

## **Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting**

The December 18, 2018 Commission 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:** Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Perialas, Mr. Stratton, Mrs. Vargo, Mr. Vogel and Mr. Wheeler. **Members Absent:** Mr. Johnson and Mr. Stanek. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel - Superintendent and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Fitzgerald motioned, seconded by Mrs. Vargo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas to approve the Minutes of the November 27<sup>th</sup> Park Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Comment** None.

### **Resolution**

The Chairman, Mr. O'Neil, read the resolution for Mr. Wheeler into the minutes.

WHEREAS: **Mr. Dick Wheeler** has faithfully served the Mecosta County Park Commission for a total of 8 years. **Mr. Dick Wheeler** has served on several Mecosta County Park Commission sub-committees.

WHEREAS: **Mr. Dick Wheeler** 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. Dick Wheeler** 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. Dick Wheeler** as a record of his exemplary service.

Motion carried Unanimously.

## Reports and Updates

### Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 14 current and completed projects, including:

**Launch Dock Quotes** - We have received two quotes for the Brower Launch Dock and School Section Lake docking slips. We are awaiting one more set of quotes and will then submit all to the Masterplan Committee for discussion.

**RFQ and Masterplan** - Work continues on the RFQ to be sent out for engineering services. Many of the projects coming up in the next 3-5 years will require these services.

**Tube Trailer** - A second tube/canoe/kayak trailer has been purchased for \$995.

**Donate a Bench** - The program is now up and running and posts have been added to Facebook and our website.

**Concession at School Section** - FRP has been installed around the sink and ice machine, laminated flooring has been installed and an apparel rack has been constructed.

**Incident/Accident Reports:** None.

## Correspondence

**Consumers Energy - Dragon Trail Update** An approval from MMAC has been received. Consumers Energy is putting final touches on the FERC application for the trail and, after internal review, intends to have the full application submitted by year end.

**2019 Park Commission Appointments** The Mecosta County Board of Commissioners have reappointed Mr. William Stanek and appointed Mr. Bryan Roels to the Park Commission for terms of 3 years.

**Mecosta Township - Recreation Plan Public Hearing** The Superintendent made the Commissioners aware that the township's public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. A copy of their 5 year recreation plan was made available for review.

**Gary Lough - Veteran's Memorial - School Section** Mr. Lough presented the Commissioners with a preliminary vision for a Veteran's Memorial inside of School Section Lake Park. His intention is to create a 501 3C to raise funds for the Memorial. Mr. Perialas motioned, seconded by Mrs. Vargo to accept the proposal pending the approvals of a written agreement and preliminary budget. Motion carried.

## Committee Actions

### Finance

**End of Year Budget Adjustments** were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Stratton motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to approve the budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

### Masterplan

**Dragon Trail – Maintenance Agreement** was reviewed. Mrs. Vargo motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas to support the County of Newaygo and West Michigan Mountain Biking Alliance agreement for trail improvements and maintenance. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

## Financial

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

**Approval of Bills - Mr. Stratton motioned, seconded by Mrs. Vargo to approve the bills in the amounts of \$4,163.47, \$2,152.32 and \$14,269.06.** Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

**Public Comment:** None

**Other Business:**

**Next Commission Meeting** is January 15, 2018 at the Administration Building in Paris.

**Adjournment:** 6:55 PM.