

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The March 19, 2019 Commission Meeting of the Mecosta County Park Commission was called to order at the Administration Office in Paris, MI at 5:00 PM by the Chairman, Mr. Stratton.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Bradstrom, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Maxwell (5:15 PM), Mr. Johnson, Mr. Perialas, Mr. Roels, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Stratton, and Mr. Vogel. **Members Absent:** Mr. O'Neil. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel - Superintendent, Erin Bean - Operations Manager and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objections, the agenda stands as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the February 19th Park Commission Meeting, February 19th Masterplan Committee Meeting and February 27th Concession Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment None.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 23 current and completed projects, including:

Hope Network Worker Program - They are looking to bring 4-5 students to the parks this summer; they will pay the student's wages in exchange for them gaining experience.

Itinio Reservation Software - Provider is seeking potential solutions to resolve the issues that have occurred when reservations open.

Paris Stump Removal - Storm clean-up continues; 13 tipped stumps have been removed. The remaining stumps will need to be ground down.

Technology Update - A meeting with the IT staff was held to discuss the park's 2019 project needs. Improved WIFI and some of the other projects have already been started.

Dragon Trail Fundraising Report - Statement was reviewed and discussed.

Incident/Accident Reports: None.

Correspondence

WPVRA letter received from public in support of the benefits provided by the property was reviewed.

North Country CISMA - The Commissioners discussed a program request at Paris Park and recommend the Superintendent limit the time admission will be waived.

Committee Actions

Masterplan

Parks Engineering RFQ Update 3 separate entities called to inquiry if the consultant was required to perform all functions of the RFQ or if outsourced work would be accepted. Questions and Answers were posted on our website.

Finance

Maintenance Truck Quotes were reviewed and discussed. Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to support the Superintendent's recommendation in purchasing a Sierra 2500HD with a utility bed package and Western V-Plow for \$45,536.83. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Lapham Associates Insurance Payment – Re-imbusement offer was reviewed. Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Peralas to authorize the Superintendent to settle with the Insurance Company. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Pioneer Group - Marketing Opportunities were reviewed and discussed.

Stand-Up Paddleboard Rental Rates - Merrill-Gorrel & Paris Mr. Johnson motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to adopt rates as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Concessions

Heat Pump/Air Conditioning Quotes were reviewed and discussed. Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to accept the Stratz Heating & Cooling quote for \$5,345, permitted the electric install does not exceed \$1,000 as an additional expense. Motion carried with a roll call vote. 6 - yes, 3 - no (Mr. Peralas, Mr. Stratton and Mr. Vogel).

Financial

Financial Report - Revenue & Expenses, Cash Spreadsheet, Year-to-Year - Reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners have requested a statement of payment options for the parks current loan through the county.

Approval of Bills - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the bills in the amounts of \$6,237.60, \$5,321.91, \$16,759.92, \$13,511.38 and \$2,734.21. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None

Other Business:

Masterplan Meetings have been scheduled for March 22nd at 3:00 PM, April 8th at 9:00 AM and April 15th at 9:00 AM; all meetings to be held at the Administration Building in Paris.

Next Commission Meeting is April 16th, 2019 5:00 PM at the Administration Building in Paris.

Adjournment: 6:45 PM.