

Minutes
Mecosta County Park Commission
Administrative Office in Paris, Michigan
February 21, 2017

Members Present: Eric O’Neil – Chair, Steve Perialas, Bill Stanek, Tim Vogel, Steve Stratton, Marilyn Vargo, Van Johnson, Ashley O’Neal and Jackie Fitzgerald

Members Absent: Richard Wheeler

Others Present: Jeff Abel – Superintendent, Erin Bean – Operations Manager

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman – Eric O’Neil at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda. T. Vogel Moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a Resolution for Randy Maxwell, after the Approval of Minutes. Motion was supported by V. Johnson to approve the amended Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve the Minutes from January 26, 2017, as presented. Moved by S. Stratton with support from T. Vogel. Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **Resolution for Randy Maxwell.** The resolution was presented to the park commission as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: **Mr. Randy Maxwell** has faithfully served the Mecosta County Park Commission for a total of 3 years. **Mr. Randy Maxwell** has served on several Mecosta County Park Commission sub-committees.

WHEREAS: **Mr. Randy Maxwell** has, during his appointment with this Commission, given freely and unselfishly of his 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 **Mr. Randy Maxwell** 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 **Mr. Randy Maxwell** as a record of his exemplary service.

S. Stratton moved with support from T. Vogel to approve the Resolution for years of service on the Mecosta County Park Commission to Randy Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Public Comment.** No public commented.

6. **Reports and Updates.**

Superintendent's Update. Superintendent Abel updated the Park Commission on the project status of 21 current projects.

7. **Correspondence.** None to report.

8. **Committee Actions.**

A. Finance.

a.) **Trash Contract.** 3 Bids were received for trash removal services and were reviewed by the board members. **M. Vargo moved with support from V. Johnson to accept a Trash Contract with "Republic" trash removal service.**

b.) **Radio Advertising Campaign.** **Motion was made by B. Stanek with support from M. Vargo to be the title sponsor for a spring countdown ad campaign with the Big Rapids Radio Network in the amount of \$1,200.00.** After much discussion the question was called for a vote by S. Perialas. **Roll call vote, 8-yes, No vote by Mr. O'Neil. Motion carried.**

c.) **Boy Scouts Jamboree Event at School Section Lake Veterans Park.** Superintendent received a request from the Boy Scouts to hold a Jamboree at School Section Lake Veterans Park on the weekend before the park opens to the public. That would be the dates of April 28th, 29th and 30th. Their proposal is for the local troop to collect \$30/troop as payment to the Park Commission and submit one bulk check to the parks. The Boy Scouts anticipate 10-20 troops with approximately 10 scouts per troop. **It was moved by T. Vogel with support from S. Stratton to authorize the Superintendent to work with the Boy Scouts as a community outreach opportunity, allowing the scouts to hold a jamboree, occurring the dates of April 28th, 29th, & 30th, 2017 at a cost to be determined by the Superintendent. Voted motion carried unanimously.**

B. Masterplan.

a.) **Paris Park – DNR Lease.** Superintendent provided a copy of the Draft Lease for review and comment by the board. After review and discussion, it was concluded that the superintendent will continue working with the DNR officials to resolve any lingering concerns with the lease agreement. The Draft will be brought back to the Park Commission for their review and approval, then provided to the County Board of Commissioners for their review and final approval.

9. **Financial.**

A. Revenue/Expense, Adjustments & Financial Report. Superintendent reviewed the financial reports presented to the board.

B. Approval of bills. **S. Stratton moved with support from S. Perialas to pay the following list of bills: 2-8-17 for \$7,584.38 / 2-14-17 for \$4,383.44 / 2-21-17 for \$11,741.03 for a total amount of bills approved to be paid in the amount of: \$23,708.85. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.**

10. **Public Comment.** None

11. **Other Business.**

A. Next Meeting is on March 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office Building in Paris, Michigan.

- B. A Rules & Regulations Committee meeting was scheduled for – Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Park Administration Office.
- C. A Master Plan Committee meeting was scheduled for - Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 4:00 p.m at the Park Administration Office.

12. Meeting Adjourned. *With no further business to discuss, B. Stanek moved to adjourn the Park Commission meeting. Meeting Adjourned.*

Respectfully Submitted By,
Jackie Fitzgerald
MCPC Secretary