

Mecosta County Park Commission Meeting

The January 16, 2018 Meeting of the Mecosta County Park Commission was called to order at the Administration Office in Paris, MI at 6:00 PM by the Superintendent, Jeff Abel.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Fitzgerald motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Neil to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to approve the Minutes of the December 19th, 2017 Park Commission Meeting, Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary - The Superintendent opened the floor to 2018 Officer nominations. Mr. Perialas motioned, seconded by Mrs. Vargo a slate nomination for Mr. O'Neil as Chairman, Mr. Stratton as Vice Chairman and Mrs. Fitzgerald as Secretary. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote. The Superintendent turned the meeting over to Mr. O'Neil, Chairman.

Rules of Order - Mr. Stratton moved, seconded by Mr. Vogel to follow Robert's Rules of Order with the amendment to allow the Chairman to act as a voting member of the Commission. Motion carried.

2018 Committees - Mr. Perialas affirmed that Mr. Stanek has completed the duties of Concession Committee Chair exemplary and that he would like him to continue in the position, Mr. Vogel concurred. The Chairman has requested that Commission Members submit their Committee appointment preferences. Committee appointments will be announced before the next Commission meeting.

2018 Meeting Dates - Mr. Stratton motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the dates and times proposed as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Reports and Updates

School Section Septic Report - Lapham Associates

Mr. Lapham, Lapham Associates, updated the Commission on permit progress, the contractor's timeline and the need for underground utility locations to be staked-out.

Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 12 current and completed projects, including: **Concession Update:** The Maintenance Staff have started construction; retail apparel has been purchased and a meeting has been scheduled with a possible concessions product vendor.

Brower Art Barn: The ceiling panels have been installed. Once Consumers Energy has run power to the building, the electrician will finish the lighting installation.

Brower's DEQ Groundwater Permit: Has been approved and received.

Cabin & Family Group: Website pages for both have been created and added to the website.

CMU Job Fair: MCPC will have a booth at the CMU summer job fair. Additionally, we are seeking information on becoming an internship option for CMU Recreation students.

Incident/Accident Reports - One report was discussed.

Correspondence

WPVRA Letter Letter from park volunteers was presented and reviewed.

Consumers Letter Brower Park annual lease payment is scheduled to increase to \$2,700, starting 2018.

Committee Actions

Masterplan

Goose Nesting and Round-up Permits 2018 The Commission discussed seeking a Goose Round-up Permit for Merrill-Gorrel, as well as, Brower Park. Brower Park's 2017 Nesting and Round-up was successful.

Parks Lifetime Entry Pass Mrs. Vargo motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to include eligibility in the Lifetime Entrance Pass classification to MCPC Superintendents with 15+ years of service who resign or retire from the parks commission in good standing. Motion carried.

Finance

2018 Mileage Rate Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Stratton to adjust the allowable mileage rate to .545. Motion carried.

Financial

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

Approval of Bills - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas to approve the bills in the amounts of \$20,350.23, \$14,687.59 and \$4,341.19. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business:

Next Meeting is at 4 PM, February 20th, 2018 at the Administration Building in Paris.

Superintendent will be presenting a 2017 Year End PowerPoint and the 2018 Rules and Regulations updates at the January 18th County Commission Meeting.

Resolution Mrs. Vargo motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to have the Resolution for Ashley O'Neal be read into the minutes. Motion carried.

WHEREAS: Mrs. Ashley O'Neal has faithfully served the Mecosta County Park Commission for

WHEREAS: Mrs. Ashley O'Neal has, during her appointment with this Commission, given freely and unselfishly of her time, , 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 Mrs. Ashley O'Neal 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 Mrs. Ashley O'Neal as a record of her exemplary service.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: 7:40 PM.