

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The March 21, 2023, 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. Stanek.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Bradstrom, Mr. Farrow, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Hatkowski, Mr. Lambrix, Ms. Miller, Mr. Stanek and Mrs. Strong. **Member Absent:** Mr. Johnson and Mr. Vogel. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel - Superintendent, Mary Hansen - HR Manager, Mike Fenton - Operations Manager and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objections, the agenda stood approved as present.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Griffith motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to approve the minutes of the February 21st Park Commission, March 2nd Special Commission and March 15th Masterplan Committee meetings. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Updates

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 16 current and completed projects, including:

Computer Server has been ordered to house park files. The new server will provide/limit remote access to specific folders and streamline many park processes.

Consumers Energy has stated that the current water level drawdown schedule will continue through spring 2025 and that the fall 2025 drawdown will be extended for spillway construction for a duration to be approved by FERC. Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Lambrix to have Prein & Newhof complete an evaluation of the Brower Park channels in an attempt to provide water access during a 10-foot water drawdown. Motion carried.

MACPRO Jeff Abel was nominated and has accepted the Vice President position on the organization.

Trust Fund Grants for Davis Bridge and School Section have both received Resolutions of Approval from the County Board of Commissioners.

Dragon Trail meeting has been scheduled with the current builder and designer to review 6 remaining ravine crossing areas including the collapsed portion of segment 7 and to create a plan of action for construction in these areas; a 2023 build estimate will follow. Spicer will finish the administering of the two grants and cut the scope of the remaining contract.

Year to Date Revenue Report reviewed. 2023 revenue is trending above 2022 in both vehicle and non-vehicle revenue.

Correspondence

Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance request our support of supplemental ARP funding and we have subsequently, provided a letter of support.

Committee Actions

Masterplan

Marijuana Tax Revenue Funding Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to request a reimbursement of the actual 2023 Dragon Trail build expenses from the County's Marijuana Tax Revenue. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote. Additionally, the Committee recommends a second priority funding request be made for the required repairs of the Paris Park raceway wall and the 3rd pond, once a repair estimate has been made.

School Section Lake Park Expansion Mr. Griffith motioned, seconded by Mr. Farrow to send the project out to bid with a scheduled completion date of May 2024. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Generator Installation Bids are due by noon on March 24th; a Special Meeting will be scheduled prior to our next regular Commission Meeting to award the project.

Buckhorn Dam Removal Update the stakeholders met on site. Funding has been secured to cover most of the cost of the stream restoration and installation of the 90' bridge.

Finance

Dump Station Towers- Brower four quotes were reviewed. Mr. Lambrix motioned, seconded by Mr. Farrow to purchase tower kits from the lowest bidder, RVParkSupplies.com. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Swim Buoy Replacements -Merrill Gorrel and Family Group Camp Mr. Griffith motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to move forward with the purchase of swim area buoys and markers from Rolyan. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Family Group Camp-Bathhouse Flooring/Tile Carpet Gallery has started the flooring project this week with the shower tile portion of the project being completed by park maintenance this fall.

Vehicle Sales Update-GovDeals auction has been completed with the Parks netting \$11,805.

Financial

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

Approval of Bills - Mr. Griffith motioned, seconded by Mr. Lambrix to approve payment of the bills in the amounts of \$12,550.44, \$19,967.87 and \$3,427.17. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None

Other Business

Special Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3rd at the Mecosta County Services Building.

Next Monthly Commission Meeting is scheduled for 5 PM, April 18th, at the Mecosta County Services Building.

Adjourned: 5:45 PM