

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The July 17th, 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 Vice Chairman, Mr. Stratton.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objection, the agenda stood approved with the additions of SSLPOA Request to Correspondence and Brower Seasonal Camper Site Change Fee to Committee Actions-Finance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the June 19th Park Commission Meeting and the July 12th Finance Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Update

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

Hardy Pond Draw Down We have received verbal confirmation that the Hardy Pond will not be drawn down other than standard operations for 2019.

Wi-Fi at School Section Is now up and running throughout the campground as a second receiver has been installed.

Wi-Fi at Brower The tower work and Casair installation have been completed. Currently, there are a few "dead" zones in the campground that we expect to be addressed with tree limb trimming and re-broadcast equipment adjustments.

School Section Power Outages With 2 power outages in the past 30 days, a generator has been purchased for the camp store and an adapter added for use on the septic lift station.

Merrill Boat Launch Modification Campers have requested the L shape launch dock be rearranged to extend farther into the lake. The DEQ has approved the modification; park management to verify that the request is from the bulk of campers in that area prior to proceeding with the modification.

Power at Merrill-Gorrel We continue to trip breakers and have power outages on hot days. A bid sheet will be created to determine cost of running new lines and upgrading the system.

Consumers Annual Review Brower and Davis Bridge reviews have been completed. There are some erosion issues at Davis Bridge that need to be addressed.

Incident/Accident Reports 5 reports were reviewed.

Independence Day Holiday Report - Occupancy Attendance was high in all parks, but with the holiday falling in the middle of the week, occupancy comparisons to last year are skewed.

Correspondence

SSLPOA Support Request - The Superintendent informed the Commissioners that a written request for financial support will be received from the Lake Association for fish stocking and weed control. There was no objection to the continuation of financing these two items in conjunction with the property owners association.

Committee Action

Masterplan

Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas to submit a grant letter of support for assistance with the construction cost for Michigan's Dragon at Hardy Dam Trail to the Fremont Area Community Foundation. Motion carried.

Personnel

Staff update - We currently have openings for a custodian at Brower and a Manager at Paris, internal candidates being considered.

Finance

2019 Rates & Fees - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas to accept the Finance Committee's recommended 2019 rates. Rate Package was discussed.

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

2019 RATES AND FEES

NON-CAMPING RATES/FEES	
Seasonal Vehicle	\$30
Seasonal Boat	\$30
Daily Vehicle	\$7
Daily Boat	\$7
Davis Bridge Day Use Fee	\$7
Picnic Shelter	\$50
Winter Storage	\$150
Ice	\$2.50
Pre-Bundled Wood	\$5
Wood	\$4
BROWER PARK	
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

SCHOOL SECTION LAKE	
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
MERRILL-GORREL	
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
PARIS PARK	
Camping-Paris - Mon-Thur	\$20
Camping-Paris - Fri-Sun	\$25
Camping-Paris - Holiday	\$30
Group Camping	\$60
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
TUBBS / HAYMARSH	
Nightly Camping	\$15

2019 Operating Seasons, Holiday Dates & Seasonal Zones - Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Maxwell to approve the Operating Season dates, Holiday Dates and Brower Park's Seasonal Zones/Percentages, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

2019 Season

	Opening Day	Closing Day	Total Days
Brower	4/26/2019	10/13/2019	170
School Section	5/3/2019	10/6/2019	156
Merrill	5/3/2019	10/6/2019	156
Paris	5/3/2019	10/6/2019	156

2019 Holiday Dates

Memorial Day	May 27th	Monday	Bill Fri, Sat, & Sun Nights As Holiday
Ind. Day	July 4th	Thursday	Bill Wed, Thurs, Fri, & Sat As Holiday
Labor Day	Sept. 2nd	Monday	Bill Fri, Sat, & Sun Nights As Holiday
Hot Boat	Sept. 7th	Saturday	Bill Thurs thru Sun Nights As Hot Boat

2019 Seasonal Zones

School Section	Up to 60% of Park
Merrill-Gorrel	Unlimited
Paris Park	Unlimited
Brower - S.A.	60 of 92
Brower - Point	23 or 58
Brower - Pines	22 of 56
Brower - Prem.	15 of 18
Brower Total	120 - 50%

Radio Purchase – A quote from Chrouch Communications was reviewed for the purchase of radios for Brower & School Section Lake Parks. Mr. Johnson motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to approve the purchase at a cost of \$9,375.00. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Brower Seasonal Camper Site Change Fee - Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to increase the fee to \$50 per site for any seasonal campsite changes. Motion carried.

Concessions

Sales Update - The Commission reviewed the gross revenue to date, daily sales figures and item quantities sold.

Financial

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

Budget Adjustments – Were reviewed. Mr. Perialas motioned, seconded by Mr. Wheeler to approve the budget adjustments as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the bills in the amounts of \$11,196.33, \$41,894.88, \$28,162.70, \$20,757.08 and \$18,834.89. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business:

Park Meet & Greets: July 27th - 7:00 PM at Paris
July 28th - 8:00 AM at School Section
August 3rd - 7:00 PM at Brower
August 4th - 8:00 AM at Merrill-Gorrel

Brower Lottery - August 11th - 9:00 AM

Next Meeting - August 21st - 6:00 PM at the Administration Building in Paris.

Adjournment: 7:05 PM.