

Charlevoix County Parks Committee
Monday, April 20, 2015
Boyne City Commissioners Chambers

CALL to ORDER: The monthly meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairperson F Healey with a greeting to welcome everyone and to say the Pledge of Allegiance. All members present including S Roloff, Commissioner's Liaison and K Stark, County Planning Coordinator. Guests: Doug Fuller, Leslie Helwig and David Gladstone.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: C Kobylczak made the motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2015, supported by P Gaskin. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT--(related agenda items) Guests agreed to save their comments for the Agenda items.

FINANCIAL REPORT: No questions were asked after R Maxwell gave the brief report. D Jason made the motion, supported by P Gaskin to approve the Financial Report. Motion approved.

LAKE LOUISE/THUMB LAKE: Leslie Helwig presented a power point presentation of how the residents of Lake Louise are an asset to the Charlevoix County community and the effects of the invasive aquatic Eurasian Milford on the recreation and Park use of Lake Louise/Thumb Lake. David Gladstone, Executive Director of Lake Louise Christian Community, along with Leslie informed us that the cottage owners and the Lake Louise Methodist Camp have tried mats and weevils but the invasive milfoil has continued to infect ten acres of the lake, mostly around the boat launch. The plan now is to apply to the DEQ for approval to apply herbicide treatments during the summer of 2015 which will cost thousands more. They are asking for support financially as well as for boat/ kayak users to do their part to reduce the spread of milfoil.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- * Charlevoix County Parks--Waterways Grant submitted for boat launch at Whiting Park, Replaced bronze plaque, working on grounds and buildings, removed fencing and snowmobile signs at Thumb Lake, TG Plumbing and Heating repaired boiler lines in Green Building, Buildings open May 1 and Campground opens May 8, 2015.
- * Boyne City to Charlevoix non-motorized Trail Progress to date-- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ruled the trail area to be a possible concern for the northern long-eared bat during the pup- rearing season (June 1- July 31) so the project could still be built this year, there is a need for a utility meeting and a public meeting prior to construction to outline project status & time lines. Michigan Natural Trust Fund Grant for phase 3 has been submitted (\$300,000), upcoming work- submit MDOT transportation alternative program grant, resubmit Frey Foundation grant & Charlevoix County Foundation grant. P Gaskin moved, supported by S Vron dran to approval the Director's Report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- * Parks Millage Fund Work Group update by K Stark- the Application for Project Funding Request and the funding appropriations Process & Overview was given to the members and explained. The Parks Committee will be sent the recommendations after the Work Group makes the final recommendations

and may submit comments to be presented to Board of Commissioners.

* Directional Signs for Whiting Park approaching--after discussing the need for informing travelers who are not familiar to Whiting Park's location, S Vrondran made the motion, supported by B Williams to purchase safety signs 24" X 24" that are welcoming and aesthetic, for both ends of Whiting Park property. Motion carried.

* Non-smoking beaches at Whiting Park and Thumb Lake Park: S Vrondran made the motion to put up a sign stating : "Please do not smoke on the beach" at the two Charlevoix County Parks-- Whiting and Thumb Lake. The motion was seconded by P Gaskin. Motion approved.

* Whiting Park beach grading- DEQ personnel Scott Rasmussen will be working with the Staff to get the beach cleaned up for more use by the swimmers and beach appreciators.

* Whiting Park new boat launch with parking area- Doug Fuller enlighten the committee with his work experience with the Tip of the Mitt and Little Traverse Conservancy and his love of fishing and boating. He offered to assist the decisions of the boat launch proposals with the best environmental practices. The Committee appreciates his insights for this major decision.

* Parks Committee seven member completion/replacement. Brian suggested our Chairperson discuss this issue with the County Commissioner's Chairperson or the Personnel Committee. F Healey said he would do that as soon as he could.

NEW BUSINESS: Parks Committee vs Parks and Recreation Committee...S Roloff said she would research this issue for us.

PUBLIC COMMENT--3 minutes

K Stark brought us drafts of brochures the Planning Commission and the County Coordinator are working on at this time.

ADJOURNMENTS: Motion made by B Williams seconded by P Gaskin to adjourn meeting at 8 pm. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting @ Whiting Park, May 18, 2015 @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vrondran