

Mecosta County Park Commission Board Meeting

The December 20, 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.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Perialas, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. Vargo, and Mr. Vogel. Members Absent: None. Others Present: Jeff Abel -Superintendent and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Fitzgerald motioned to approve the agenda with the additions of 2017 mileage rate to the financial section and wood chipper to other business, seconded by Mr. Vogel. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to accept the Minutes of November 15th Park Commission Meeting and the December 14th Masterplan Committee as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent updated the Commissioners on the progress of 25 current projects including:

Fireplace Insert – Was purchased for the stone pavilion at SSLVP. It will be framed and installed by maintenance into the current fireplace, which is no longer usable for a real fire.

Hatchery Roof in Paris – Project has been completed.

Fishing Pier at Merrill – DEQ permit request for a pier extension has been submitted at a cost of \$500. Public comment phase is taking place before a final decision will be made.

Incident/ Accident Reports: None

Correspondence

Jim Buchanan - Brower deep water channel boat launch is in need of improvement. Camper letters were provided recommending the removal of the current bumper and extending the launch ramps. Mr. Buchanan has volunteered to assist in the creation of DEQ required drawings and the completion of a DEQ permit application. Mr. Perialas motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to consent to and assist Mr. Buchanan in moving forward with drawings for permitting, inclusive of an option for a 3rd launch, as proposed in the 5 Year Masterplan. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Actions

Finance

SSLVP - Septic System Update - Soil samples have been taken and submitted for testing with permits being prepared. The loan terms from the County Board of Commissioners have been approved for the project.

Masterplan

SSLVP - Pavilion Expansion Request - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas that the MCPC will support the creation of a “friends group” agreement if the organization would like to proceed with a fund raising effort and proposal to expand the day use picnic pavilion. Motion carried.

Personnel

Operations Manager Position - Six candidates have been scheduled for interviews in early January; Personnel Committee to complete 2nd interview(s).

Financial

Financial Report - Revenue & Expenses/Cash Spreadsheet - Were reviewed. Mr. O’Neil motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to pay the 1st thru 4th quarter MERS loan payments in the 1st quarter of 2017. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Final 2016 Budget Adjustments - Adjustments were reviewed and discussed. Mr. O’Neil motioned, Mr. Wheeler seconded to accept the budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Bills - Mr. O’Neil motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas to pay the bills in the amounts of: \$5,244.16 and \$33,852.75 Ordinary & Customary Bills, \$30,304.61 and 3,249.35 Pre-Approved Bills, and \$11,476.89 Board Meeting Bills. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

2017 Mileage Rate – Mr. O’Neil motioned, seconded by Mr. Maxwell that MCPC adopts the County’s specified mileage rate indefinitely. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None

Other Business:

Wood Chipper Donation - No additional information available at this time.

Schedule January Park Commission Meeting Date - To be determined.

Adjournment: 7:10 PM