CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE  
Monday, February 17, 2020  
5:30 p.m.  
Boyne District Library  
(Lower Level Meeting Room)  
201 E. Main St.  
Boyne City, MI 49712

Agenda

5:30 pm – Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment (unrelated to agenda items) – 3 minutes

Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2020

Financial Report

Parks Manager’s Report

Old Business
  • Proposed Charlevoix Connector Trail – Phase 1 (Robert Boch)
  • Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail Project – Status Update
  • Whiting Park Boat Launch Project – Status Update
  • Whiting Park Hardwood Timber Harvest – Status Update
  • Proposed Changes to Whiting Park Rules

New Business
  • Advocacy Report

Public Comment – 3 minutes

Adjourn

Next meeting – Charlevoix Conservation District, March 16, 2020, 5:30 pm
DRAFT
MEETING MINUTES
Monday – January 13, 2020
Meeting Location:
Boyne City Hall
(First Floor Meeting Room)
Boyne City, MI 49712

Members Present:
Committee Members: Dennis Jason, Caroline Kobylczak, Susan Vrondran, Tim Wieland, Amanda Wilkin and Brian Williams

Members Absent: Ryan Novotny (excused)

Staff: Parks & Planning Director Kiersten Stark, Administrative Assistant Linda Prescott, and Parks Manager David Bertinelli

Public: Carrie Klingelsmith (Beckett & Raeder)

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:
The regular meeting of the Charlevoix County Parks Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm on January 13, 2020 at Boyne City Hall by K. Stark.

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by B. Williams.

Election of Officers:
K. Stark opened nominations for Chairperson.

MOTION by S. Vrondran to nominate D. Jason for Chairperson.
Seconded by B. Williams. K. Stark asked for any further nominations. No further nominations were cast. Voice vote: all present in favor. Motion passed.

D. Jason opened nominations for Vice Chairperson.

MOTION by C. Kobylczak to nominate B. Williams for Vice Chairperson.
Seconded by S. Vrondran. D. Jason asked for further nominations. No further nominations were cast. Voice vote: all present in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION by S. Vrondran to nominate T. Wieland for Secretary.
Seconded by C. Kobylczak.  D. Jason asked for further nominations. No further nominations were cast. Voice vote: all present in favor. Motion passed.

**Approval of Agenda:**
K. Stark asked to have “Milfoil Treatment at Thumb Lake” added under “New Business”.

A motion was made by A. Wilkin and seconded by S. Vrondran to approve the Agenda as amended. Voice vote, all present in favor. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:**
None.

**Approval of Minutes:**
Motion was made by T. Wieland to accept the Minutes of the December 16, 2019, meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by D. Jason. Voice vote, all present in favor. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:**
K. Stark reviewed the financial report. We received some revenue for reservations for this year in one of the buildings at Whiting Park and we also had a small amount of revenue for the sale of some old folding chairs from the green building.

K. Stark said she checked with the Fiscal Officer (Becki King) regarding T. Wieland’s concern about the Health Insurance line item. B. King had said when the new Park Manager’s benefits became effective in October, the County made a deposit into his Health Savings Account for the 2019 calendar year. This is reflected in the increase for that month in this line item. The amount came back down in November and December, and then will jump back up again in January when the 2020 HSA deposit is made.

The Capital Outlay line item shows the purchase of the new tractor at Whiting Park for $29,531. The tractor will be delivered to the park this week.

Motion was made by S. Vrondran to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion was seconded by B. Williams. Voice vote, all present in favor. Motion passed.

**Park Manager’s Report:**
D. Bertinelli reviewed his report on park maintenance activities covering all of the parks over the previous month.

There was discussion regarding the maple tree that is leaning over the shop at Whiting Park. Al and Jim’s Tree Service inspected the tree and submitted a quote for $1,200 to $1,500 to remove the tree and stump or $800 to install a cabling system to save the tree. D. Bertinelli said he prefers to save the tree rather than remove it. Firman Tree Service also looked at the tree and D. Bertinelli feels that they have a much better system. It is a self-adjusting strapping system that will stretch and allow the tree to continue to grow. Firman’s quote is $1,350 for strapping and stabilizing the tree and trimming some of the branches. D. Bertinelli said something needs to be done soon so the tree doesn’t fall on the building and the nearby propane tank.

