

Charlevoix County Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes

3/19/2018

Members Present:

Committee members: Jessica Parks, Brian Williams, Caroline Kobylczak, Ryan Novotny, Tim Wieland

Members Absent: Dennis Jason and Susan Vron dran

Staff: Planning Coordinator Kiersten Stark, Parks Director Ross Maxwell, County Administrator Kevin Shepard, County Clerk/Fiscal Officer Cherie Browe

Public: Lucas Porath (OHM Advisors), Christine Redman, Bill Nason, and Paula Larson (Top of Michigan Trails Council)

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

The regular meeting of the Charlevoix County Parks Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm on 3/19/2018 at Bay Township Hall by Brian Williams, with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by T. Wieland and seconded by J. Parks to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by J. Parks to accept the consent agenda to include the February 19th Minutes and the Financial and Director's Reports. Motion was seconded by R. Novotny. Voice Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

Old Business

Whiting Park Boat Launch

R. Maxwell reported no new information at this time. The DEQ needs to evaluate.

Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-Motorized Trail Status Report

The committee was provided the status report as outlined in the packet. Additional comments include:

- Public Comment- Paula Larson stated that children from the Catholic Church will help with trail clean up this spring.
- Informational Meeting at Bay Township Hall will be held at 7pm this evening regarding Phase 3
- Phase 2 – Contractor will begin working on the punch list this Spring, which will hopefully be concluded by June.

- Phase 3 – A walk-through was done on March 8th to review any potential problem areas
- The Horton Bay United Methodist Church had approached Staff to discuss the possibility of a shared pavilion and portable restroom on their property in Horton Bay.

Forest Management

R. Maxwell reported he spoke to Lynn Stephens; trees are not marked but will once frost laws are off.

Advocacy Report

No new reports.

Public Comment

Paula Larson reported The Red Mesa Grill in Boyne City will be doing a fundraiser for the trail on May 30th. 10% of proceeds will go to the Boyne City Charlevoix Trail project.

Christine Redman asked where to get information regarding the trail and any updates. She was referred to the Charlevoix County website.

Paula Larson suggested working with local businesses to raise funds for trail maintenance. She will discuss with R. Maxwell.

There is concern regarding site distance and safety at the proposed location for a crosswalk near the Methodist Church on the east side of Horton Bay (Phase 3 of the Trail). Lucas Porath, Engineer for the trail project, stated OHM Advisors will be looking into this and we may need to place additional signage, warning drivers. A sign on Horton Bay Road to alert drivers was also suggested.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm by Brian Williams. The next regular meeting will be at 5:30 pm on April 16, 2018 at the East Jordan EMS Building.

Minutes submitted by: J. Parks