

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The January 15, 2019 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 Parks Superintendent, Mr. Abel.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Bradstrom, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Perialas, Mr. Roels, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Stratton, and Mr. Vogel. **Members Absent:** None. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel - Superintendent, Erin Bean - Operations Manager and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2018 Park Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

Election of Offices

Chairman, Vice-Chair, Secretary

The Superintendent opened the floor to 2019 Officer nominations. Mr. Perialas motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to slate nominate Mr. Stratton for Chairman, Mrs. Bradstrom for Vice Chairman and Mrs. Fitzgerald for Secretary. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote. The Superintendent turned the meeting over to Mr. Stratton, Chairman. The Chairman thanked Mr. O'Neil for his years of services to the Commission and extended his thanks to the County Commissioners for appointing Mr. O'Neil to complete Mr. Wheeler's term on the Park Commission.

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

2019 Committees - The Chairman has requested that Commissioners submit their Committee appointment preferences. Appointments will be determined before the next Commission meeting.

2018 Meeting Dates - Meeting start time was discussed. Mr. O'Neil motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to move meeting start time to 5:00 PM. Motion carried. Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to accept the dates as proposed. Motion carried.

Public Comment None.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 17 current and completed projects, including:

Septic at School Section The contractor is in the park, this week, to replace the line across the road and to move a couple of camper connection points.

Accounts Receivable All Seasonal Camper deposit payments have been converted to accounts receivable. \$495,000 is due from Seasonal Campers upon arrival for the season.

Dragon Trail Grant The Fremont Area Community Foundation has awarded a \$500,000 grant toward the construction of Michigan's Dragon Trail of the Hardy Pond.

Dragon Trail FERC Application Consumers has finalized the application and may receive a response by March 31st.

Dragon Trail Marketing A website and marketing plan are being created for the trail; once finalized, we will link the documents to our website and Facebook pages.

Engineering & Architecture RFQ Draft document has been completed and submitted for review to our insurance provider and the county administrator. The draft will then be reviewed by the parks Masterplan Committee.

Year End PowerPoint The Superintendent gave a State of the Parks, highlighting improvements that have been completed, upward revenue and visitor trends, new visitor events and future improvements.

Incident/Accident Reports: None.

Correspondence None.

Committee Actions

Masterplan

Goose Nesting and Round-up Permits 2019 In 2018 nest destruction and goose round-up was successful at Brower; neither Merrill-Gorrel or School Section Lake had enough Geese to warrant a round-up. The Superintendent recommends pursuing the permit for Brower and to continue monitoring School Section Lake and Merrill-Gorrel Parks.

Dragon Trail Fundraising Agreement Scott Faulkner reviewed the agreement's proposed services, scope and fees. He provided the Commissioners with a review of, not only, his years of involvement in this project and depth of knowledge, but also, his experience in non-profit fund raising. In addition, he is an avid mountain biker and a local land owner. Mr. Faulkner thanked the Park Commission for the opportunity to speak with them on his behalf. Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Neil to support the County of Newaygo signing the fund-raising services agreement with Scott Faulkner as recommended by the Michigan Dragon Trail Executive Committee. Be it further noted that payments for services provided are to be reviewed and approved by the Dragon Trail Executive Committee and paid through the Dragon Trail funding account. 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. O'Neil motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the bills in the amounts of \$832.49, \$664.87, \$26,913.24 and \$7,382.16. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None

Other Business:

Next Commission Meeting is February 15th, 5:00 PM at the Administration Building in Paris.

Adjournment: 7:35 PM.