

ISABELLA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Vasold at 7:01 pm.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeremy Murphy, John Dinse, Randy Vasold, Richard Gruss, Doug White, Ron McDonald, Craig Clingan, John Graham

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Jakubiec, John Haupt

OTHERS PRESENT

Director Sue Ann Kopmeyer, Parks Clerk Katrina Stock, CMU Intern Zach Greening

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda was accepted as amended (Graham/Clingan).

INTRODUCTIONS

Director Kopmeyer introduced CMU Intern Zach Greening to the Park Board Members.

MINUTES

The June 3, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. **It was moved (Gruss/White) to approve the June 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

CMU Intern Zach Greening updated the Board on the Who Can Live Here program at Deerfield Nature Park on Saturday, August 15th. He also has been working on installing trail signs at Deerfield and the new brown and white park signs throughout the county.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Director presented the bills for June and July 2015. **It was moved (White/Gruss) to approve the Financial Summary Report for June as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

CAMPGROUND SUMMARY REPORT

Director Kopmeyer gave a brief report on monthly and year to date revenue totals for June and July.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks

Deerfield Nature Park

Director Kopmeyer stated staff is working on erosion issues at the park near the swinging bridge.

Coldwater Lake Family Park

The seawall at the park will be removed in September. Staff is also working on new signage to be placed at the boat launch.

Herrick Recreation Area

A security light has been installed near the firewood area at the park.

Pere Marquette Rail-Trail

Park Staff has been working to clear trees down on the trail from recent storms.

Programs

Parks Office Clerk Katrina Stock updated the Board on the following upcoming programs; Retro Weekend at Herrick Recreation Area, Who Can Live Here at Deerfield Nature Park, Nature Drawing Series at Deerfield, and the Civil War Muster at Deerfield. All of these programs will be taking place at the Parks throughout the rest of August with more information on the Parks website and Facebook page.

Grants

Director Kopmeyer updated the Board on the requests put in this month to the Mount Pleasant Area Community Foundation for playground support. A grant request was also put in to Michigan Council of the Arts for the Arts From Our Parks event held at Deerfield Nature Park. The Friends of the Pere Marquette Rail Trail have given the Parks \$5000 to help with the cost of seal coating another section of the trail this fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fiscal Year Budgets

Director Kopmeyer provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2015 and Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. The final Fiscal Year 2016 Budget should be complete during the second week of September.

Fees and Charges

Director Kopmeyer provided the Board with a summary of the average park fees in and around our area. Isabella County Parks Fees are competitive with Mid Michigan Campgrounds.

NEW BUSINESS

Projects

Director Kopmeyer will meet with Parks Supervisors and Park Managers this month to review park projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Dinse provided an update on the Hannah's Bark Park. An advisory board was appointed with the first meeting to be held on Monday. A pavilion will be constructed next week.

Commissioner Graham provided an updated on the Road Commission and all the road work that needs to be done with limited funds.

The next Parks and Recreation Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2015 in the Isabella County Building room 225 beginning at 7:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved to adjourn (Gruss/Clingan) at 8:22 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina Stock, Office Clerk