There was further discussion regarding completely removing the tree, removing part of the tree, or cabling/strapping the tree. D. Bertinelli again recommended that the tree be saved.
D. Jason asked what the County’s insurance would cover if the tree were to fall on the building and/or propane tank. K. Stark said she is not sure; she would have to check with the Fiscal Officer.

Motion was made by T. Wieland to recommend to the County Building and Grounds Committee to accept the quote from Firman Tree Service for $1,350 to trim some branches and put up a self-adjusting strapping system to stabilize the tree. Motion was seconded by S. Vrondran. Voice vote, all present in favor. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

**Draft 2020-2024 Recreation Plan**

An updated draft copy of the Recreation Plan was distributed to the Committee members. C. Klingelsmith reviewed some edits, updates and changes that have been made since the Committee reviewed the Plan in December. K. Stark reviewed the changes she made to the Action Plan and Budget including the new timeline for the remaining phases of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail project since the County was notified that our project was not recommended for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant in December.

There was discussion regarding how the County will move forward on the repair of the Little Traverse Wheelway where the trail has failed due to the erosion from Lake Michigan. K. Stark said that there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at the Road Commission to talk about this issue and how it will be addressed. K. Stark, D. Bertinelli, K. Shepard, staff from the Top of Michigan Trails Council and MDOT officials will be in attendance. D. Jason said he would like to attend that meeting as well.

K. Stark said that she met with Klaus Heinert of Gosling Czubak to talk about the Trust Fund grant application for Phase 3 of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail and to try to determine our next steps on the project. Two options would be to either reapply for the Trust Fund Grant or to apply for a DNR Recreation Passport Grant. K. Stark said that it makes more sense to reapply for the Trust Fund Grant because it would give the County $300,000, which is what is needed to complete Phase 3 of the trail. The Recreation Passport Grant would only be for $150,000. However, starting this year, the DNR has changed some of their scoring criteria for the grant applications. K. Stark has a conference call set up with the County’s DNR grant coordinator and K. Heinert to learn more about these changes and how the Phase 3 project would fair under the new scoring criteria. She will have more information after talking with the grant coordinator.

S. Vrondran asked if the County Board has offered any assistance with this project now that we won’t be receiving the Trust Fund Grant. K. Stark said no.

K. Stark said that she also has a conference call scheduled with MDOT later this week to see if not receiving the Trust Fund Grant this year will affect our TAP grant conditional commitment and if it is possible to shift the TAP Grant conditional commitment another year out, so we don’t lose that funding. Once she receives this information, she will consider the next steps.

T. Wieland asked if we are required to use the money from the TAP grant this year, can we use it to construct the base for the trail, but not pave the trail at this time? K. Stark said, in that event, we would probably have to consider a crushed limestone surface for the trail.

S. Vrondran said the Recreation Plan looks great.

K. Stark said the Planning Commission will review the draft Recreation Plan at their meeting on
January 15, 2020 and make a recommendation to the County Board to approve the Plan. The County Board will then hold a public hearing on the Recreation Plan on January 22, 2020. Once C. Klingelsmith receives the meeting minutes and resolution approving the Recreation Plan from the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, she will be able to upload the final document to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources website. Paper copies will be printed for all Parks Committee members and the Recreation Plan will also be available on the Charlevoix County website.

Motion was made by A. Wilkin to recommend approval of the 2020 – 2024 Parks & Recreation Plan. Motion was seconded by S. Vrondran. Voice vote, all present in favor. Motion passed.

**Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail Project – Status Update**

K. Stark said there is nothing new to report on Phase I or Phase 2 of the project. She met with Klaus Heinert of Gosling Czubak and set up specific dates for conference calls with the two grant coordinators to discuss Phase 3 of the Trail. In the past, MDOT has been willing to move the TAP conditional commitment to a future year, and she does not anticipate this will be an issue. K. Stark will have more information on this after she talks with the grant coordinators and will update the Committee at their next meeting.

The County Board has agreed to cover approximately $30,000 for Phase 3 of the project.

