

The July 19th, 2016 Board Meeting of the Mecosta County Park Commission was called to order at the Administration Office in Paris, MI at 6:00 PM by Madam Chair Mrs. Vargo. **Members Present:** Mrs. Vargo, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Johnson, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Perialas, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Vogel. **Members Absent:** Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Stratton **Others Present:** Jeff Abel – Superintendent and Kathy Maclean – Administrative Clerk.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Fitzgerald motioned to approve the agenda with next meeting date correction, seconded by Mr. Perialas. Motion carried.

Resolution

The Resolution for Karen Morningstar's was read into the minutes

WHEREAS: Mrs. Karen Morningstar has faithfully served the Mecosta County Park Commission for the past 22 years, acting in multiple roles during her employment, with her most recent position being that of the Park Commission Operations Manager.

WHEREAS: Mrs. Karen Morningstar 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 gratitude for the faithful and dedicated contributions which Mrs. Karen Morningstar 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. Karen Morningstar as a record of her exemplary service.

Motion carried unanimously.

DATED: July 19, 2016

Approval of Minutes

Mr. O'Neil motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to accept the Minutes of June 21st Park Commission Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mr. Shank asked about the Brower Art Barn, the possibility of adding fencing between the woods and the park entrance road and indicated the need for additional signage to encourage visitors to abide by the posted speeds limits.

Michelle Foster introduced herself to the board as a member of the School Section Lake Property Owners Association.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Update - The Superintendent updated the Commissioners on the progress of 14 on-going projects.

Parks for Life Update - There are 100 signs that were created by the Parks for Life organization that will be placed around the County and will be picked-up the morning of August 3rd by Parks for Life members.

Incident/Accident Reports - 13 reported and reviewed.

Correspondence – A letter from the county administrator was reviewed in reference to a refund being received from MMRMA in the amount of \$12,988.

Committee Actions

Finance

2017 Camping Rates

Discussion to maintain all current rates with the exception of nightly cabin rates and the elimination of picnic area charges. Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas to accept the following rates and fees for the 2017 Season. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

NON-CAMPING RATES/FEES	
Seasonal Vehicle	\$25
Seasonal Boat	\$25
Daily Vehicle	\$6
Daily Boat	\$6
Davis Bridge Day Use Fee	\$6
Picnic Area	Eliminate
Picnic Shelter	\$50
Winter Storage	\$125.00
Ice	\$2
Wood	\$4
BROWER PARK	
Camping - Mon-Thurs	\$25
Camping - Fri-Sun	\$30
Camping - Holiday	\$40
Camping - Big Boat	\$50
Camping - Seasonal	\$2,150
Camping - Seasonal W/Seepage Pit	\$2,250
Prime Seasonal Sites	\$2,950
CABINS - Mon-Thur	\$40
CABINS - Fri-Sun	\$50
CABINS- Holiday	\$55
CABINS -Big Boat	\$60
SCHOOL SECTION LAKE	
Camping - Mon-Thurs	\$20
Camping - Fri-Sun	\$25
Camping - Holiday	\$30
Camping - Monthly	\$550
Camping - Seasonal	\$1,300
CABINS - Mon-Thurs	\$35
CABINS - Fri-Sun	\$45
CABINS - Holiday	\$50
MODERN CABINS - Mon-Thurs	\$55
MODERN CABINS - Fri-Sun	\$60
MODERN CABINS - Holiday	\$65

Water Sport Rental Fee	\$10/ 2 hrs
Family Group Camp - Nightly (3 night minimum)	\$225
MERRILL-GORREL	
Camping - Mon-Thurs	\$20
Camping - Fri-Sun	\$25
Camping - Holiday	\$30
Camping - Monthly	\$550
Camping - Seasonal	\$1,150
Camping - Primitive - Fri-Sun	\$15
CABINS - Mon-Thurs	\$35
CABINS - Fri-Sun	\$45
CABINS - Holiday	\$50
PARIS PARK	
Camping-Paris - Mon-Thurs	\$18
Camping-Paris - Fri-Sun	\$20
Camping-Paris - Holiday	\$25
Group Camping	\$5/Person
Camping (monthly)	\$400
Camping (seasonal)	\$950
Full Hookup Nightly - Mon-Thurs	\$25
Full Hookup Nightly - Fri-Sun	\$30
Full Hookup Nightly - Holiday	\$35
Full Hookup Monthly	\$575
Full Hookup Seasonal	\$1,200
CABINS - Mon-Thurs	\$35
CABINS - Fri-Sun	\$45
CABINS - Holiday	\$50
TUBBS / HAYMARSH	
Nightly Camping	\$13.00

2017 Camping Season Dates/Holiday Dates

Mr. Perialas motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to approve the Superintendent's recommendations regarding the following open/close and holiday dates. Motion carried.

2017 Seasonal Dates			
	Opening Day	Closing Day	Total Days
Brower	4/28/2017	10/8/2017	163
School Section	5/5/2017	10/1/2017	149
Merrill	5/5/2017	10/1/2017	149
Paris	5/5/2017	10/1/2017	149
2017 Holiday Dates			
Memorial Day	May 29th	Monday	Bill Fri, Sat, & Sun Nights As Holiday

Ind. Day	July 4th	Tuesday	Bill Fri, Sat, Sun, & Mon Nights As Holiday
Labor Day	Sept. 4th	Monday	Bill Fri, Sat, & Sun Nights As Holiday
Hot Boat	Sept. 9th	Saturday	Bill Thurs thru Sun Nights As Hot Boat

Seasonal Percentages Allowed and Zones

Adjustment to Brower Parks Seasonal zones and the percentage of seasonal campsites allowed to be rented at Merrill-Gorrel Park were discussed. Mr. Perialas motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to decrease the zone % of Sunny Acres (5 sites) and increase % in both the Pines (2 sites) and the Point (3 sites) with the approval from Consumers Energy and change the number of seasonal campsites available at Merrill-Gorrel campground to un-limited.. Motion carried.

Review of Budget Adjustments

Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to accept the budget adjustments as presented by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

Brower Wi-Fi Update – Site Plan

A hearing is scheduled for 6 PM August 9th at the township office.

Merrill Trash Agreement

The existing use agreement with the Cards Nest providing Merrill-Gorrel Campground use of property in exchange for dumpster use by the Cards Nest remains in effect. A 3rd dumpster has been installed on park property to resolve trash concerns by camping guests.

SSLPOA Request

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to pay 1600 for weed control and 500 for fish planting for the 2017 year. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Millage Committee

In Park Meet and Greet – Meeting summaries were provided by the Park Superintendent and Board Members who attended the presentations.

Financial

Financial Report – Revenue & Expenses & Cash Spreadsheet – Reviewed by Board

Capital Obligations Summary – Reviewed by Board

Approval of Bills

Mrs. Fitzgerald motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to pay the bills in the amounts of:

\$12,616.82 Board Meeting Bills

\$5991.81, \$446.58, \$41,444.31 Ordinary & Customary Bills

\$250.00, \$5819.11, \$18,392.78 Pre-Approved Bills

Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None

Other Business:

Next Meeting is on August 16th @ the Administration Office Building in Paris, MI.

Schedule Personnel Committee Meeting – deferred due to committee chair being absent

Schedule Masterplan Committee Meeting - 5 PM, July 26th

Schedule Special Board Meeting - 6 PM, August 4th

Adjournment: 7:40