

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The December 13, 2022, 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. Stanek.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Bradstrom, Mr. Farrow, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Hatkowski, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lambrix, Ms. Miller, Mr. Stanek, Mrs. Strong and Mr. Vogel. **Member Absent:** None. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel - Superintendent, Mary Hansen - Assistant Operation Manager and Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objections, the agenda stood approved as present.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to approve the minutes of the November 15th Park Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Updates

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 12 current and completed projects, including:
Paris Raceway walls have been reinforced to prevent further collapse. Repairs to be scheduled in the spring due to needs of heavy equipment and concrete.

Paris Barn Repairs have been completed and structure stabilized and reinforced.

Reservation System testing is ongoing in preparation for the opening of reservations in January.

Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Farrow to withhold accepting pavilion reservations for the Beach Shelter at School Section Lake until first round Spark grant information is available. Motion carried.

DNR Trust Fund Grant award meeting is scheduled for December 14th. The Davis Bridge Grant application scored 345.

Dragon Trail reimbursement of \$112,000 should arrive from the Dragon Trail fund account before the end of the year. We anticipate receiving an ask for ½ the cost of the winter grooming snowmobile. Two Rokon trail bikes with rescue trailer baskets have been purchased by Newaygo County. The website has been updated and the Regional Permits have arrived.

Committee Actions

Masterplan

Spark Grant - Paris Hatchery Building & Front Pond approval has been received from the County BOC. Application submission is pending one more support letter.

Spark Grant - School Section Lake Bathhouse/Playground approval has been received from the County BOC. Application submission is pending one more support letter.

Consumers Energy Easement Request Mr. Griffith motioned, seconded by Mr. Stanek to request the County BOC review and approve the School Section Lake Campground Expansion easement request from our electrical provider. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Buckhorn Dam Project Updates The DNR has requested to attend a Park Commission meeting provide an update on plans for the White Pine Trail Crossing and to discuss the possibility of adding walkways and boardwalks adjacent to the area of the Dam removal. The Commissioners requested the Superintendent extend an invitation and add representatives from the DNR to an upcoming Commission meeting agenda.

Finance

Explore Michigan App. Developer has provided preliminary information regarding the app. Currently, both the City of Big Rapids and the County of Newaygo have signed on. Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to request the Superintendent extend an invitation for a formal presentation to the developer. Motion carried.

Personnel

County Personnel Manual Updates were provided to the Commissioners for informational purposes as updates are, also, being considered to the Park Commission's Personnel Manual.

Financial

Financial Report - Revenue & Expenses, Cash Spreadsheet, Year-to-Year - Reports were reviewed and discussed. Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Hatkowski to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills - Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to approve payment of the bills in the amounts of \$7,687.73, \$7,996.67 and \$52,474.68. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: Kelly Wawczyk, Executive Director - Mecosta County Development Corporation, introduced herself to the Park Commissioners and shared her positive feedback regarding the Explore Michigan App.

Other Business

Next Commission Meeting is scheduled for 5 PM, Tuesday, January 24th at the Mecosta County Services Building.

Adjourned: 5:45 PM