K. Stark said she received a phone call from Bill Prall, Top of Michigan Trails Council, who oversees the maintenance on the Little Traverse Wheelway in Emmet County. He would like to meet with County Parks Staff to discuss trail maintenance. K. Stark explained that the parks had staffing issues the last couple of summers, and hopefully this summer will be better. We’re going to post the position openings for seasonal park maintenance staff in additional locations this year in an effort to get more qualified applicants.

**Whiting Park Boat Launch Project – Status Update**

K. Stark said Performance Engineers is still working on the permit application. They have provided drawings to Steve Voice and it is close to being submitted to the State and the Corps of Engineers. K. Stark is not sure how the high-water issues will affect the plans.

B. Williams asked if there is a tentative date that the project will start. K. Stark said a preliminary start date has been set for September. This is when the contractors will start bringing in equipment and doing some tree clearing. K. Stark and D. Bertinelli have determined that for safety reasons, the campground will need to be closed right after Labor Day this year. The contractors will be using the campground entrance to bring in and stage equipment. The rest of the park will remain open.

B. Williams asked what conversations have occurred with the immediate next-door neighbor. K. Stark said she has talked to him about the conceptual plans and he didn’t seem to have any concerns. She also emailed him the detailed plans and ensured him that the project will include adequate screening (vegetation) to buffer his property from the boat launch.

S. Vrondran said she is really hoping the boat launch permit application will be submitted in time. K. Stark said A. Nordman told her that because EGLE has already been out to see the site more than once, it will help speed up the process.
New Business
Advocacy Report
S. Vrondran said Charlevoix County is currently accepting applications from the individual townships for the Parks Millage funds with a due date of February 1, 2020. She asked the Committee members to reach out and remind the townships that they should be applying, if they haven’t already done so, and that they will need to pass a resolution at their township meetings in order to apply. Chandler, Hudson, Marion, Norwood and South Arm Townships have not received any funds from this millage in the last 5 years.

S. Vrondran said she has volunteers interested in helping to clear the area for a footbridge over Porter Creek. She is wondering if that is a possibility. D. Bertinelli said first we need to figure out the best route over the creek and then figure out what needs to be cleared. Once that is done, volunteers would be great.

2020 Meeting Schedule
K. Stark said the February Parks Committee meeting has been put back on the 2020 Meeting Schedule. There have also been some changes in the meeting locations.

The Parks Committee reviewed the revised schedule.

Motion was made by S. Vrondran to accept the revised schedule below. Motion was seconded by T. Wieland. Voice Vote. All present in favor. Motion passed.

January 13, 2020 at Boyne City Hall
February 17, 2020 at Boyne District Library
March 16, 2020 at Charlevoix Conservation District
April 20, 2020 at East Jordan Fire Hall
May 18, 2020 at Whiting Park
June 15, 2020 at Thumb Lake Park
July 20, 2020 at Whiting Park
August 17, 2020 at Whiting Park
September 21, 2020 at Whiting Park
October 19, 2020 at East Jordan Fire Hall
November 16, 2020 at Boyne Valley Township Hall
December 14, 2020* at Charlevoix Conservation District
*all meetings will be held at 5:30 pm unless otherwise noted

Public Comment
Milfoil Treatment at Thumb Lake
K. Stark reviewed the letter and packet from Leslie Helwig, the President of the Lake Louise Cottagers’ Council (Lake Louise Christian Community), which summarized the group’s milfoil mitigation efforts on Thumb Lake during the 2019 season, and included a timeline showing the background of this effort since they began in 2007. K. Stark said she budgets $3,000 in the Park’s budget each year for the County’s share of these annual expenses, even though some years they haven’t asked for any funds. They divide their total annual expenses evenly between the 4 landowners around the lake. The LLCC had detailed their expenses for 2019 and asked for reimbursement from the County in the amount of $2,032.90.

Motion was made by S. Vrondran to approve the payment of $2,032.90 to the Lake Louise Christian Community to reimburse them for their expenses incurred during their milfoil mitigation efforts on Thumb Lake during 2019. Motion was seconded by C. Kobylczak. Voice
Vote. All present in favor. Motion passed.

