

ISABELLA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Vasold at 4:55 pm.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Clingan, Jeremy Murphy, John Graham, Randy Vasold, Richard Gruss, Richard Jakubiec, Ron McDonald

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Doug White, John Haupt, John Dinse

OTHERS PRESENT

Director Sue Ann Koppmeyer, Parks Supervisor Mike Marsh, Office Clerk Katrina Stock, Mike Smith, President and Tiffany Smith, Vice President of Mc Smith and Associates

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda was accepted as amended (Graham/Gruss).

INTRODUCTIONS

Director Koppmeyer introduced Mike Smith and Tiffany Smith of MC Smith and Associates

MINUTES

The March 2, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. **It was moved (Murphy/McDonald) to approve the March 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Director presented the bills for March 2016. **It was moved (Murphy/Gruss) to approve the Financial Summary Report for March as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Director presented the bills for April 2016. **It was moved (Jakubiec/McDonald) to approve the Financial Summary Report for March as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

CAMPGROUND SUMMARY REPORT

Director Koppmeyer gave a brief report on campground reservation summary report for March and April.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks Update

Deerfield Park

Herrick Recreation Area

Parks Supervisor Mike Marsh updated the Board on the well issue at Herrick. He said the well at the bathhouse lost pressure due to a failed seal. Malley's was called and came out to the park to fix the well and it is back in working order. He also mentioned the stump grinder is an excellent machine. Parks Staff has been working on removing stumps at both Herrick and Coldwater. There are 3 staff members who have been trained to operate the grinder.

Professional Development

Parks Supervisor Kurt Burnia took the playground certification test in April. He must be recertified every three years in order to be able to inspect the Parks playgrounds.

Programs/Events

Isabella County Parks have partnered with Central Michigan University to offer their Play on the Way Mobile Recreation Unit this summer. The Recreation Unit will make stops out to Coldwater Lake Family Park, Deerfield Nature Park, and Herrick Recreation Area for 3 days a week during the summer. This is a free program for the public.

Incidents/Accidents

The Deerfield Nature Park gatehouse window was broken into last week and needed to be replaced. A police report was filed.

Memorial Forest

The agreement for the Memorial School Forest portion of Deerfield Nature Park with Mount Pleasant Public Schools was approved for renewal by the Board of County Commissioners at the April 5th meeting.

Wise Playground

The Wise Playground agreement with Wise Township Officials was also approved for renewal by the Board of County Commissioners at the April 5th meeting.

Other

The Department of Natural Resources will stock certain lakes. At this time none of Isabella County Parks will be stocked this year. DNR Representative Jim Baker said the fish in the ponds at Herrick and Coldwater Lake are reproducing well and stocking is not necessary to do at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Concept Planning Services

Mike Smith from M.C. Smith Associates presented the concepts for the County Parks to the Parks Board.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Projects

Director Kopmeyer will provide the Board with a Capital Projects list at the June Parks Board Meeting.

FY 2017 Budget

Director Kopmeyer updated the Board on the FY'17 Budget timeline.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Commissioner Murphy provided an update to the Board looking at possible zoning changes to accessory building on waterfront lots.

Drain Commissioner Jakubiec provided an update on drain work throughout the county.

Road Commissioner Graham provided a brief update on the Road Commission pulling the shoulder back in on 700 miles of gravel roads throughout Isabella County. Brining in the county will also begin soon.

The next Parks and Recreation Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at Herrick Recreation Area beginning at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved to adjourn (Gruss/Clingan) at 6:18 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Clingan, Secretary