

Parks Committee Minutes, December 14, 2015 @ noon  
Boyne City Hall--Commissioner's Room

Members Present: Pete Gaskin, Dennis Jason, Caroline Kobylczak, Susan Vrondran  
And Brian Williams

Members Absent: Fritz Healey, Sr

Charlevoix County Commissioner Liaison: Shirley Roloff

Staff: Parks Director Ross Maxwell and Planning Coordinator Kiersten Stark

Guest: Tim Wieland

CALL to ORDER: The monthly meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson C Kobylczak at 12:10 pm with saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVALS of MINUTES: B Williams made the motion to approve the November 16, 2015 Minutes, supported by P Gaskin. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: C Kobylczak presented us with a letter from Hudson Township addressed to the Committee regarding the vital importance of collaboration in the efforts to resolve the invasive Eurasian Milfoil infestation in Lake Louise/Thumb Lake.

FINANCIAL REPORT: It was pointed out that the County Park's Fund balance as of November 30, 2015 was \$124,149.05. The motion was made by S Vrondran and supported by D Jason to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The motion was made by B Williams and seconded by P Gaskin to approve the Director's Report. Motion carried.

D Jason made the motion to recommend the bench to be put by Little Traverse Wheelway that Jeff Suffolk is donating be dedicated in honor of his parents. Motion was supported by P Gaskin. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

\* New Parks Committee Members--Jessica Parks and Tim Wieland have been approved by the County Commissioners for three year terms to begin in January 2016.

The Committee Members welcomed both of them and expressed appreciation for Tim attending the meeting today.

\* Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail Phase 1,2,3--  
Bids for Phase 1 are due January 8, 2016. D Jason suggested a video be available for the Contractors to be able to visualize what the Trail Easement between US-31 and BC/Chx Rd. is like in the Spring, Summer and Fall conditions. R Maxwell stated that the trees needed cutting should be accomplished by a private professional tree service contractor early next year, costing around \$4,000. K Stark informed us that advertising for Phase 2 bids will be in February and due in mid March.

\* BC/Charlevoix Trail Fund Raising--  
After bids are in, will determine needs for additional funds and possible appreciated donations. Estimates of costs of Phases 4 and 5 may be increased due to rising costs.

\* Park Brochures and Questionnaire--  
K Stark was questioned about our questionnaire being only for a "Parks Brochure" published by Charlevoix County. After much discussion, the majority recommended that Charlevoix County publish a

quality Brochure that reflects the mapping, recreational quaint aspects of our unique Charlevoix County and other aspects; putting the questionnaire on hold.

NEW BUSINESS:

\* Beaver Island Water Trail support letter requested by Bill McDonough by e-mail.

D Jason who has been attending meetings on this project , highly supporting it for Charlevoix County recreational opportunities. P Gaskin made the motion, supported by D Jason to approve writing a support letter for the State Grant for the Beaver Island Water Trail/Trail Town proposal to Michigan Coastal Zone Management Program.

Motion carried. After the motion it was agreed that S Vrondran would write the letter due to the Land Information Access Association by December 18, 2015.

\* Parks Committee 2016 Schedule--

R Maxwell passed out the proposed dates and locations for 2016's monthly meetings.

S Roloff suggested we hold a meeting on Beaver Island during a summer month so the Committee could see the facilities and possibilities. P Gaskin made the motion to hold the meetings during January through March at noon, supported by C Kobylczak.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT--

Tim Wieland introduced himself, giving us some of his background and experiences. He hopes to bring positive ideas to the Parks Committee and County.

ADJOURNMENT:

S Vrondran made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 pm, supported by P Gaskin. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Monday, January 18, 2016 at NOON at the Boyne City Hall.

Respectfully,

Susan Vrondran