

Charlevoix County Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes

1/15/2018

Members Present:

Committee members: ~~Pete Gaskin~~, Dennis Jason, Jessica Parks, Brian Williams, Ryan **Novotny**, Susan Vrondran, Tim Wieland, Caroline Kobylczak

Staff: Planning Coordinator Kiersten Stark, Parks Director Ross Maxwell, Cheryl Browe, County Clerk

Public guests: Henry Erber, Ronald Reinhardt, Aaron Nordman, John Looze, Keith Hausler, Kyle Marshall, Eric Knop, Dennis Anesbury, Mark Peters, Penny **Hardy**, Woody Hardy

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

The regular meeting of the Charlevoix County Parks Committee was called to order at 5:30 on 1/15/2018 at Boyne City Hall by Dennis Jason, with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Election of officers were added to the Agenda and the minutes were removed from Consent agenda for corrections. A motion was made by S. Vrondran and seconded by B. Williams **to approve the agenda as amended.** Voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

Election of Officers

S. Vrondran motioned and B. Williams seconded to re-elect D. Jason as Chair. S. Vrondran motioned to re-elect Vice Chair B. Williams, J.Parks seconded. S. Vrondran motioned to re-elect J. Parks for Secretary, D. Jason seconded. **Voice vote: All in favor.** Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by T. Wieland to accept the consent agenda to include the Financial and Directors report. Motion was seconded by S. Vrondran. **Voice Vote: All in favor.** Motion passed.

Items removed from Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – December 18, 2017.

Minutes were amended to reflect Kevin Shepard, County Administrator's corrected title. Motion to approve by B. Williams and seconded by J. Parks. **Voice vote: all in favor.** Motion Passed.

Old Business

Whiting Park Boat Launch

Aaron Nordman from Performance Engineering, Inc attended the meeting to give an overview to the committee and the public regarding the Whiting Park Boat Launch. A letter from the DEQ was available for review. Three viable locations were reviewed all with pros/cons. The public

voiced concerns about the wetland areas and parking. Public suggested submitting 2 proposals in the event one is declined. A. Nordman states submitting one clear plan to the DEQ is a better plan and preferably the location with less impact on the environment. D. Jason reiterated the main goal is for a community boat launch, not everyone will be happy with the decision. D. Jason would like a decision made within 30 days.

Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-Motorized Trail Status Report

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

NDG has been sold. K. Stark informed the committee we are obligated to them through phase 2. The committee suggests considering other potential engineers.

A Phase 3 site plan overview and project budget summary was provided to the committee for review.

Forest Management

R. Maxwell reported he spoke to Lynn Stephens and he will begin marking trees this week.

Whiting Park Reservation System

R. Maxwell reported he is working on the reservation system with **Lora** and K. Shepard. "Revize" was not working for the Parks reservation system so they are now working with "Sunrise". R. Maxwell is planning on starting to take reservations by February 1st. The committee questioned if any money will be recuperated from Revize, R. Maxwell will request.

Parks Committee Meeting Schedule

The Parks Committee meeting schedule was provided to the members for review and the committee agreed to leave as written.

New Business

Whiting Park Tables and Chairs

R. Maxwell is looking into replacing the tables and chairs **in the Green Building** at Whiting Park. Options from "Uline" were available for review. R. Maxwell will continue researching and will obtain 3 bids.

Plowing BC/CX trail

The committee discussed the continued issue of **residents** plowing the non-motorized trail and voiced concerns the heavy machinery and exposing the asphalt to the cold temperatures will break it down. The committee suggests K. Shepard ~~is tasked~~ to write a letter to the property owners.

Other comments

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm by Dennis Jason. The next general meeting will be at 5:30 pm on February 19, 2018 at Boyne City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: J.Parks