



# Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes August 20, 2019

The August 20, 2019 meeting Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. in the meeting room at the Iosco County Footesite Barn by Chairman Tom Ferguson.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Bob Moore, Bob Leslie, Sue Flora, Jane Hayward, Frank Brewer and Tom Ferguson  
Absent: Gary Blaser, John Moehring, Fred Strauer,  
Guests: John McBain, Roger Kilbury, Joel Foster, Ken Foster and

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved and supported to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved and supported to accept the minutes of July 8, 2019 Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission distributed. Motion Carried

## **PUBLIC MATTERS AND CONCERNS**

Mr. McBain told the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission that the AuSable Trail Riders will be hosting the Poker Room at the Vista Lanes on Saturday. Also the Club Ride will take place on September 22 for two days up to Atlanta.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAILS**

Mr. Ferguson reported that the work being done on the trails is taking shape nicely. Discussion also centered on the recent storm damage and the need for people to have a telephone number or website that can be used to report downed trees, damage to the trails and similar issues. A list of equipment needs by the trail groomers was presented. It was noted that this equipment can be used at the other park sites in the county as needed. It was moved and supported to purchase the following, not to exceed \$4,000.00. Items included are: Four new tires for the 2001 Chevy (\$800.00), front tire chains for 2005 tractor (\$500.00), 2 Stihl chain saws, (\$1085.00), three point hitch for 2005 tractor (\$590.00), two air compressors and hoses and connectors (\$425.00), 2 battery chargers (\$100.00) and misc. hand tools (\$250.00). Roll Call Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion CARRIED. A trail lock needs to be adujsted at Five Channels Dam, Ken will take of it tomorrow.

### **BIKE/HIKING TRAILS**

Mrs. Hayward stated there was nothing new to report

### **PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Ferguson reported that in September, Rob Eggers from Spicer Engineering will be meeting with the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss grant potential for the VanEttan Creek Dam site. It was suggested that the next meeting of the osco County Parks and Recreation Commission take place at the park.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **LIBERTY ROAD TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

USFS in Oscoda is still waiting on the engineering department to get there drawings together.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM DISCUSSION**

A draft of the grant application was presented for the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission to review and make comments. A full discussion of the application will take place at next month's meeting.

**BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

The grading and site prep has been completed. Waiting on approval of a variance from Oscoda Township. That meeting will take place on Thursday, August 22 at 6 p.m. at the Robert J. Parks Library on Skeel Avenue. Once approval is granted the project will again move forward towards completion.

**TRAIL REPAIR STATUS**

Ken and Joel Foster reported that there are several areas on the trails that are in need of fill and grading. Those areas have been reported to the DNR asking for funds to make those repairs. We are waiting on the USFS and DNR to make determinations concerning this problem spots.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting will be held on August 22 at the Robert J. Parks Library to consider a variance for the new building on county property at Footesite. Gary Blaser and Fred Strauer will be asked to attend on behalf of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS****ROAD END PARK ACQUISITION**

Leisa Sutton, Superintendent / Zoning Administrator Charter Township of AuSable asked the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission if it would be interested in obtaining a road end park that has accommodated handicapped anglers for many years. The Iosco County Road Commission would be willing to provide a quit claim deed to the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission to allow it to take over the park with full ownership. Following discussion it was moved and supported that the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission purchase the road end park for one dollar. Motion carried: 5 ayes 0 nays and 1 abstention.

**RIVER ROAD TRAIL #6 CLEAR CUTTING ISSUES**

A presentation was provided to the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission for their review and consideration. More discussion will take place at next month's meeting.

**APPOINTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBER**

It was moved and supported that the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the Iosco County Board of Commissioners that James McArdle be appointed to replace the term held by Richard Hammel. Mr. Hammel has resigned from the board. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

None

**Any Other Matters****PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PER DIEMS**

It was moved and supported to approve the Bills as presented. Roll Call: Ayes 86 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission will take place on Monday, September 16, 2019. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. at the VanEttan Creek Dam Park in Oscoda Township.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.