

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The August 18, 2020 Commission Meeting of the Mecosta County Park Commission was called to order at the Mecosta County Services Building and via live video conference at 5:00 PM by the Commission Chairman, Mr. Stratton.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Bradstrom, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Miller, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Roels, Mr. Perialas, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Sweir and Mr. Vogel. **Members Absent:** None. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel - Superintendent and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objections, the agenda stands as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to approve the minutes of the July 21st Commission and July 21st Personnel Meetings. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Updates

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 14 current and completed projects, including:

Streetlights 15-20 lights park system wide have been repaired by Isenhardt Electric.

School Section Main Lift Station Pumps clogged and quit working, Security Septic has made the needed repairs.

MMRMA representative visited the Paris fishponds to review liability, a report is expected to follow shortly.

Tubbs Lake and Haymarsh Entrance Roads underbrush clearing was hired out to the County Road Commission; saving us many staff hours of labor.

Tubbs Lake Boat Launches need repairs; the DNR is hoping to partner with us to complete.

Dragon Trail Updates – Additional bridges have been ordered and once received will accelerate the rate in which trail building is occurring. The DNR Trust Fund Grant is ready to be accepted. Each of the Counties may be asked to loan up to \$400,000 for the grant sections of the trail. An RFP has been developed for the hiring of a Professional to ensure the grants are moving along properly.

Incident /Accident Report - 7 reviewed and discussed.

Correspondence

Veteran's Memorial Project-Thank you. Dedication Event was well presented and attended.

Consumers Energy-Drawdown The routine winter operational drawdown will be lengthened this winter. Instead of the usual January to May 1 period, this year's drawdown will start November

1st and end May 28th followed by normal levels through 2021. The future auxiliary spillway project is currently in the design and engineering phase. Information will be made available once construction is scheduled.

Committee Actions

Masterplan

2021 Seasonal Packet (School Section, Paris and Merrill-Gorrel). Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to limit all new Seasonal Campers (exempting 2019 & 2020 returning seasonal campers) at Merrill-Gorrel to the Gorrel side of the park as the new electrical grid is equipped to handle the higher electrical demand of Seasonal Campers. Motion carried. School Section Lake Seasonal Campers have been informed that the Pet Free status of the park is being evaluated by the Park Commissioners during the off-season. Brower Park's lottery was held on August 8th; there were 168 entries for 120 sites, 48 names are on the waiting list for 2021. Packets will go out to seasonal campers at School Section, Merrill-Gorrel and Paris next week. **Dragon Trail** - Change Order Request. Mr. O'Neil motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to approve the Changer Order Request for Task Order 2 to a new Not to Exceed amount of \$490,000. Motion carried.

Personnel

Staff Update filling positions continues to be difficult throughout the park system.

Finance

2021 Budget Process needs to be developed and approved by the next Commission Meeting.

Building and Grounds

Remus Electric Auction discussion, no action to be taken.

Financial

Financial Report - Revenue & Expenses, Cash Spreadsheet, Year-to-Year, Concessions -

Financials reviewed and discussed. Revenue continues trending up in comparison to last year; with the most recent year to date comparison being virtually equal to 2019. Additional Vehicle permits have been purchased as permit sales have exceeded all prior years. School Section Lake Concession Revenue has outpaced last year (year to date) by 35%. Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Neil to add Arch Staffing to the Pre-Approve Bill List. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to approve the bills in the amounts of \$19,985.12, \$48,044.23 and \$29,853.17. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business:

Scheduled Budget Meetings - Committee Meeting Of The Whole - scheduled for 10 AM, Thursday, August 27th location TBD.

Next Commission Meeting - scheduled for 5 PM, September 15th, at the County Services Bldg.

Superintendent Out of Office - September 16-22, 2020

Adjournment: 7:00 PM