

## Mecosta County Park Commission Board Meeting

The July 18, 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 the Chairman, Mr. O'Neil.

### Roll Call

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

### Approval of Agenda

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to approve the Minutes of the June 20<sup>th</sup> Park Board, July 10<sup>th</sup> Masterplan, July 10<sup>th</sup> Rules & Regulations (with correction), and July 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meetings. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Randy - Regular Brower Park Camper – would prefer Brower Park remain a pet free park, inquired if the Point Bathhouse has been scheduled for a remodel, what the internet status is and what capital improvements have been approved for Brower.

### Reports and Updates

#### Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 16 current and completed projects, including:

**Paris Lease** - The Director of the DNR will be signing the Lease Agreement after August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**Old Fire Pits** - About 65 used fire pits will go up for sale through social media. The sale will be posted with a date and time on our Facebook page. Fire pits will be sold for \$25 each.

**Consumers Inspection of Davis Bridge** - They noted 2 areas of concern, the first concern has already been resolved. The second is an issue of erosion. Possible resolutions are being evaluated, once determined a plan of action will be submitted to Consumers Energy and the Drain Commissioner for approval.

**Tubing at Paris** - Tubing and transportation operations are up and running at Paris Park. Great publicity has been received through social media, with the post having received in excess of 15,000 views site-wide.

**School Section Septic Project** - Lapham Associates is currently awaiting permit approval and feel that the project timeline is on track for work to begin this fall.

**Request for Proposal** – An RFP draft for a new Brower Park Art Barn/Pavilion has been completed and will be sent out in the near future. This is a 2017 budgeted capital expense.

**Meet and Greet Dates** - Merrill-Gorrel - Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 7PM; Paris Park - Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 8AM; School Section - Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 7PM; Brower Park - Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 8AM.

**Brower Wi-Fi Update** - The tower & signal rebroadcast equipment is in place and has been paid for. We are searching for a signal provider, but have not found one yet.

**Brower Lottery** - Has been scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Incident/ Accident Reports:** Eight reports were reviewed.

**Independence Day Occupancy Report:** Four-year occupancy comparison of six parks was reviewed.

**Correspondence:** A letter from the County Administrator informed the Park Commission that the County Board of Commissioners has approved an insurance refund of \$10,155 as a result of the MMRMA distribution of assets.

A request to sell produce inside School Section Lake Park has been received. The Morton Township Supervisor has indicated that the Township has an ordinance that prohibits the sale of produce from any property that did not grow the produce that is to be sold. The Commissioners referred topic to the Rules & Regulations Committee for review.

**Committee Actions**

**Finance**

**2018 Rates & Fees - Mr. Stratton motioned, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to approve the rates as presented and recommended by the Finance Committee.** Discussed. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

**2018 RATES AND FEES**

<b>NON-CAMPING RATES/FEES</b>	<b>2018</b>
Seasonal Vehicle	\$25
Seasonal Boat	\$25
Daily Vehicle	\$6
Daily Boat	\$6
Davis Bridge Day Use Fee	\$6
Picnic Shelter	\$50
Winter Storage	\$150
Ice	\$2
Pre-Bundled Wood	\$5
Wood	\$4
<b>BROWER PARK</b>	<b>2018</b>
Camping - Mon-Thur	\$25
Camping - Fri-Sun	\$30
Camping - Holiday	\$40
Camping - Big Boat	\$50
Camping - Seasonal	\$2,200
Camping - Seasonal W/Seepage Pit	\$2,300
Prime Seasonal Sites	\$3,000
CABINS - Mon-Thur	\$40
CABINS - Fri-Sun	\$50
CABINS- Holiday	\$55
CABINS -Big Boat	\$60
<b>SCHOOL SECTION LAKE</b>	<b>2018</b>
Camping - Mon-Thur	\$25
Camping - Fri-Sun	\$30
Camping - Holiday	\$40
Camping - Monthly	\$550
Camping - Monthly Full Hook-up	\$775

