

Mecosta County Park Commission Board Meeting

The August 15, 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 Chairman O'Neil.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Perialas motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas to approve the Minutes of the July 18th Park Board Meeting, July 25th and August 10th Masterplan Committee Meetings. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 11 current and completed projects, including:

3rd Tier Trailer Parking at Brower has been completed and has been in use.

Staff 3% Retention Bonus will be paid to any seasonal staff member that completes the season working in the parks through their contracted end date.

Wood Chipper has been received and a press release is being prepared.

WPVRA-Boy Scout Cabin New Roof - A donation request for building materials has been received from the Boy Scouts to complete a new cabin roof. The Commission has asked the Masterplan Committee meet with the Boy Scouts prior to any work being performed.

Incident/Accident Reports: Six reports were reviewed.

Park Meet & Greet Meetings: Many camper suggestions and comments were discussed including mooring posts, boat trailer parking, seasonal boat permits, tree limbs and pet rules. The Commission has directed the Rules & Regulations Committee to review boat trailer parking regulations prior to the next rules update.

Correspondence

BBB E-Mail - The Commissioners reviewed the invitation; no action was taken.

Tree Sale Request - The Superintendent recommended opening the Hatchery parking lot gate for the event this year. The Commissioners support the recommendation and suggest the Conservation District prepare their customers to enter the parking lot through Paris Park for the 2018 sale.

Committee Actions

Masterplan

Preliminary Septic Plans for School Section – Were reviewed and discussed.

School Section – Camp Store 2018 - The Committee recommends MCPC to operate a concession/camp store in School Section Lake starting with the 2018 season. Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas that MCPC operate the concession/camp store for a 2-year trial period starting 2018. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

A Concession Committee was established consisting of Mr. Stanek, Mr. Perialas, Mrs. Vargo and Mrs. O’Neal. Mr. Perialas nominated Mr. Stanek Committee Chair, seconded by Mr. Stratton. Motion carried.

Financial

Financial Report – Rev & Expenses, Cash Spreadsheet, Year-to-Year - Reports were reviewed and discussed.

Approval of Bills - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Stratton to pay the bills in the amounts of \$26,816.95, \$28,807.14 and \$27,090.33. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business:

Brower Park Lottery – August 26th 9:00 AM Start Time - Mr. Vogel, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Vargo and Mr. O’Neil have volunteered to assist with the lottery.

Year End Dinner - Schedule – A pot luck style dinner has tentatively been scheduled for 6 PM, October 10th at the County Services Building on Northland Drive in Big Rapids.

Schedule Personnel Committee Meeting – Budget 2018 - Scheduled for 3 PM, Tuesday, September 12th at the Administration Building.

Schedule Finance Committee Meeting – Budget 2018 - Scheduled for 1:00 PM, Thursday, September 14th at the Administration Building.

Next Board Meeting - September 19th, 2017 at the Administration Building in Paris.

Adjournment: 7:30 PM.