

Charlevoix County Parks Committee Minutes
Whiting County Park
Boyne City, Michigan
October 19, 2015

Members Present: Fritz Healey, Sr., Caroline Kobylczak, Pete Gaskin, Dennis Jason,
Brian Williams and Susan Vrondran County Commissioner Liaison: Shirley Roloff
Staff: Ross Maxwell and Kiersten Stark
Guests: Dave Boyle and Jay Wangeman (Northwest Design Group)

CALL to ORDER: The monthly meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Healey "Welcome Everybody" and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Jason motioned to approve the September 21, 2015 Minutes as presented, supported by Gaskin. All in favor, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: next on Agenda.

Northwest Design Group-- Dave Boyle will be attending the Internal Government Committee to discuss changes to Phases I and 2 due to bids for Phase 1 being \$241,000 over the project estimate this Fall. The present engineers have worked to make decreases to the costs, by changing such aspects as less earth excavation, three (3) feet closer to the road, especially by houses which makes a five (5) foot distance between path and highway ---reducing construction costs while still meeting AASHTO (American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials) standards. A cushion of 10% is still needed for Phase I (\$100,000) for unexpected costs. For Phase 2 possible changes to get back to original estimates and will ask MDOT for more funds. Trees that need to be cleared will be done by April 1, 2016-- at least 4 acres. Again a cushion of 10% plus is a safe estimate. Resubmitting bid package to MDOT; bids letting for Phase 1-- January 8 and bid letting for Phase 2-- February 12, 2016.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Questions were asked about the 2014--15 proposed budget/ money for the Parks from October through December (which would have been before the voted Millage Funds started). The Director said he would ask about these funds.

The motion was made by Kobylczak and seconded by Williams to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director gave the Report of the Parks, highlights were: the Upper Trailhead parking is open and trails are being used by the public to appreciate the beauty of nature and views of Lake Charlevoix and Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail-Phase 3 grants will be withdrawn because local match couldn't be secured. The motion was by Gaskin and supported by Vrondran to approve the Director's Report. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Jason brought up the need for more funds for the entirety of the proposed Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail. After much discussion, it was decided that Jason and Vrondran would

work on plans and a possible letter to help raise much needed funds from other resources and to approach the County Commissioners for even more support.

PUBLIC COMMENT--(3 minutes)

Jason reported that he had attended the Northern Lake Michigan Islands Collaborative meeting on Beaver Island to discuss the DNR's management plan for state-owned lands in the Beaver Island Archipelago. This is vital for our County and our Committee to continue to be informed since one-third of Beaver Island Archipelago is owned by the State of Michigan and these ports and DNR property will be a big part of the Plan.

Healey announced that he would not seek reappointment, however Kobylczak said she had turned her application in on the due date. The Board decided to change the next meeting location to the Boyne City City Hall instead of the Charlevoix County Building with a "Potluck" to celebrate Fritz Healey's years of dedicated service on the Parks and Recreation Committee.

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Monday, November 16, 2016 at 5:30 pm at Boyne City City Hall with a "Potluck" is the next meeting plan.

Respectfully,

Susan Vrondran, Secretary