

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The March 20th, 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 Chairman O'Neil.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. O'Neil, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Maxwell, 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. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to approve the Minutes of the February 20th Park Commission Meeting, February 20th Concession Committee Meeting and March 12th Masterplan Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 10 current and completed projects, including:

Concessions Update Electrical updates have been completed, equipment ordered, Sysco relationship established and confirmation from Charter that they will attempt to have internet services in place upon park opening. Continued action includes finding an arcade provider, Dippin Dots as a possible vendor, TV programming options, sales tax application and product offerings added to the POS system.

SSLVP Bathhouse and Septic Update Plumbers have been working in the Bathhouse shower addition. Septic trenching has begun, lead locations have been marked and contractor approved, the lift station is scheduled to be set on Monday and pipe laying will follow.

Egg Nest/Round up Permits Brower's egg/nest destruction permit has been submitted. A letter has been submitted to the Fork Township office requesting approval for goose round-up at Merrill-Gorrel. Additional, the DNR is willing to provide a letter of support. Applications for the round-ups will be submitted once the support letters are received for Merrill-Gorrel.

Artworks Waterway Meetings MCPC has been collaborating with Artworks on ways to contribute to the community relating to Smithsonian Waterways exhibit coming to Big Rapids.

New Vehicle We have received a Chevrolet Impala from the Sheriff's Department. It will be marked with a MCPC black & white log.

Low Water Condition Ramp Improvements - A discussion took place regarding possible opportunities for boater access on the Hardy Pond during low water conditions such as the Spring draw down. The spring early ice out period is very popular with fisherman, however there is no good place for boats to launch when these conditions exist. Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Stratton to authorize the Superintendent to research and spend up to \$10,000 to extend the Deep-Water Launch at Brower Park for potential future use during low water conditions. Motion carried with a unanimous Roll Call vote.

Incident/Accident Reports: None.

Correspondence None.

Committee Actions

Masterplan -

Millage Proposal The Commissioners discussed day use amenities within the parks and reviewed the Superintendents project recommendations that could be implemented with millage funding. Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mrs. Vargo that the Mecosta County Park Commission request the County Board of Commissioners to move forward with a .3 mil/5-year millage proposal ahead of the August elections. Motion carried with a unanimous Roll Call vote.

DNR/MCPC Fish Management Agreement The Superintendent recapped his meeting with the DNR Fisheries Division that includes the DNR supplying 20,000 trout (brown and/or rainbow) to Paris Park, supplying their food, and a release into the Muskegon River. Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mrs. Vargo to allow the Superintendent to move forward with the agreement. Motion carried.

Rules and Regulations -

Wood Vendor Bid Sheet Vendor process was reviewed and approved to be send out to vendors.

Personnel –

2018 Staffing Update The Superintendent updated the Commissioners on the number of returning staff members hired and positions remaining to be filled.

Finance -

Toilet Paper Bids The bid spreadsheet was reviewed and samples evaluated. Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mrs. Vargo to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and award the bid to Sysco for their classic toilet paper \$4,434. Motion carried with a unanimous Roll Call vote.

FGC Lodge Painting Contractor Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mrs. Vargo to approve the Scott's Painting bid of \$3560. 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. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to pay the bills in the amounts of \$16,800.51, \$62,9985.76 and \$3,436.84. Motion carried with a unanimous Roll Call vote.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business:

Next Commission Meeting - 6:00 PM, April 17, 2018 at the Administration Building.

Adjournment: 7:15 PM.