues** - We have emailed the School Section Lake seasonal campers asking them to discontinue flushing wipes into the septic system to help eliminate the regular (and expensive) septic clogging the wipes have been presenting. Additionally, we have requested that Randy's Portables dump to a different tank.

**Rock Installation at Davis Bridge** - A load of rocks has been delivered and will be strategically placed to help control vehicle traffic within the park.

**Boy Scouts at Paris Park** - Flag ceremony training has been completed as the Boy Scouts prepare for their Mackinac Island trip later this year.

**School Section Electrical Issues** A camping guest's AC unit melted causing wires in the system to touch and back feed electrical current through to our electrical grid. Consumers Energy & Schneider Electric diagnosed and remedied the issue.

**Paris Internet** went out in a storm on Wednesday. The park operated off of a hot spot until Tuesday when the City of Big Rapids was able to get us back up and running.

**YTD - Park Revenue Report** - the combined total of park revenue categories is currently trailing last year by 4%.

**Dragon Trail Updates** - The Superintendent reviewed outstanding reimbursements due Mecosta County Parks. The builder has started this year's build and has already reached Rosie Run Ravine north of Newaygo State Park. The build will continue north of the ravine and likely

reach the Brower Loop prior to the end of the building season. Repairs to eroded trail in last year's build are being addressed. Segments 1 & 2 along with a portion of Segment 7 are anticipated to be the only remaining segments to build in 2023.

**Incident/Accident** 4 reports reviewed and discussed.

**State Trail Grant Funds** Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to direct the Park Commission Chairman to sign and submit letters of support for investments in the Statewide Active Transportation Network and specific line item requesting Dragon Trail funding. Motion carried.

## Correspondence

**Summer Recruitment Request** Mr. Griffith motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to permit NEMCSA Head Start to set up a recruitment table at School Section Lake in accordance with the perimeters established by the Parks' Superintendent. Motion carried.

## Committee Actions

### Masterplan

**Generator Installation Project** Mr. Griffith motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to approve the purchase of Generac generators, including alternates 1 & 2, for a cost of \$87,845 and to move forward with bidding of the installations. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

### Finance

**2022 Budget Adjustments** Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Farrow to approve the proposed budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried.

### Personnel

**2022 Seasonal Staff Update** was provided by the Assistant Operations Manager.

## Financial

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

**Approval of Bills** - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to approve payment of the bills in the amounts of \$15,381.18, \$26,619.54 and \$29,029.10. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Knox inquired to what extent is the Commission informed when law enforcement has entered the parks.

**Other Business:** None.

**Next Commission Meeting** is scheduled for 5 PM, July 19, 2022, at the Mecosta County Services Building.

**Adjourned:** 6:00 PM