

Parks Committee

February 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Roloff called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM in the Commissioners Room in Charlevoix Michigan. Members present were Shirley Roloff, Shirlene Tripp, Caroline Kobylczak, Ralph Harmon, Pete Gaskin, Fritz Healey, and Marc Seelye. Guest present were Dean Solomom from MSU extension, County Planner Larry Sullivan, and Parks Director Ross Maxwell.

The minutes from the January 18, 2010 Parks Committee Meeting were presented. S. Tripp moved to approve the minutes, R. Harmon supported. Voice vote all in favor, motion carried.

S. Roloff started the discussion about members for the non motorized trail steering committee. She feels that the committee should be composed of an equal number of pro and con members.

Dean Solomon presented the responses that were received from the letters sent the Bay and Hayes Township property owners along the BC-CX road, and a draft of the Role and Responsibilities for steering committee members.

Discussion proceeded to listing possible members for the steering committee.

Dick Brown	Villa De Charlevoix	Connie Saltonstall	Hayes
Bill Henne	Hayes	Roger Conaway	Bay
Shawn McMillen	CXT	Mike Dow	Hayes
Sue Keiser	Evangeline	Steve & Carol Agnew	Hayes
Sue Topham	DNRE	Mike Sheean	BC Rec. Comm. & Trails Council
Erin Beemis	CCY Chamber Comm		
Shirley Roloff	Parks Comm.	ShirleneTripp	Parks Comm.
Marc Seelye	Parks Comm.		

Chairperson Roloff will contact these proposed members by phone to see if they are will to serve on the volunteer steering committee. The Steering Committee will be invited to the next Parks Committee meeting on March 15, 2010 in the Pine Lake Room at 7 PM.

Discussion of the proposed Role and Responsibilities submitted by Dean Solomon resulted in the Parks Committee accepting them as drafted. Mr. Solomon informed the Parks Committee that it is important that they appear to be neutral in its position of the non motorized trail. Mr. Solomon also said that he is still willing to facilitate meetings concerning the trail. Larry Sullivan stated that he does not think there should be any alternates for the steering committee. The Parks Committee agreed with this. S. Tripp wants to prepare a historical record of the proposed non motorized trail so that Steering Committee members can learn what has been done to this point. The Planning Commission will look into this matter.

Ross Maxwell past out the financial report. The capital outlay for the asphalt overage at Whiting Park has been paid. Ross gave a brief description of the sessions that he attended at the Parks Conference. He stated that reservations are being received for the coming season. He has applied for two grants for the canoe and kayak launch. Mr. Maxwell stated that Klaus Heinert from Gosling Czubak will do the engineering on the pavilion repair at Whiting Park pro bono. R. Harmon has started on the timbers for the Thumb Lake Pavillion.

Doug Way will continue to mow the shoulder of the US 31 trail three times per year at \$400 per year. If a fourth mowing is required it will be done at no charge.

Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 by M. Seelye, Supported by Pete Gaskin. Meeting adjourned.