

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The December 17, 2019 Commission Meeting of the Mecosta County Park Commission was called to order at the Parks Administration Building in Paris, MI at 5:00 PM by the Chairman, Mr. Stratton.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objections, the agenda stood approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to approve the minutes of the November 19th Finance and November 19th Park Commission meetings. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Reports and Updates:

Superintendent's Updates

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 15 current and completed projects, including: Parks Revenue (Year-Over-Year) was reviewed and discussed.

Merrill-Gorrel Electric approval to move forward has been given to the contractor.

School Section Septic punch list items for the project have been completed and final payment is being released. As built drawings will come from Lapham Associates.

Reservation Processor will be completing a conversion to an upgraded server in January prior to reservations opening in February.

Dragon Trail Updates - 5 miles of trail have been completed. Newaygo County and Mecosta Township have received DNR Trust Fund Grants in the amounts of \$180,100 and \$205,400, respectively. Consumers Energy, additional, granted the project \$200,000 over the next 2 years. The current independent fundraising contract will expire in January; an RFQ is being drafted for a new project fundraising firm.

Incident/Accident Reports - None to report.

Correspondence

2020 Commission appointments - The Mecosta County Clerk has sent official notice that the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners have re-appointed Eric O'Neil and Tim Vogel to the Park Commission.

Committee Actions

Finance

Dragon Trail Fundraising - Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to approve payment of the November fundraising invoice in the amount of \$956.25. Motion carried.

End of Year Budget Adjustments - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Veterans' Memorial Monument - Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Roels to contribute up to \$5,000 toward hardwired lighting and the installation of two concrete handicap parking spots with a sidewalk leading to the Monument. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Millage

2020 Ballot Request - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Neil to request from the County Board of Commissioners that a county parks millage of up to .5 mil for a term of 5 years be placed on the August 2020 ballot. Motion carried with 7 yes and Mr. Perialas voting present.

Financial

Financial Report - Revenue & Expenses, Cash Spreadsheet, Year-to-Year – were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to pay off the Park Commission loan held by the County by December 31, 2019. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Bills - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Maxwell to approve the bills in the amounts of \$1,423.00, \$12,160.06, \$2,039.20 and \$10,846.87. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business:

Next Meeting is 5:00 PM January 21st, 2020 at the Parks Administration Offices.

Adjournment: 6:00 PM