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MINUTES

OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 9TH 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Dave Baragrey, Randy Stults, Bill Holewinski, Doug Johnson, Judy Jarecki, Butch Fleming and Bonny Miller.

Members Absent: Scott Courterier, Abe Cruz and Tom Johnson.

Others Present: Kyle Ryan.

Tom Johnson arrived at 6:03pm.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the April 11th, 2016 meeting as presented was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Bill Holewinski. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Bills: A motion to accept the bills from April 4th 2016 to May 2nd 2016 in the amount of \$10,308.90 was made by Butch Fleming and seconded by Randy Stults. Motion carried.

Administrator's Update: Kyle Ryan reported that his suggested improvements for the DNR property were approved however, funding from the State of Michigan will not cover the installation of BBQ grills or the installation of playground equipment if monies were left over due to liability issues.

Kyle Ryan reported that the summer position for the program at the DNR property has been filled as well as all of the seasonal positions at the county park have been filled.

Kyle Ryan reported that the new lights over the gym floor have been installed.

Kyle Ryan reported that updates on the tennis court project will be available at the next meeting.

Kyle Ryan stated that the free clean up weekend at the County Park had 74 campers.

Kyle Ryan reported that the Work Camp has been helping clean up the County Park and the Community Center.

Kyle Ryan stated that the horseshoe league will be starting May 17th.

Kyle Ryan mentioned the last weekend the Community Center will be open for the school year is May 21st & 22nd and the last day the Community Center for the school year will be Wednesday June 8th.

Kyle Ryan read a thank you letter from Northwest Michigan Health Department for providing the season car passes to the County Park.

Old Business:

- A. Irontone Springs Bridge:** Kyle Ryan recommended removing the furthest South bridge. A motion was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Bonny Miller to remove the south most bridge at Irontone Springs using staff and Parks and Recreation equipment. Motion carried.



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New Business:

- A. Parks Plan Chapters 1 & 2:** Kyle Ryan presented the members with copies of Chapters 1 and 2 of the Parks plan. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Tom Johnson to accept the draft of Chapter 1 of the Parks Plan as it was presented. Motion carried.
- Kyle Ryan discussed a change in the wording of Chapter 2 from The Commission employs a full-time Parks and Recreation Director and also two full-time staffers; a Coordinator and a Monitor/Ranger to The Commission through the County Administrator employs a full-time Parks and Recreation Director and also two full-time staffers; a Coordinator and a Monitor/Ranger. The Commission asked Kyle Ryan to discuss with John Burt possibly changing the wording from The Commission to The County.
- Randy Stults asked that volunteers be highlighted in the wording discussing OCPR contracting various service providers.
- Kyle Ryan identified the highlighted sections on pages 2-3 through 2-5 stating that the current figures listed are based on the current millage and the new figures will be included after the August election.
- Randy Stults suggested changing the wording on page 2-5 from This budget is administered and expended by the employed staff hired by the Commission to This budget is administered and expended by the Parks and Recreation Staff.
- A motion was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Butch Fleming to accept the draft of Chapter 2 of the Parks and Recreation Plan with the changes discussed. Motion carried.
- B. Donation Policy:** Kyle Ryan presented a draft of the new policy to the members. The members discussed several changes to the wording. Kyle Ryan will update the policy per the board members suggestions.
- C. Millage Specifics:** Kyle Ryan said he wanted to hold off on designing a 5 year or 10 year plan until after the August millage election. Kyle Ryan discussed adding additional monies to labor costs, repair and maintenance and advertising.

Commissioner Comments: Bonny Miller and Tom Johnson thanked Kyle Ryan for his efforts.

Next Meeting is Monday June 13th at 6:00pm at the Otsego Lake County Park.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Judy Jarecki. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Attachments:

Removal of the furthest South Bridge at Irontone Springs.
Drafts of Chapters 1 and 2 of the Parks and Recreation Plan