

Charlevoix County Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes

2/15/2016

Present

Pete Gaskin, Caroline Kobylczak, Dennis Jason, Jessica Parks, Susan Vrondran, Tim Wieland, Brian Williams.

County Commissioner Liaison: Shirley Roloff

Staff: Director Ross Maxwell, Planning Coordinator Kiersten Stark.

Opening

The regular meeting of the Charlevoix County Parks Committee was called to order by Acting Chair S. Vrondran at 5:30 P.M. on 2/15/2016 in Boyne City Hall Commissioners Room.

Approval of Minutes

The **minutes** of the January 18, 2016 meeting were approved with a motion by B. Williams and seconded by P. Gaskin.

Election of Officers: It was unanimously moved that officers should be elected at this time. Votes were cast and tabulated with the following results. Chair; Susan Vrondran, Vice Chair; Caroline Kobylczak, Secretary; Tim Wieland.

Financial Report: R. Maxwell gave the financial report that was approved with a motion by T. Wieland, seconded by J. Parks. Brief discussion followed about income of over \$4,000 already in reservations and a possible need for a tech person to fabricate a reservation calendar.

Directors Report: R. Maxwell gave a brief report on his endeavors during the month. The report was approved unanimously, with a motion by B. Williams and seconded by C. Kobylczak.

Old Business

* There was discussion about the different phases of the B.C. to Charlevoix trail for the new members of the board.

There may be an estimated \$62,000 cost overage for the engineering for Phase 1 of the Trail that will be taken from the Parks budget.

*Bid letting for phase two of the trail is to take place March 4th.

*There was discussion about fundraising efforts for the future phases of the Trail by sending letters to Family Foundations, land owners, asking the townships involved to increase their contributions, and asking the City of Charlevoix for a contribution, but estimates are needed before these letters are mailed out.

*The hole at Whiting Park has been filled in and the County Board's Building and Grounds Committee recommended against any use of park land for an easement of this type in the future.

* The County received 16 applications for Parks Millage Fund appropriations totaling \$175,000 with approximately \$132,000 available. Milfoil abatement, land purchases and recreational hardscape (i.e. picnic tables and benches) were some of the items requested. Last year's disbursements will come into play on funding for this year.

New Business

*K. Stark requested input on the scope of what the parks brochure should be. All members gave input as to the type and quality of the brochure. Pricing was discussed again, but there was not a decision made.

*Discussion was tabled about proposed campground improvements at Whiting Park to make it more of a moneymaker to offset the overruns on the BC to Charlevoix Trail. R. Maxwell estimated an approximate 10 year payoff on the proposed campground improvements.

*There was fleeting discussion about improvements to the Avalanche Mountain trail.

Adjournment

Motion was made by D. Jason and seconded by P.Gaskin to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on March 21, 2016 in East Jordan City Hall.

Minutes submitted by:

Tim Wieland -Secretary