

## MECOSTA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

June 10, 2010

The June 10, 2010 meeting was called to order by the Chairman at Brower County Park in Stanwood, MI at 7:00 p.m. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Cookingham, Mrs. Fitzgerald (arrived late), Mrs. Howard, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Peek, Mr. Stout, Mrs. Strong (arrived late), Mr. Todd and Mr. Wayer. MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Jefts. Also present: Gary Brown, Erin Bean, Karen Morningstar and Don French (Brower Asst. Manager).

*Minutes* May 13, 2010 Board Meeting: Mr. Cookingham moved, seconded by Mr. Wayer to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2010 Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

*Public Comment.* Superintendent, introduced Mike Van Horn, an intern from Ferris State University, who is assisting the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, 30 hours per week for the past three weeks until the first week in August.

Don French – Brower Park Manager was welcomed to the meeting.

### REPORTS AND UPDATES

*Memorial Day Campsites Occupied:* Superintendent reviewed the report with the Board. Parks percentages were up from last year.

*Boat Rentals:* Superintendent informed the Board the year to date revenue is \$443.00, of which \$420 is from Memorial Day weekend.

*Davis Bridge Bank Restoration:* Construction is complete including 150' of split rail fence, two erosion control devices, shaping, water bars and seeding. Plantings of native vegetation should be complete by now. Total project is about 95% complete.

*Merrill Fishing Dock:* Superintendent stated Judge Scott Hill Kennedy has informed him of the unofficial approval of the grant. The payment of \$500 for the permit has been sent in and we should hear any day if it has been approved. Earlier today at Merrill Lake Park, a camper expressed dissatisfaction with the time lines and lack of progress on the dock. Chairman stated she may not understand the process and the Superintendent must follow Board rules.

*Youth Workers:* This year we have 4 youth workers with funds provided from the State of Michigan.

Mrs. Fitzgerald arrived at 7:18 p.m.

*Incident/Accident Reports:* 6 reports were reviewed.

*Correspondence:* Three letters were reviewed. The letter regarding the BBQ stand comments will be placed on file. Assistant Superintendent already replied to the guest regarding Brower reservations. Superintendent was directed to respond to the final letter regarding allowing dogs into Brower Park as we will continue with current policy.

### FINANCIAL

Mr. Cookingham addressed the Board regarding the monthly adjustments. The current adjustments needed were discussed. After much discussion, Finance Committee will meet to look at this issue. Executive Secretary was directed to contact the Finance Committee members to set up a meeting date and time before the next Board meeting.

Adjustments: Mr. Nichols moved, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to transfer \$1470.98 from Contingency to the following account to balance: #744-\$642.21, #750-\$723.80 and #803-\$104.97. Motion carried with Mr. Cookingham opposing.

Mrs. Strong arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Approval of Bills: Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Cookingham, for the transfer of funds (to cover Accounts Payable) from the 508 account at the County to our 110 account at Chemical Bank and for the approval of all of the bills, including customary and ordinary, as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The Executive Secretary gave the financial report.

Set Aside accounts were reviewed.

Revenue vs. Expenses were reviewed.

SSLPOA Fish Stocking Request: SSLPOA requested a contribution of \$500 for fish stocking for School Section Lake. Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Cookingham to contribute \$500 to Aqua Springs for the annual fish stocking. Motion carried.

*PUBLIC COMMENT:* none.

***OTHER BUSINESS:***

*Dulcimer Players at Paris Park:* Superintendent announced, weather permitting, a group of Dulcimer players will be performing June 12, 2010 on the Stage at Paris Park from 6-8 p.m.

*Updated Rules and Regulations:* were distributed.

Reminder: next meeting on July 8, 2010 @ Paris Park.

Adjournment: Mr. Todd moved, seconded by Mr. Wayer to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Fitzgerald  
Secretary