

## **Mecosta County Park Commission Commission Meeting**

The August 15, 2023, Commission Meeting of the Mecosta County Park Commission was called to order at the Mecosta County Services Building at 5:00 PM by the Commission Chairman, Mr. Stanek.

### **Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Mrs. Bradstrom, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Hatkowski, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lambrix, Ms. Miller, Mr. Stanek, Mrs. Strong and Mr. Vogel. **Member Absent:** Mr. Farrow. **Others Present:** Jeff Abel - Superintendent, Mary Hansen - HR Manager, Taylor Jutila - Operations Director, Kathy Maclean - Administrative Clerk.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Strong motioned, seconded by Mr. Griffith to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Hatkowski, to approve the minutes of the July 18<sup>th</sup> Park Commission meeting. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Dave Cotton, representative from the SSLPOA, introduced himself and Mark Hamlin to the Commission, extending their thanks for the opportunity to hold the annual SSLPOA Meet Your Neighbor gathering at School Section Lake Park this past weekend.

### **Appeal of Eviction - Homrich**

The Commissioners reviewed the packet provided but have deferred a decision until Mrs. Homrich is able to attend in person.

### **Reports and Updates**

#### **Superintendent's Updates**

The Superintendent updated the Commission on 22 current and completed projects, including:

**Generator Start-up** has been completed for the School Section Lake Bathhouse; the remainder are scheduled to be completed shortly.

**Retired Picnic Tables** have been requested by and delivered to Morton Recycling, Green Township, the Village of Morley and the COA.

**Dodge Truck Purchase** and delivery completed; the second truck arrived this past month.

**Paris Water Line** broke under the dump station concrete pad. Park maintenance rented a backhoe and were able to complete the repair.

**SS Well** went out. The well company completed the repair; a boil water advisory was in place for 6 days.

**Boat Survey at SSL** was completed recently and shows little percentage change from prior surveys. SSL Park had a combined total of 15% of all boats 11 HP or more while SSL Property Owners had 89% of the boats over 50 HP.

**Seasonal Camper Packets** for School Section Lake, Merrill-Gorrel and Paris Parks will be distributed over the next week.

**Dragon Trail Construction** has been completed in all segments except segment 7. One bridge remains to be installed on the east side of the river, likely in September.

**Incident/Accident** 7 reports reviewed and discussed.

**Year to Date Revenue Report** reviewed; revenue continues to trend higher year-over-year.

## **Committee Actions**

### **Masterplan**

**Brower Park - Deep Water Channel** project to continue on course with engineering and permit application.

### **Finance**

**School Section Lake Campground Expansion** has been reviewed by the County Board's Finance Committee which will recommend to the County Board that the loan request not to exceed \$1.2 million dollars be granted to the Parks at the County's current investment rate reset annually for up to ten years. Mrs. Bradstrom motioned, seconded by Mr. Lambrix, to move forward with Pete's Contracting for the full scope of the project less the installation of concrete pads contingent upon the County BOC loan approval. Discussion followed including current project funding, grant match projects, grant applications and fund balance. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

**2023 Budget Adjustments** Mr. Johnson motioned, seconded by Mr. Vogel to approve the budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Personnel**

**Seasonal Staff** we are down one seasonal employee; part-time staff are filling the void. We will begin to see staff returning to school over the coming weeks.

**Operations Manager Position** Mr. Griffith motioned, seconded by Mrs. Bradstrom, to post the opening. Motion carried.

## **Financial**

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

**Approval of Bills** - Mr. Vogel motioned, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the bills in the amounts of \$63,513.39, \$49,703.11, \$39,191.38 and \$36431.14. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

**Public Comment:** Mark Hamlin commented against the School Section Lake Campground expansion.

## **Other Business**

**Next Monthly Commission Meeting** is scheduled for 5 PM, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Mecosta County Services Building. Personnel, Master Plan and Finance Committee Meeting TBD.

**Adjourned:** 5:55 PM