

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The July 16, 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. Johnson, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Perialas, Mr. Roels, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Stratton and Mr. Vogel. **Members Absent:** Mr. Maxwell. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel – Superintendent and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Roels to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of Administration Office Internet added to Committee Action - Finance. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to approve the minutes of the June 18th Park Commission, July 8th Rules & Regulations Committee and the July 15th Finance Committee Meetings. Motion carried.

Public Comment Ken Vanderberg shared concerns he has regarding Paris Park related to staffing and fees. Gary Lough updated the Commissioners regarding fund raising efforts for a Veterans Memorial to be constructed at School Section Lake Park and requested permission to have a fund-raising event in the park August 24th.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Update

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

Brower Launch Dock tie downs have been modified; additional modifications to be completed by the dock builder.

Road Grading and brining was completed in all of the parks prior to Independence Day, including grading at Haymarsh and Tubbs.

Trout Delivery The Fisheries Division of the DNR has delivered 30,000 rainbow trout to Paris Park for a fall release into the Muskegon River.

Paris Wi-Fi with the signal strengthened, recent testing shows a 430 MB download speed.

Merrill-Gorrel Water Level The DEQ has unclogged the Merrill Dam. MCPC has received permission from the land owner to address concerns in the future. Mrs. Fitzgerald has recommended the agreement be recorded at Register of Deeds.

Dragon Trail Fundraising Report - FERC approval has been received. Fundraising Statement was reviewed and discussed.

July 4th Report – Brower, School Section, Paris and Tubbs were at occupancy. Merrill-Gorrel peaked on the 5th at 93% occupancy and Haymarsh peaked at 37%.

Incident/Accident Reports - Six reported and discussed.

Correspondence: None.

Committee Actions

Masterplan

Merrill-Gorrel Electric Upgrade Proposal - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to authorize the Superintendent to enter into contract, up to \$14,100 with Prein & Newhof for electrical engineering services for the Gorrel side of the park. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Rules and Regulations

After a review of ADA regulations related to Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD), it has been determined that golf carts will be allowed within Brower Park for those with mobility issues. Golf carts permitted shall act in accordance with Section 10 of the MCPC Rules and Regulations.

Personnel

Staffing Update - We currently have 2 positions open at Paris and 1 at Brower.

Finance

2020 Rates & Fees Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and increase the following 2020 Season rates: Rack Wood to \$5, Brower Park's Seasonal rates to \$2,300 water/electric, \$2,400 w/seepage pit & \$3,100 prime, School Section Lake's Seasonal rates to \$1500 water/electric and \$1900 full hook-up, Paris Park's Seasonal rates to \$1200 water/electric and \$1500 full hook-up and Monthly water/electric to \$550, Brower's Holiday Camping rate to \$45 and Hot Boat Camping and Cabin rates to \$60 and \$65, respectively, School Section Lake's Modern Cabins' Weekday, Weekend and Holiday rates to \$60, \$65 and \$70. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

2020 Park Operating Season Committee recommends the same length of season as 2019.

2020 Holiday Dates Committee recommends Independence holiday dates Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

2020 Seasonal Zones Committee recommends the same zone structure as 2019 season. Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to adopt the proposed operating season, holiday dates and seasonal zones as presented. Motion carried.

Seasonal Site Deposits Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Roels to accept the Committee's recommendation and increase the Seasonal Deposit for Brower to \$300 and the Seasonal Deposit for Paris, Merrill-Gorrel and School Section to \$200. Motion carried.

Brower Lottery Changes the Commissioners reviewed the Lottery changes and the additional language addressing the wait list. Mr. O'Neil motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to accept the changes as presented. Motion carried.

Park Radios Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas to accept the quote from Chrouch Communications for Paris & Merrill-Gorrel radios minus the 2 wall mounts for a cost of \$5261.50. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Administration office internet - Current signal is not adequate for phones. Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to upgrade the signal to 200MB. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Concessions

Operating Updates - Concession revenue to date is within \$100 of last year. Store offerings have vastly increased with the addition of SAS to the vendor mix.

Financial

Financial Report - Revenue & Expenses, Cash Spreadsheet, Year-to-Year - Reviewed.

Approval of Bills - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to approve the bills in the amounts of \$51,655.18, \$13,852.83, \$31,897.94 and \$25,720.30 Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business:

Veterans Memorial Project Event Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to permit the fund raising event as requested and in accordance with the Superintendent's verification and approval of proper permitting and event plans. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is August 20st, 2019 5:00 PM at the Administration Building in Paris.

Brower Lottery is August 10th at 9:00 AM at the Sunny Acres Pavilion, Brower Park

Meet & Greets Brower - August 2nd at 7:00 PM

 Paris - August 16th at 7:00 PM

 Merrill-Gorrel - August 23rd at 7:00 PM

 School Section - August 24th at 9:00 AM

September Park Commission Meeting has been rescheduled from Sept. 17th to Sept. 10th with the same location and time.

Adjournment: 7:00 PM.