

Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting

The October 17, 2023, 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, Taylor Jutila - Operations Manager, Mary Hansen - HR 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. Farrow, to approve the minutes of the September 12th Park Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Reports and Updates

Superintendent's Updates

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

Servers for Park System remain inaccessible, our IT have made us aware that they are working on server access in addition to WiFi improvements at Brower and School Section Lake Parks.

Generator Start-up Certifications have been completed with the exception of Paris Park where DTE will need to change out a meter prior to certification being completed. A reimbursement request for the \$100,000 County project contribution has been submitted.

Playground Installations were all completed prior to the parks closing on October 8th. One piece arrived damaged and will be installed when the replacement piece arrives. Once we receive the final invoice a \$200,000 reimbursement request will be submitted to the County.

Paris Annual Pond Cleaning has begun. The second pond has been cleaned, filled and the trout relocated while the front pond is drained and cleaned over the winter. The aqua thruster has been installed and will be tested over the coming weeks to determine its suitability.

School Section Mooring Posts have been replaced with the T style posts that are being used at Brower and Merrill-Gorrel.

New Canadian Lakes Area Campground development is being submitted to the Morton Township for review.

Brower Electric contractor has noted that based on the supply timeline, it is likely that this project will be pushed to Fall 2024/Spring 2025.

Dragon Trail's ADA bridge that should have arrived in September has been delayed, but once installed it will provide for continues trail on the east side of the river. West side ravine work is expected to be completed in June/July 2024.

Incident/Accident Reports 4 reports reviewed and discussed.

Year to Date Revenue Report 2023 revenue is nearly \$61,000 above projections for the year.

Committee Actions

Masterplan

School Section Lake-Renovation Updates We have received the EGLE permit, and the Contractor should be breaking ground shortly.

Finance

Spark Grant Results Neither the Paris Hatchery/ponds nor the School Section Lake Beach Bathhouse/playground projects won funding. The rehabilitation of Paris's Hatchery, Ponds and raceway project needs to be considered by the Masterplan Committee.

DNR Trust Fund Grant preliminary score for the School Section Lake Project was 270, whereas the Davis Bridge score was 335. Supplementary submissions should improve both scores.

2024 Vehicle Permit Designs Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Lambrix, to approve the 2024 vehicle permit designs. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course Mr. Lambrix motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to authorize 2 personnel to attend the 2-day playground inspector course in Traverse City. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Building & Grounds

Equipment Auction Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to approve the auctioning of 2 pedal boats and 1 camping unit. Motion carried.

Financial

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

Approval of Bills - Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to approve payment of the bills in the amounts of \$18,783.49, 71,845.46, \$45,154.61 and \$15,551.92. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business: Next Monthly Commission Meeting is scheduled for 5 PM, Tuesday, November 14, at the Mecosta County Services Building.

Adjourned: 5:35 PM