B. Williams asked if any members of the Parks Committee have talked with the Charlevoix Marathon group about the Wheelway not being available for them to run on in late June due to the erosion issue. K. Stark asked if there is a place that lists all the marathon events that will take place this summer. A. Wilkin said visitcharlevoix.com has these events listed, and B. Williams said there is also a Michigan Run website. K. Stark questioned whether there is enough room along the high side of the trail for people to go around the washed-out section that is right down by the lake. D. Bertinelli thinks there is still enough room to make a detour around that section if we flag it and have it safely roped off. T. Wieland wondered if this would be too close to the highway. D. Bertinelli said that he thinks there is enough room down by the trail to be safe. D. Bertinelli said he will look and see what the County might be able to do. Currently, there has been nothing done to try to slow down the erosion issue since it was discovered. D. Bertinelli is concerned that with more high water and wind, the erosion will continue to get worse and it will then cost even more to repair.

C. Kobylczak said she has been on the Parks Committee since 2000 and she feels that the people who are currently serving as members and the current staff are the best that she has worked with and she would like to say thank you.

Adjourn
A motion was made by T. Wieland and seconded by B. Williams to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all present in favor. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm by Chairman Jason.

The next regular meeting will be at 5:30 pm on February 17, 2020 at the Boyne District Library.

Minutes Submitted by:
Linda Prescott
### Revenue and Expenditure Report for Charlevoix County

#### Period Ending 01/31/2020

**Fiscal Year Completed:** 33.61

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**Fund 208 - Charlevoix County Parks:**

- **Total Revenues:** 42,281.62
- **Total Expenditures:** 48,949.57
- **Net of Revenues & Expenditures:** -6,667.95
- **Net of Revenues/Expenditures - 2018-19:** (2,300.54)
- **Fund Balance Adjustments:** 140.00
- **End Fund Balance:** 507,893.11

**Fiscal Year Completed:** 33.61

**Fiscal Budget Used:** 13.62

**Fiscal Budget Available:** 0.00
Whiting Park

New Kubota tractor arrived. Old tractor is at Skinners for maintenance, repairs and a little TLC.
Attended meeting at Road Commission with MDOT.
Met with Bill Prall from Top of Michigan Trails Council.
Met with Dave Matelski about Timber Harvest.
Attended Building and Grounds committee meeting.
Discussed - Little Traverse Wheelway erosion
  - erosion at Campground
  - maple tree failure mitigation
  - Log Cabin floor refinishing
  - timber harvest update
  - bid request for trail mowing
Maple Tree is scheduled to be pruned on Tuesday.
Main parking lot was plowed multiple times.
Ridge Road parking area was plowed on January 20th and February 10th.
Plowed beach parking area on January 14th, 20th and February 10th and the gate is now open.
Received trail closed signs and logging trucks warning signs.
Scott from GIS received a $28,000 quote for WiFi in the campground, park and public beach.

Thumb Lake

3 of 6 picnic table have been restored and refinished.
Parking lot was plowed on January 20th and February 11th.

Porter Creek Natural Area

Plowed parking area on January 20th and February 10th.

BC-CX Non-motorized trail

Nothing to report.

Little Traverse Wheelway

Nothing to report.

Beaver Island Lighthouse

Nothing to report.
Memorandum

To: Parks Committee members
From: Kiersten Stark, Parks & Planning Director
Re: Feb. 17th Meeting
Date: February 12, 2020

Robert Boch from the Charlevoix Trail Ambassadors group will be attending our meeting to give an update on the proposed Charlevoix Trail Connector and request funding assistance towards Phase 1 of the project. The Charlevoix Trail Connector is proposed to connect the Little Traverse Wheelway to downtown Charlevoix.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 547-7234 or email us at planning@charlevoixcounty.org. See you on Monday!
PHASE 1

Construct a 10-foot-wide paved non-motorized trail parallel to, but detached from, Boyne City/Charlevoix Road within the road right-of-way on the Lake Charlevoix side of the road, beginning in the Boyne City limits at W. Michigan Avenue, extending through Young State Park via an easement, and running to the Evangeline/Bay Township line at Springwater Beach Road for a distance of 3.04 miles.

