

Charlevoix County Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes

3/21/2016

Present

Pete Gaskin, Caroline Kobylczak, Dennis Jason, Jessica Parks, Susan Vron dran, Tim Wieland, Brian Williams.

County Commissioner Liaison: Shirley Roloff

Staff: Director Ross Maxwell, Planning Coordinator Kiersten Stark.

Opening

The regular meeting of the Charlevoix County Parks Committee was called to order at 5:30 on 3/21/2016 in East Jordon by S. Vron dan.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. The motion to approve was made by Pete Gaskin, and seconded by Caroline Kobylczak.

Approval of Financial Report

After a brief discussion about rented computer costs, electric heating at Whiting Park, and the continued in-flow of reservations, a motion to approve was made by Denny Jason, and seconded by Pete Gaskin.

Directors Report

Ross informed the members of the goings on over the last month. There was problems with refuse in the beach area parking at Whiting Park, the new county website looks good and is soon to come online. The report was approved with a motion by Denny Jason and seconded by Brian Williams

Old Business

- Phase one ground breaking went well, with about 40 people in attendance.
- Easements are being finalized for phase II.
- There was discussion about the Zitka property and the drainage ditch issues, and the county stump dump. The CCRC will discuss it at their next meeting.
- These issues need to get worked out with specific owners which will cause a delay in the start of phase II.
- The general public needs to be made aware of the reasons and the costs over runs.
- There was a long discussion about fund raising. Involving sending a letter out to taxpayers in the winter tax bill in the fall.
- The septic tank issue on County property was turned down, again.
- There was no new news on the County Brochure
- Ok was given for the Eagle Scout Benches plaques.

New Business

- Susan asked for a letter of recommendation for the Eveline Township “Evergreen Point Project”. The townships are asking for a grant to help purchase a parcel of property on Lake Charlevoix. A motion was made by Brian Williams, and seconded by Pete Gaskins to support the township in their endeavor to acquire this property.
- The 2015-2019 Recreation Plan was discussed. Park Director Ross Maxwell stated that at this time we should not ask the county for matching funds for renovations to Whiting Park. Further discussion followed. Brian suggested the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund, which would have to be matched by the county.
- Next in new business was discussion about a pay increase for all county park employees. Ross stated that he would like to increase the seasonal employee’s wages. P. Gaskin felt that the park director should also receive an increase in wage. There was a suggestion to go to the personnel committee to make that happen.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by D. Jason and seconded by J. Parks to adjourn the meeting at 7:10

The next general meeting will be at 5:30p.m. on April 18, 2016, at Charlevoix County Building.

Minutes submitted by: Tim Wieland