

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The January 21, 2020 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 Superintendent, Mr. Abel.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Bradstrom, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Miller, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Peralas, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Roels, Mr. Stanek, and Mr. Vogel. **Members Absent:** Planning Commission Representative. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel - Superintendent and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Stratton motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to approve the agenda with the addition of Resolution after the first Public Comment section. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Roels to approve the minutes of the December 17th Park Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Chairman, Vice-Chair, Secretary

The Superintendent opened the floor to 2020 Officer nominations. Mr. Peralas motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to slate nominate Mr. Stratton for Chairman, Mr. O'Neil for Vice Chairman and Mr. Roels for Secretary. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote. The Superintendent turned the meeting over to Mr. Stratton, Chairman.

Rules of Order - Mr. O'Neil motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to follow Robert's Rules of Order with the amendment to permit the Chairman to act as a voting member of the Commission. Motion carried.

2020 Committees Assignments - The Chairman has requested that Commissioners submit their Committee appointment preferences. Appointments will be determined prior to the next Commission meeting.

2020 Meeting Dates - Hearing no objection, the Commission monthly meeting schedule was approved as presented.

Public Comment: None.

Resolution

The Chairman read the Resolution for Randy Maxwell into the minutes.

WHEREAS: **Mr. Randy Maxwell** has faithfully served the Mecosta County Park Commission for a total of 5 years. **Mr. Randy Maxwell** has served on several Mecosta County Park Commission sub-committees.

WHEREAS: **Mr. Randy Maxwell** has, during his appointment with this Commission, given freely and unselfishly of his time, experience, And varied expertise, which have contributed significantly to the development, improvement and continued operations of the Mecosta County Parks, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mecosta County Park Commission and Superintendent of said Commission does hereby express sincere gratitude for the faithful and dedicated contributions which **Mr. Randy Maxwell** has made and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be made a permanent part of the proceedings of this commission and that a true copy be given to **Mr. Randy Maxwell** as a record of his exemplary service.

Motion carried Unanimously.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Updates

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 18 current and completed projects, including:

Parks Millage Update the County Board of Commissioners has approved for the Park Commission to place a Millage Proposal on the August 2020 ballot.

MG Electric the contractor is working with Consumers Energy and ordering all necessary components for spring construction.

Grand Rapids RV Show the weather forecast cut into overall attendance, despite slightly higher attendance on Thursday and Friday. Give-a-ways lasted through Friday evening.

Swim Area Buoys for Brower a new buoy system has been purchased for Brower, as it was desperately needed.

Veterans' Memorial Benches have been purchased and received, a quote for flag lighting has been received and passed along to the SSLV Memorial Group. The Park Commission is working on a proposal for two handicap concrete parking spots near the Memorial.

Incident/Accident Reports - None.

Dragon Trail Updates - The Executive Board has completed an RFP document for the hiring of a Fundraiser with the intention of having the position filled by May 1. The Application for bridge permitting has been submitted, once approved, all bridge building will be covered under one permit. It is expected that \$400,000 worth of trail build will take place in the 2020 year.

Correspondence – SSL Veterans' Memorial Dedication

A request has been received to hold the dedication at School Section Lake Veterans Park during the Community Open House, June 13th. Hearing no objection, the Veterans' Memorial Dedication Ceremony will be held June 13th.

Committee Actions

Masterplan

Goose Nesting and Round-up Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to submit an application for Goose Round-up 2020 at Brower. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Davis Bridge Trailhead Development Proposal Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Perialas to accept the recommendation from the Masterplan committee to approve the Davis Bridge Planning Proposal from Prein & Newhof. Additionally, to request a quote for the creation of a new Mecosta County Park Commission Recreation Masterplan from Prein and Newhof. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

2019 Capital Project Review Reviewed and discussed.

2020 Capital Project Plans Reviewed and discussed.

Financial

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

Approval of Bills - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the bills in the amounts of \$1,315., \$15,234.45, \$55,456.06 and \$24,382.79. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business:

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is 10:00 AM, February 4, 2020 at the Parks Administration Offices.

Next Meeting is 5:00 PM, February 18, 2020 at the Parks Administration Offices.

Adjournment: 6:15 PM