Progress to Date:
- Received final Trust Fund grant reimbursement from DNR
- Project closed-out

Upcoming Work:
- Submit insurance claim to recoup cost to repair damaged fence from auto accident
- Project Engineer to develop a plan to improve stormwater management at Grams property – Spring 2020
- Project Engineer to evaluate stormwater management at Davis property – Spring 2020

Project Cost:

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* Final Construction Cost (Original bid amount was $1,154,224)
^ Final Engineering Cost (Engineering Budget: $180,925)
# Engineer’s Original Estimate of Total Project Cost (Construction + Engineering) was $1,157,500
** Charlevoix County Parks to cover cost overrun ($25,036)
PHASE 2

Construct a 10-foot-wide paved non-motorized trail beginning at the Little Traverse Wheelway east of Waller Road in Charlevoix Township, crossing US-31 and running south across a series of private easements to Boyne City/Charlevoix Road east of the Argonne Supper Club, and then running parallel to, but separate from Boyne City/Charlevoix Road within the right-of-way on the north side of the road to Quarterline Road in Hayes Township for a distance of 2.97 miles. At the point where the trail meets Boyne City/Charlevoix Road east of the Argonne Supper Club, a trail spur will run west within the right-of-way on the north side of the road to Eastern Avenue to create an access point for Pine Point Subdivision.

Progress to Date:
- Received final Trust Fund grant reimbursement from DNR
- Project closed-out

Project Cost:

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* Final Construction Cost (Original bid amount was $1,112,628)
^ Engineering billings (Engineering Budget: $173,402)
# Engineer’s Original Estimate of Total Project Cost (Construction + Engineering) was $1,150,000
** Charlevoix County Parks to cover cost overrun ($161,821)
PHASE 3

Construct a 10-foot-wide paved non-motorized trail beginning at the completed Phase 1 of the trail at N. Springwater Beach Road (Bay/Evangeline Township line) and continuing detached through Bay Township on the Lake Charlevoix side of the road. Just east of the Village of Horton Bay, the trail will connect to the existing (paved) wide shoulder of the road. The trail will utilize the existing 6-foot shoulders of the road through the Village (speed limit: 35 mph) due to the proximity of homes and businesses to the road. Just west of Horton Bay, the trail will end at the Rufus Teesdale Nature Preserve. Crosswalks and signs will be used to guide trail users through Horton Bay. Phase 3 will be 2.36 miles in length. Construction of Phase 3 is planned for 2022.

Progress to Date:
• Staff and Project Engineer talked with our DNR and MDOT grant coordinators to discuss next steps
• County Board approved contract amendment with Gosling Czubak to shift funds ($4,800) from a grant-reimbursable category to a non-grant reimbursable category to enable work to continue on the project

Upcoming Work:
• Prepare Trust Fund grant application
• Explore other options for a trailhead (future project)

Estimated Project Cost:
Construction..................................................$841,572
Engineering...................................................$128,155 = $26,845 (prelim) + $101,310 (final)
TOTAL.........................................................$969,727

Funding Sources:
Charlevoix County Parks Department funds..........................$30,155 = $3,310 + $26,845
Bay Township funds...........................................$23,000 (Committed)
North Country Bicycle Club/Top of Michigan Trails Council.....$10,000 (Committed)
Charlevoix County Community Foundation Grant..................$8,000 (Awarded)
Great Lakes Energy People Fund Grant.............................$10,000 (Awarded)
MDOT/Transportation Alternatives Program Grant.................$588,572 (Conditional Commitment)
MI Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.............................$300,000 (Reapply April 1, 2020)
TOTAL...................................................................$969,727

Status Report prepared by:
Kiersten Stark
Parks & Planning Director
Charlevoix County Parks & Planning Department
RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE USE OF WHITING PARK BY THE PUBLIC
PROPOSED CHANGES – Updated 02/12/20

1. The Parks Manager reserves the privilege of interpreting and enforcing all rules.

2. No one under 18 years of age shall be permitted to register for or utilize a campsite unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

3. No person or persons shall erect a camp or camp within said park without first obtaining a camping permit from the park staff.

Before erecting a camp or camping within the park, a person or persons must register for a campsite with park staff.

4. Camping shall only be permitted within designated camping areas.

5. No person, persons, or camping party shall camp at the same campsite for a period of time exceeding maximum of fifteen (15) or fourteen (14) consecutive nights. A person, persons, or camping party, and their respective camping unit(s) shall be required to leave a campsite upon reaching the fifteen (15) or fourteen (14) night limit. The party is not eligible to return to the same campsite until fifteen (15) or fourteen (14) nights have elapsed.

