

Mecosta County Park Commission Board Meeting

The May 16, 2017 Board Meeting of the Mecosta County Park Commission was called to order at the Administration Office in Paris, MI at 6:00 PM by Vice Chairman Stratton.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. O'Neal, Mr. Perialas, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Stratton, Mrs. Vargo, Mr. Vogel and Mr. Wheeler. Members Absent: Mr. O'Neil. Others Present: Jeff Abel - Superintendent, Erin Bean - Operations Manager and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

The addition of City IT Renewal was requested to be added to the Committee Actions section under Finance. Hearing no objections, the agenda stands approved with the addition.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Vargo motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to approve the Minutes of the April 18th Park Board Meeting.
Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent updated the Commissioners on the progress of 15 current projects including:

Wi-Fi Brower Park - The Skyweb contract has been amended to remove providing signal to Brower while maintaining tower installation and signal broadcast. MCPC's IT has been contacted to research current viable signal options.

Goose Egg/Nest Destruction has been completed over the course of two dates. The first trip yielded 36 eggs from 6 nests; on the second trip, no new eggs or nests were found. Recent assessment of the park noted limited presence of adult geese and no goslings.

Paris Lease - The Mecosta County Board of Commissioners approved the MCPC Superintendent to sign the presented lease and such action has been taken. The State of Michigan has requested documentation of the superintendent's authority as a signer.

Open Carry/Conceal Carry - New employees have asked for policy regarding guests and employees' right to carry. As public land, Mecosta County Park Commission, is unable to limit the public's right to open carry or conceal carry as the law provides. As an employer, MCPC, may prohibit employees from carrying while on duty. The topic has been referred to the Personnel Committee for inclusion in the Personnel Manual.

Fire Pit Grills - The Wisconsin company contracted to supply the grills has not responded to our inquires and all communication has stopped. To date, \$2,615 has been paid and no grills have been delivered. The Commissioners recommend the Superintendent contact the Mecosta County Prosecuting Attorney and the County Prosecuting Attorney in Wisconsin to pursue a refund. Cadillac Culvert has been contracted to build the grills since contact was lost with the original product supplier.

Incident/ Accident Reports: Two reports were reviewed.

Correspondence: A thank you letter to the Park Board from Boy Scout Troop 114 for the use of School Section Lake Veterans park for their Spring Camporee was reviewed with the board members.

Committee Actions

Finance

Pre-Bundled Wood – We have received ½ truckload of pre-bundled wood and still have “rack your own” wood available in the parks. The Superintendent recommends a price of \$5 for the pre-bundled wood and to

maintain the price of \$4 for the rack-your-own. Mrs. Vargo motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to accept the Superintendents wood pricing recommendations of \$4 and \$5. Motion carried.

Paving Quote - Rieth Riley will be paving 8 Mile this summer and has reached out to us with a quote to pave the north & south Brower Park boat launch approach areas. Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to submit their quote with two additional quotes to the Finance Committee for final approval. The Finance Committee being authorized to progress with the project as they see fit. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

Tubing Trailer/Supplies - Supply quotes from last year were reviewed and discussed. The Superintendent has been given the discretion to purchase all items necessary to begin a tube rental operation from Paris Park.

Clearing - Brower Boat Trailer 3rd Tier Parking - Three quotes were reviewed and discussed. The project is being sent back to the Finance Committee to better define the scope of work.

City IT Renewal - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to renew our IT services contract with the City of Big Rapids. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Masterplan

Paris Lease-Authorized Signer - Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the Resolution with minor modifications. Roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 17-01

Re: Authorized signer for State Lease agreement #11763-2017, Paris Property, between the Mecosta County Park Commission as Lessor and The State of Michigan as Lessee.

WHEREAS: The Mecosta County Park Commissioners and Mecosta County Board of Commissioners have approved to enter into Lease Agreement #11760-2017 between the Mecosta County Park Commission and The State of Michigan, and

WHEREAS: The Mecosta County Park Commissioners have approved the Superintendent of the Mecosta County Park Commission as the authorized signature for the lease.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mecosta County Park Commission along with the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners have approved entering into lease agreement #11763-2017 as signed by Jeffrey D. Abel the Superintendent of the Mecosta County Park Commission.

Motion carried Unanimously.

ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF MAY 2017

2017 Parks Improvement Survey - The survey has now been completed with a total of 1583 responses received from the email blast, posting on Facebook and website link. Masterplan Committee to review and summarize the response information.

Financial

Financial Report - Revenue & Expenses & Cash Spreadsheet - Were reviewed and discussed.

Approval of Bills – Mr. Perialas motioned seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the bills in the amount of \$35,434.97 and \$19,665.09. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None

Other Business: Mr. Perialas updated the Commissioners on the possible donation of a wood chipper. Next Board Meeting is June 20th at 6 PM.

Adjournment: 7:15 PM