

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The August 21st, 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. Stanek, Mr. Vogel and Mrs. Vargo. **Members Absent:** Mr. Johnson, Mr. Stratton and Mr. Wheeler. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel - Superintendent and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mrs. Vargo to approve the minutes of the July 17th Park Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Update

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

Septic at School Section Pumps continue to clog due to many items being flushed that do not belong in a septic system. A proposed solution is to install cages around the pumps to prevent items from reaching the propellers.

Bathhouse at School Section A balance of \$1197 remains to be paid for the installation of door closures.

Radio Updates Twenty hand held radios have been received and distributed to Brower and School Section; both parks have had base units installed in their offices. Extra batteries and bank chargers to be delivered and four truck radios to be installed at a later date.

Dragon Trail Update Things are starting to move forward more quickly, and all entities are now hoping for a fall approval and spring construction.

Meet & Greets Reports were reviewed and discussed.

Brower Lottery Update There were 142 entries for 120 sites. A wait list was drawn from the overage in registrations. One person from the waiting list has picked a site to date.

Incident/Accident Reports 11 reports reviewed.

Correspondence

Invasive Species Grant Partnership Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek for MCPC to partner with the North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area organization, by signing a Memorandum of Understanding supporting the organizations efforts. Furthermore, to approve their request for donated office space through the parks administration office for one lead staff member, and to act as a staging area for field crew through December 31, 2019. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Action

Personnel

Current Staffing Report We are currently fully staffed and anticipate being able to maintain staffing levels as needed through the end of the season.

Finance

Security Septic Quote - Pump Cages Mrs. Vargo motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to move forward with the pump cage installations at a cost of \$3635. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Concessions

Sales Reports Commissioners reviewed the gross revenue to date, daily sales figures and item quantities sold year to date.

Financial

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

Approval of Bills - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mrs. Vargo to approve the bills in the amounts of \$4,070.89, \$38,250.64, \$170,880.33, 7,316.56, \$1,498.19, \$10,589.94, \$802.25 and \$16,193.18. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: Schenk, Brower Park, commented on un-authorized moored boats and pet behavior in the park.

Other Business:

Upcoming Budget Meetings:

Master Plan Committee Meeting Thursday, August 30th, 3 PM at the Administration Building in Paris.

Personnel Committee Meeting TBD

Finance Committee Meeting TBD

Next Commission Meeting: Tuesday, September 18th, 6 PM at the Administration Building in Paris.

Adjournment: 7:00 PM.