

## MECOSTA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

May 12, 2011

The May 12, 2011 monthly meeting of the Mecosta County Park Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman at the administrative office in Paris, MI.

Members Present: Mr. Cookingham, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Jefts, Mr. Molnar, Mr. Nichols, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Peek, Mr. Stout, Mr. Wayer, and Mr. Wheeler. Members absent: none. Also present: Gary Brown, Erin Bean, and Karen Morningstar.

Welcome new Board members Dave Molnar and Eric O'Neil!

Secretary replacement: Mrs. Strong who resigned held the position of Secretary. Mr. Cookingham nominated Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded by Mr. Nichols. Motion carried.

Minutes of April 14, 2011 Board Meeting: Mr. Cookingham moved, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2011 Board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

### REPORTS AND UPDATES:

**School Section, Merrill and Paris Parks are Open:** Superintendent reported of the opening all three parks. Brower in down (8-10,000) in reservations compared to this time last year.

**Merrill Manager Residence:** Superintendent informed that the porch is on and the siding will be complete by Wednesday of next week. The trailer is now gone.

**Pick Up Truck:** Superintendent stated the new pick up truck will arrive in either May or June according to Bob Horan.

**Incident/Accident Reports:** none.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none. The Chairman at this time requested the printing of information books for the Board members with the cell phone numbers of the Board members printed in the books.

### FINANCIAL:

**Adjustments:** Superintendent reviewed the Revenue vs. Expenses report. One adjustment was needed. Executive Secretary requested to transfer \$531.75 from contingency to cover line item #934 – Contracted Maintenance Office Equipment. Mr. Cookingham moved, seconded by Mr. Jefts to allow the transfer as requested. Mrs. Fitzgerald questioned why this account is overdrawn so early in the year. Superintendent stated this account is for our computer tech, which is costing more due to the lack of privileges and computer use policy. Motion carried.

Mr. Wayer asked if the financial information being reviewed this evening was produced by the County. Superintendent informed the Board the sheets were created in-house due to the County will not close April until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May.

**Bills:** Mr. Wayer moved, seconded by Mr. Cookingham to allow the transfer of funds from 116 to the 508 account for the payment of bills, including the customary and ordinary bills. Motion carried.

*Financial Report:* The financial report was provided to the Board.

*Set Asides:* were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

*Y102 Radio Auction:* Superintendent the radio auction on 100.9 Bib Country begins tomorrow and we have 8 packages being auctioned. This will hopefully create local interest for camping. Mr. Peek stated next year everything needs to be in the line item for advertising. Mr. Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to participate with the Y102 radio auction for a complete package value of \$892.00. Motion carried.

Superintendent reported the signs as requested by Mr. Peek have been put in place at Davis Bridge park – “New Rates - \$5”.

Resolutions for Mrs. Strong and Mr. Todd: were read by the Chairman.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: **Mrs. Jerrilyn Strong** has faithfully served the Mecosta County Park Commission for the past 15 years as the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners representative and 5 years as an appointed member. Of those total 20 years, serving 1 year as Chairman, 13 years as Secretary and service on several Mecosta County Park Commission sub-committees.

WHEREAS: **Mrs. Jerrilyn Strong** has, during her appointment with this Commission, given freely and unselfishly of her time, experience, and varied expertise, which have contributed significantly to the development, improvement and continued operations of the Mecosta County Parks, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mecosta County Park Commission and Superintendent of said Commission does hereby express sincere appreciation for the faithful and devoted contributions which **Mrs. Jerrilyn Strong** has made and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be made a permanent part of the proceedings of this commission and that a true copy be given to **Mrs. Jerrilyn Strong** as a record of her exemplary service.

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#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: **Mr. John Todd** has faithfully served the Mecosta County Park Commission for a total of 13 years (1990-1998) as the Mecosta County

Board of Commissioners representative, and from 2007-2011 as an appointed member. **Mr. John Todd** has served 3 years as Vice Chairman and 1 year as Secretary and served on several Mecosta County Park Commission sub-committees.

WHEREAS: **Mr. John Todd** has, during his appointment with this Commission, given freely and unselfishly of his time, experience, and varied expertise, which have contributed significantly to the development, improvement and continued operations of the Mecosta County Parks, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mecosta County Park Commission and Superintendent of said Commission does hereby express sincere gratitude for the faithful and dedicated contributions which **Mr. John Todd** has made and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be made a permanent part of The proceedings of this commission and that a true copy be given to **Mr. John Todd** as a record of his exemplary service.

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Mr. Jeffs moved, seconded by Mr. Cookingham to accept the resolutions for both Mrs. Strong and Mr. Todd as presented. Motion carried.

Superintendent reported the Executive Secretary has just celebrated her 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Assistant Superintendent has just celebrated her 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Mr. Nichols requested the Superintendent to distribute information regarding a court case involving mooring posts. Mr. Nichols presented this information proving the Mecosta County Park Commission has riparian rights of the mooring posts.

Rules & Regulations Committee Meeting Date & Time: was scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.

Masterplan Committee Meeting Date & Time: was scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.

Finance Committee Meeting Date & Time: was scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.

Members will be either e-mailed or sent a post card for reminders.

*Next Meeting:* Is scheduled for June 9, 2011 @ Brower.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Fitzgerald  
Secretary