

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The December 14, 2021 Commission Meeting of the Mecosta County Park Commission was called to order at Mecosta County Services Building at 5:00 PM by the Commission Chairman, Mr. Stratton.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Bradstrom, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Hatkowski, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Miller, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Roels, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Stratton and Mr. Vogel. **Members Absent:** None. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel - Superintendent, Erin Bean - Operations Manager, Mary Hansen - Assistant Operations Manager and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objections, the agenda stands approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the November 16th Park Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Updates

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 10 current and completed projects, including:

MDOT - Dragon Trail Crossings signs have been ordered and will be installed in accordance with MDOT standards once they arrived.

Hardy Reservoir Draw Down by the end of November the water level has dropped close to 6 vertical feet making the deep-water launch at Brower Park unusable.

Online Reservations for the Family Group Camp and Pavilions will begin January 3rd at noon and nightly camping and cabin reservations will open on February 1st. Monthly reservations for School Section, Paris and Merrill-Gorrel will be accepted, over the phone, starting January 3rd.

White Plow Truck has been deemed a loss; we have been advised that we will receive a \$9,000 payment and the vehicle will be picked up by a salvage company.

Dragon Trail Updates This year's build is nearly 98% complete; the builder will return next week to finish. This will permit the Mecosta Township DNR Trust Fund grant to be closed-out. We anticipate being reimbursed the majority of the \$290,000 in funds we advanced. Trail maintenance equipment is needed for winter grooming. Mr. Griffith motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to pay our equal share of a specialty, trail width, snowmobile at an estimated cost of \$12,000 to \$14,000 in combination with our other municipal partner(s). Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Actions

Masterplan

Brower Parks Shallow Water Launch Project has been selected for funding through a DNR Trust Fund Grant. Parks will pay a 30% match of the \$402,000 project.

Generator Installation Project is expected to be delayed due to a 45-50 week estimated lead time on the equipment. Current estimates suggest Spring 2023 installations.

Davis Bridge Expansion Proposal - Conceptual drawings have been submitted to Consumers Energy; preliminary feedback is not anticipated until after Spring 2022.

School Section Lake Expansion Proposal was reviewed, minor changes to be included in the next set of drawings.

Paris Hatchery Building 2019 proposal for architectural services was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Neil to approve seeking a requote of the project and moving forward with acceptance if the updated proposal fell within a specified not to exceed amount provided to the Superintendent. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Rules & Regulations

Preliminary Review of draft document was completed and discussed. A final draft document will be completed after January meetings with the Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney.

Personnel

2022 Personnel Manual The Commissioners discussed the differences between the Park's Personnel Manual and the County's Non-Union Personnel Manual and if it is practical for the Park's to adopt the County's Personnel Manual. Mr. Johnson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom to send the matter back to Committee. Motion carried.

Building & Grounds

Paris Storage Barn is in need of repair. An initial Facebook post has requested that interested licensed/insured builders contact us with their recommendations regarding saving the building. **Woodshed** estimates for Merrill-Gorrel, School Section and Paris were reviewed.

Financial

Financial Report - Revenue & Expenses, Cash Spreadsheet, Year-to-Year - Reports were reviewed and discussed.

Approval of Bills - Mr. Stanek motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the bills in the amounts of \$2,475.90, \$15,593.61 and \$23,429.73. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: Mr. Knox asked who would operate the trail grooming snowmobile in Brower.

Other Business:

Resolution - Mr. Roels

WHEREAS: **Mr. Bryan Roels** has faithfully served the Mecosta County Park Commission for a total of 3 years. **Mr. Bryan Roels** has served 2 years as Secretary and has served on several Mecosta County Park Commission sub-committees.

WHEREAS: **Mr. Bryan Roels** 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. Bryan Roels** 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. Bryan Roels** as a record of his exemplary service.

Motion carried Unanimously.

Next Commission Meeting is scheduled for 5 PM, January 18, 2022, at the Mecosta County Services Bldg.

Adjourned: 6:45PM