Camping - Seasonal	\$1,350
Camping - Seasonal Full Hook-up	\$1,850
CABINS - Mon-Thur	\$35
CABINS - Fri-Sun	\$45
CABINS - Holiday	\$50
MODERN CABINS - Mon-Thur	\$55
MODERN CABINS - Fri-Sun	\$60
MODERN CABINS - Holiday	\$65
Water Sport Rental Fee	\$10/ 2hrs
Family Group Camp (nightly rate)	\$225
<b>MERRILL-GORREL</b>	<b>2018</b>
Camping - Mon-Thur	\$20
Camping - Fri-Sun	\$25
Camping - Holiday	\$30
Camping - Monthly	\$550
Camping - Seasonal	\$1,200
Camping - Primitive	\$15
CABINS - Mon-Thur	\$35
CABINS - Fri-Sun	\$45
CABINS - Holiday	\$50
<b>PARIS PARK</b>	<b>2018</b>
Camping-Paris - Mon-Thur	\$20
Camping-Paris - Fri-Sun	\$25
Camping-Paris - Holiday	\$30
Group Camping	\$5/Person
Camping (monthly)	\$450
Camping (seasonal)	\$1,100
Full Hookup Nightly - Mon-Thur	\$25
Full Hookup Nightly - Fri-Sun	\$30
Full Hookup Nightly - Holiday	\$35
Full Hookup Monthly	\$625
Full Hookup Seasonal	\$1,300
CABINS - Mon-Thur	\$35
CABINS - Fri-Sun	\$45
CABINS - Holiday	\$50
Tube Rental & Transportation	\$10
Transportation - Green Township	\$7
Transportation - Hersey Launch	\$12
Cooler Tube	\$10
<b>TUBBS / HAYMARSH</b>	<b>2018</b>
Nightly Camping	\$13

**2018 Operating Seasons, Holiday Dates & Seasonal Zones - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mrs. Vargo to approve the Operating Season dates, Holiday Dates, and School Section Lake Park’s percentage of Seasonal Campers as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion carried.**

### 2018 Parks Operating Seasons

	Opening Day	Closing Day	Total Days
2018			
Brower	4/27/2018	10/14/2018	170
School Section	5/4/2018	10/7/2018	156
Merrill	5/4/2018	10/7/2018	156
Paris	5/4/2018	10/7/2018	156

2018 Holiday Billing Dates		
Memorial Day	May 28th	Bill Fri, Sat, & Sun Nights As Holiday
Ind. Day	July 4th	Bill Mon, Tue, Wed & Thur as Holiday
Labor Day	Sept. 3th	Bill Fri, Sat, & Sun Nights As Holiday
Hot Boat	Sept. 8th	Bill Thur thru Sun Nights As Hot Boat

### 2018 Seasonal Zones

Park	2018
School Section	Up to 60% of Park
Merrill-Gorrell	Unlimited
Paris Park	Unlimited
Brower - S.A.	65 of 92
Brower - Point	20 or 58
Brower - Pines	20 of 56
Brower - Prem.	15 of 18
Brower Total	120 - 50%

**SSLPOA Support Request - Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to approve the fish planting and weed control financial request of the SSLPOA and to add the financial obligation to the 2018 budget. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.**

**Brower 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier Parking –** In light of the DNR’s request to utilize the cleared stumps, revised quotes were requested of the three original bidders. The bids were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Perialas motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to award Morningstar Enterprise the contract. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

#### Masterplan

**Michigan’s Dragon at Hardy Dam – Inter-local Agreement – Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to have the MCPC Chairman sign the Inter-Local Agreement between Newaygo County Park Commission and Mecosta County Park Commission. Motion carried.**

**Brower Park Loop Trail – TransCanada Grant Funds -** The Master Plan and Finance Committees support and recommend partnering with the trail developers of the Dragon Trail to complete the MCPC portion of the Brower loop and overlook. Additionally, it was recommended to turn over the TransCanada trail grant dollars to the builders of Michigan’s Dragon. The Commissioners discussed the additional \$10,000-\$15,000 estimated to complete the newly located Overlook. Mrs. Vargo motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas to accept the recommendation of the Committees and move forward with the Brower Park Loop Trail and Overlook if approved by TransCanada and Consumers Energy. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

## **Rules & Regulations**

**Pet Regulations Agreement** - The Rules and Regulation Committee has recommended that pets be allowed in Brower Park. The Superintendent discussed the pros and cons and reviewed pet related survey results from an opinion survey completed earlier in the year. Each of the Commissioners presented their opinion in a round table format. Mr. Perialas motioned, seconded by Mrs. Vargo to allow pets in Brower Park in accordance with Rules & Regulations Section 23 and to extend said section to include Brower Park. Motion carried with a roll call vote, 8 - yes, Mr. Stanek and Mr. Stratton - no.

**Boat Permit Regulations** - Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Stratton to support the Rules & Regulation Committee's recommendation to have all boats utilizing mooring posts overnight in all MCPs to be required to have an enumerated Seasonal Boat Permit affixed. Motion carried.

## **Financial**

**Financial Report - Revenue & Expenses, Cash Spreadsheet and Year to Year Comparison** - Were reviewed and discussed.

**Budget Adjustments** – were reviewed. Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Stratton to approve the recommended line adjustments as presented. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Approval of Bills** - Mr. Stratton motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas to approve the bills in the amount of \$13,076.84, \$49,992.35 and \$9,656.94. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

**Public Comment:** None

**Other Business:** None

**Adjournment:** 8:05