6. A campsite shall not be occupied by no more than one single family nor more than four (4) unrelated individuals at any given time. A single family shall consist of parents and/or guardians and their children. Other relatives may be included, provided the campsite is occupied by no more than eight (8) persons, all contained within one (1) camping unit.

7. One (1) primary camp unit and two (2) tents shall be allowed per campsite. The primary camp unit may consist of a wheeled camping unit (pop-up tent camper, self-propelled camper, travel trailer, or pickup camper) or a tent.

8. No more than two (2) vehicles will be permitted per campsite. All overnight vehicles shall be registered and have a vehicle pass clearly displayed.

9. Visitors shall leave the campground by 10:00 pm.

10. Campground check-in is 3:00 pm. Campground checkout is 1:00 pm.

11. Pets must be under immediate control on a leash not exceeding six (6) feet. If a pet is on their respective campsite, they may be contained with a longline or tie-out that is properly fastened to an item or person to keep the pet within the campsite boundary. Pets are never to be left unattended. Pet owners are required to pick up after their pets. No pets are allowed on the beach or in buildings.
12. Horses are not permitted in the park.

13. No person shall swim Swimming outside of the designated swimming area is prohibited.

14. Using the kayak launch for fishing, swimming, or jumping is prohibited.

15. The swimming beach and picnic area (the portion of the park north east of Lake Shore Drive Road) shall be is closed between the hours of 10:00 pm and 8:00 am.

16. It shall be is unlawful to anchor, beach, launch or operate a boat within the swimming area as marked by buoys and ropes. Overnight anchoring of boats is allowed by registered campers only. All boats to be anchored overnight shall be registered with park staff at the time of campsite registration. The use of mooring devices is prohibited.

17. No Only garbage, refuse or trash generated outside of within the park boundaries shall may be disposed of within the park. Dumping of animal remains is prohibited.

18. It shall be is unlawful to build fires except in barbeque grills or park-provided fire rings. No fires shall be left unattended.

19. It shall be is unlawful to remove, destroy or deface any notices, signs, markers or any other part of the park; or to mutilate, cut, pick or destroy any trees, shrubs or wildflowers; or hunt, corral, harass or destroy any wild animals, including birds, within the park.

20. No Peddling or soliciting may occur is not permitted within the park boundaries.

21. It shall be is unlawful to post, place or erect signs or advertising material, erect a fence or barrier, or to construct, maintain or occupy any improvements in this park without the approval of the Charlevoix County Parks Committee Board of Commissioners.

22. It shall be unlawful to carry or possess a firearm, unless unloaded in both barrel and magazine, to shoot an air gun, gas gun, spring-loaded gun, or slingshot, or to shoot an arrow by use of a bow or crossbow within the park.

23. A person or persons expelled from the park for any reason whatsoever shall not be are not permitted to re-enter for a minimum of fifteen (15) fourteen (14) days.

24. No person shall engage in any violent, abusive, boisterous, loud, illegal, obscene or similar disorderly conduct, which unreasonably interferes with another person's use or enjoyment of the park. Radios, generators or other devices shall not be used in a manner that creates excessive noise. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

25. Operation of ATV's, golf carts, motorized scooters, or off-road vehicles of a similar nature within the boundaries of the park is strictly prohibited. The only
exception is that ORVs may be driven from a campsite to Lake Shore Road outside of quiet hours for the specific purpose of leaving the park to reach a destination outside of the park boundaries. Street licensed motorized vehicles driven by a licensed driver shall be driven only on park roads.

26. No Fireworks shall are not permitted within the park.

27. These rules, amended December 14, 2005 ____________, shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2006 ____________.

PENALTY

Violations of any of the Whiting Park Rules and Regulations, including those listed above, may result in the revocation of camping privileges and/or eviction from the park. In addition, any person who violates any of the Park Rules and Regulations may be charged with a misdemeanor and, if convicted, may be fined not more than $500.00, plus the costs of prosecution, imprisoned in the county jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the Court.

Penalty clause to be revised to specify that a violation of the Park Rules and Regulations is a minor civil infraction (not a criminal offense).