

MECOSTA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION
October 18, 2011

The October 18, 2011 meeting was held at the Administrative Office in Paris, MI. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Jefts, Mr. Molnar, Mr. Norton, Mr. O'Neil (arrived late), Dr. Perialas, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Stout, Mr. Vogel and Mr. Wheeler. MEMBERS ABSENT: none. Also present: Gary Brown, Erin Bean and Karen Morningstar.

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 20, 2011 Board meeting: Mr. Vogel moved, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2011 board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes of the September 29, 2011 Masterplan Committee Meeting: Mrs. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Mr. Molnar to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2011 Masterplan Committee meeting as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Perialas was contacted by an employee of Green Township who requested consideration to move the Eiffel Tower closer to Northland Drive to obtain more exposure. After pros and cons of the proposal, the Board felt the Eiffel Tower will be more secure in its current location.

INTERNET

Bob Baldwin and Kevin Tucker were present to discuss offering high speed internet to the guests of the Mecosta County Park Commission. Several options are available and they can tailor a plan for the Mecosta County Park Commission. Dr. Perialas moved, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to refer this topic to the Marketing Committee, who will meet with Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Tucker and come up with a direction to present to the full Board. Motion carried.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Brower Seasonal Lottery: Chairman reported a great turnout and requested the Rules and Regulations Committee set a meeting after Brower Park opens in the Spring with a few select Brower guests to hear comments and ideas for the Lottery.

Architect for School Section Lake Veteran's Park Bathroom: Superintendent informed the Board of the advertising in the Pioneer, responses and pre-bid meeting scheduled for tomorrow.
Artworks: Superintendent reported of the cooperative effort between Artworks and the Mecosta County Park Commission to advertise and host events in the Parks.

Rules and Regulations to County: Superintendent reminded the Board of the need to take new proposed rules on tongues to the road, outside refrigeration and watering of lawns to the County. Mr. Vogel stated with upcoming shows, this action needs to be completed soon. Superintendent was directed to take the new proposed rules to the County before the end of the year.

Incident/Accident Reports: Assistant Superintendent discussed one incident at Paris Park regarding a cord burned on lot 27.

CORRESPONDENCE – none.

FINANCIAL

Revenue vs. Expenses: Superintendent reviewed the Revenue vs. Expenses Report.

Adjustments: none at this time.

Approval of Bills: Mr. Stanek moved, seconded by Mr. Vogel for the approval of the bills including customary and ordinary bills. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Financial Report: The Executive Secretary gave the financial report including set asides.

MARVAC Ad: Assistant Superintendent presented the rates for advertising in the MARVAC magazine. The board decided to decline representation in this publication. The Marketing Committee will discuss future possibilities for advertisements.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none.

OTHER BUSINESS

Marketing Committee Meeting Date and Time: was set for November 8, 2011 @ 3:30 p.m.

Vehicle Sticker: Board was asked to vote on the top two 2012 Annual Vehicle Sticker designs.

Merrill Camping Unit Damage: Superintendent presented photos along with an estimate in the amount of \$1137 to repair a camping unit alleged to be damaged at Merrill. This claim cannot be validated as it was not reported to the Merrill Lake Park management staff. The incident cannot be investigated as the camping unit was removed from the park. Mr. Vogel moved, seconded by Mr. Jeffs the Mecosta County Park Commission has reviewed the claim of Mr. Darling and denies payment for lack of ability to investigate. Motion carried.

IT for Computers: Superintendent informed the Board of a visit from Tim Moslener who is the Information Technology Manager for the City of Big Rapids. Mr. Moslener currently provides Information Technology services to many businesses in our area. Mr. Molnar explained that the Road Commission uses Mr. Moslener's services and that it would also be beneficial for the Park Commission to do so because of increased purchasing power, improved technology and consistency with other community and county organizations. The cost would be approximately \$5-6,000/year. Mr. Molnar moved, seconded by Mr. Stanek to contract with the City of Big Rapids for Information Technology services. Discussion followed regarding our current Information Technology services. Mr. Jeffs moved, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to amend the motion to limit the expense of the contract to \$6,000 on an annual basis for the year of 2012 with no charge 2011 to get us up to speed. Motion carried unanimously on the amendment. Motion carried (one nay - Norton) on the original motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Fitzgerald
Secretary