

## MECOSTA COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

June 21, 2016

The June 2016 meeting was called to order by the Chair at the Mecosta County Administration Building in Paris, Michigan, at 6:00 PM. **Members Present:** Mrs. Vargo, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Johnson, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Perialas, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Vogel. **Members Absent:** Mr. Maxwell **Others Present:** Jeff Abel – Superintendent and Kathy Maclean – Administrative Clerk.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. O'Neil motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Stratton motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to accept the Minutes of May 17<sup>th</sup> Park Commission Meeting, June 14<sup>th</sup> Personnel Committee Meeting and June 15<sup>th</sup> Masterplan Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Reports and Updates**

#### **Superintendent's Updates**

- DNR - Release of Buildings Update
- Family Cabin - Status - Transportation - Foundation
- Art Barn and Rental Cabin Electrical Update
- Current Staff Outlook
- Consumers - Power Pole Update WPVRA & Walk Through
- Millage Presentation Update - COA Board, SSLPOA
- Board Member 15 year Lifetime Pass Update
- DNR Grant Meeting
- Slip Printers in Parks
- SS Main Restroom Ventilation Update
- Tubing and Van from COA Update
- Furniture for Family Cabins Update
- Quarterly Water Test Completed
- Campsites Occupied Report for Memorial Day
- County Loan Update
- Goose Spray Update
- Trail Town Meeting
- Absentee Voters Mailing Update

**Incident/Accident Reports:** 16 reported and reviewed.

### **Correspondence**

WMRPC letter was reviewed related to the DNR application of funding to be used to pave additional sections of the White Pine Trail.

### **Committee Actions**

#### **Finance Committee**

Paris Park Truck - Mr. Perialas motioned, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to scrap the truck formally used in Paris Park. Motion carried.

FSSLVP Update - Donor Recognition Event will be rescheduled to a date after Labor Day. Mr. Vogel moved, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to approved the FSSLVP request to create and display in the pavilion a moveable donor recognition tree concept. Motion carried.

Brower Wi-Fi Update - Due to delays related to obtaining permits and required organizational approvals, it is anticipated that service will be available toward the end of July. Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to provide Wi-Fi at no-charge for the remainder of this season. Motion carried.

Family Cabin Rental Rates - Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the Superintendent's daily rate recommendation of Monday-Thursday \$40, Friday-Sunday \$55, and Holiday \$60. Motion carried.

### **Millage Committee**

In Park Meet & Greet Dates – Meetings will begin at 8:30 AM with a presentation followed by a Q&A session.

Merrill-Gorrel - Gorrel Pavilion - Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

School Section - Art Barn - Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Paris Park - Hatchery Building - Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

Brower Park - Art Barn - Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

Community Open House - was advertised on radio, Facebook and in the newspaper. Event was successful.

Upcoming Event – Senior Enrichment Day at Big Rapids High School.

### **Masterplan Committee**

Hatchery Evaluation & Inspections - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to move forward with lead and asbestos testing. Motion carried.

Hatchery Building Roof - Mr. Stratton motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to secure bids for Standing Seam Steel Roofing for the Hatchery Building. Motion carried.

Conceptual Engineer Plan for School Section - Discussed.

TransCanada Grant – A grant proposal related to the construction of a trail and educational bluff overlook area at Brower Park was discussed. Mr. Perialas motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Neil to move forward with the grant application. Motion carried.

### **Financial**

**Financial Report:** Revenue & Expenses and Cash Spreadsheet reviewed.

**Capital Obligations Summary:** Reviewed.

**Approval of Bills:** Mr. O'Neil motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to approve the Park bills in the amounts of:

Pre-Approved bills: \$34,212.55  
Customary & Ordinary: \$25,827.18  
Board Meeting: \$42,460.88

Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Public Comment**

Dan Karcher, School Section Lake homeowner, introduced himself to the board. He discussed his interest in educating himself about the Parks.

**Other Business:** None

**Next Board Meeting:** July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Paris Administrative Office.

**Adjournment:** 8:00 PM