Minutes
Mecosta County Park Commission
School Section Lake Veteran's Park - Family Group Camp, Mecosta, MI
September 15, 2015

Members Present: Steve Perialas-Chair, Eric O'Neil, Bill Stanek, Gary Stout, Tim Vogel, Richard Wheeler, Marilyn Vargo, John Currie and Jackie Fitzgerald

Members Absent: Steve Stratton

Others Present: Jeff Abel-Superintendent, Karen Morningstar-Operations Manager

1. **Meeting called to order by Chairman – S. Perialas.**

2. **Approval of Agenda** - ***Motion to approve the agenda with additions of the reverter clause and Tubbs & Haymarsh headings added to the Masterplan report. Moved by M. Vargo with support from J. Fitzgerald. Motion carried.***

3. **Approval of Minutes** – ***Motion to approve the Minutes from: August 18, 2015 Board Meeting, August 18, 2015 Finance Committee Meeting and August 28, 2015 Masterplan Committee Meeting as presented. Moved by J. Currie with support from B. Stanek. Motion carried.***

4. **Public Comment** – None

5. **Reports and Updates**
   A. Labor Day Holiday Weekend – Superintendent reviewed the campsite occupied report for Labor Day weekend
   B. Parks to close for the season on October 4, 2015
   C. Superintendent's Update – Walk through of the parks with Don Hamilton, Lapham Associates, update on storm damage cleanup, working on the 2016 Budget and the upcoming lottery at Brower Park.
   D. Incident/Accident Reports – see correspondence.

6. **Correspondence**
   - Tolles – Eviction from SSLVP. Mrs. Tolles (Mr. Tolles not present, had to work) and a couple that was camping with them the weekend of the mishap, were at the meeting to tell their outlook of the situation (Joe & Cheryl Vultaggio). The board requested more information and further investigation before making a decision on the eviction from Mecosta County Parks. ***B. Stanek moved with support from M. Vargo to look into the situation further. Roll Call vote, motion passed.***
     - Note: Both sides were able to speak. The campers left the building. The gentleman that was camping with the Tolles, later came back to the meeting. He insisted to be heard, disrupting the meeting and had to be escorted from the building by a sheriff deputy that was present. They did not return again after the interruption.

7. **Committee Actions**
   A. Finance
   - SSLVP – Flooring: Finance committee recommends we move forward with hiring Gallo Painting to paint the floors in the main bathroom and the north shelter bathroom for

$7,540.00. ***Moved by E. O'Neil with support from M. Vargo to accept the bid from Gallo Painting to paint the two bathrooms floors. Roll call vote, motion passed.***

- SSLVP – Replace dividers in the bathroom stalls after flooring has been completed at a cost of $8101.00. ***Moved by T. Vogel with support from D. Wheeler to replace the dividers in the bathrooms after the flooring project is complete. Roll call vote, motion passed.***
- 2016 Budget. Proposed budget reviewed. ***Moved by T. Vogel with support from M. Vargo to approve the proposed budget for 2016 as presented. Roll call vote, motion passed.***

B. Concession Building – No Report

C. Marketing – No Report

D. Masterplan

- Roof Bids: Received 5 bids for steel roof replacement on the following buildings: North Shelter Building, Beach Shelter Building at School Section; all of the cabins at Family Group Camp, The main bathhouse at Merrill, the main bathhouse at Gorrel, the manager's trailer at Paris. Low bid was from Defever Construction at $42,420. ***It was moved by E. O'Neil with support from B. Stanek to accept the bid in the amount of $42,420 from Defever Construction for the replacement of the roofs on the buildings listed above. Roll call vote, motion passed.***
- Consumers Lease: ***Moved by E. O'Neil with support from T. Vogel, to ask the County Board of Commissioners to request Consumers Energy to extend the lease on Brower County Park and Davis Bridge County Park to the year 2038. Voted on, motion carried.***
- Reverter Clause: This involved the DNR ownership of the Fish Hatchery Building at Paris Park. Following is Recommendation from the board: **Ask the County Board of Commissioners to contact legislators and request they start the legislative process to determine the ownership of the Fish Hatchery Building. Let the records show the consensus of the Board for that recommendation.**
- Tubbs & Haymarsh Primitive Campgrounds – Income from these properties and the cost to maintain them was discussed by the Masterplan Committee. It was requested that the Superintendent put together a summary of these properties, so the Park Commission can evaluate what our options might be.

E. Personnel - None

F. Rules & Regulations

- Pets – Request from Chair to have Rules & Regulations meet to discuss "Pets" in the following parks: Brower and School Section Lake Veterans Park.

8. Financial

A. Revenue/Expense, Adjustments & Financial Report: E. O'Neil reviewed the financial report presented to the board.

B. Approval of bills: ***Moved by E. O'Neil with support from D. Wheeler to approve the bills presented be paid in the amounts of $3,693.35, $7,929.89, $21,118.85 and $16,150.90. Roll call vote, motion passed.***

9. Public Comment – There were several comments from the public.

- Some comments about the bathroom repairs at SSLVP and not enough staff to keep them clean.
- The "pets" in the park – Several campers were present and they were not in favor of pets being allowed at SSLVP. They suggested we take a survey to see of how campers feel about it.

- Linda Howard gave an update for the Friends of School Section Lake Veterans Park – Concession Stand Committee. As of this date they have raised $43,000. She talked about some of the fund raisers still remaining for this year and when their next meeting would be.
- Jim Taylor talked about the Bulldog Bike Tour which stops at SSLVP. Also, what a good time he and his family had staying at the park over the summer.
- Jerrilynn Strong complimented the Board concerning the way they handled the incident earlier in the evening.

10. Other business

A. Brower Park Seasonal Lottery Reminder - September 26, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m. - Help is needed.

B. Year End Dinner Reminder – Wednesday, October 7, 2015
   - E. O'Neil will purchase the steaks
   - $20.00 per board member
   - E. O'Neil will collect the funds
   - J. Abel will pick up the grill and purchase the charcoal
   - Everyone else will bring a dish to pass

C. Next Meeting is on October 20, 2015 @ the Administrative Office Building in Paris, Michigan

11. Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Jackie Fitzgerald
MCPC Secretary