

Parks Committee Minutes, January 18, 2016  
Boyer City Hall---Commissioner's Room

Members Present: Pete Gaskin, Dennis Jason, Susan Vron dran, Tim Wieland,  
and Brian Williams

Members Absent (due to weather conditions): Caroline Kobylczak and Jessica Parks  
Charlevoix County Commissioner Liaison: Shirley Roloff

Staff: Parks Director Ross Maxwell and Planning Coordinator Kiersten Stark

Guest: none

CALL to ORDER: The monthly meeting on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was called to order by member Susan Vron dran at 12:02 pm with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: P Gaskin made the motion to approve the December 14, 2015 Minutes, supported by D Jason. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ELECTION of LEADERS/OFFICERS: D Jason made the motion to have the organizational tasks at the February meeting since two Members were unable to attend today, supported by P Gaskin. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: It was noted that the "Non-motorized Trail" is a separate budget account. The motion was made by D Jason and seconded by B Williams to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: During Director R Maxwell's report, concern evolved with the deep hole dug on Whiting County Park property without any 'safety markers' and no communications regarding this from County Staff. Therefore, the motion was made by D Jason and supported by P Gaskin to recommend no easement(s) be allowed for drain fields on Whiting County Park. Discussion followed that more communications were needed as well as setting a precedent for uses like this all around County properties. A roll call vote was taken--yes, by P Gaskin, D Jason, S Vron dran, T Wieland and abstinence by B Williams. Motion carried. Director R Maxwell will call our County Administrator to inform him of this decision and to follow- up on our concerns this week. P Gaskin made the motion to accept the Director's Report, seconded by T Wieland. Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

\* Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail Phase 1, 2, and 3:  
MDOT's unofficial bid results were handed out showing Elmer's Crane and Dozer, Inc submitted as the lowest bidder; however, the Engineering Firm has not completed their bid. K Stark and R Maxwell have a full Schedule of meetings on Phase 1 this week. Phase 2, the first of February starts more bids and meetings to get this endeavor started in the spring of 2016! (at least for Phase 1)

\* BC/Charlevoix Trail Funding: Both our Planning Coordinator and Park's Director are working diligently to get the Grants, Funds Raised, Funds from government units and County Park Budget Funds all consistent and coordinated before making more appeals...

NEW BUSINESS:

\* Parks Brochure and Questionnaire:

K Stark showed us a County Brochure that didn't include the County Parks, mostly about the cities of the county. Each member gave their input on this concept. It was finally agreed that K Stark communicate more to the County Administrator about doing a small investment for the County, including their Recreational and Parks along with mapping of our remarkable Charlevoix County, which would be funded by all involved.

\* The Draft Schedule for the Monthly Meetings was given out. Unanimously, the Members would request to go to Beaver Island for the September Meeting for recreational insights there.

PUBLIC COMMENTS--- (3 minutes)

The time change for starting at noon was brought up by S Vrondran that it was told to new members when they applied for being on the Committee that our meeting time was 5:30 pm. B Williams also stated it was difficult for working individuals in most cases. S Vrondran made the motion supported by B Williams to set the meeting time back to 5:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

B Williams made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 pm, supported by S Vrondran. Motion carried.

Next meeting is February 15, 2016 at 5:30 pm at Boyne City Hall.