



Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes December 9, 2019

The December 9, 2019 meeting Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Iosco County Building by Chairman Tom Ferguson.

ROLL CALL

Present: Fred Strauer, Bob Moore, Bob Leslie, Gary Blaser, John Moehring, Jim McArdle, Frank Brewer, Sue Flora, Jane Hayward and Tom Ferguson

Absent: None

Guests: John McBain and Ken Foster

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 December 9, 2019 Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission distributed.

Motion Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020

It was moved and supported to elect Tom Ferguson as chairman of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation for the coming year. **Motion Carried**

It was moved and supported to elect Gary Blaser as vice chairman of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation for the coming year. **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC MATTERS AND CONCERNS

Mr. McBain reported that the AuSable Trail Riders held their annual Christmas Party and donated \$202.00 to the Christian Women's group for Christmas gifts for needy kids in the area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAILS

Mr. Ferguson reported that the trails are in good shape. Trees have been removed from the trails by Iosco County's crew as well as the USFS staff. The new chainsaws have been put to good use with clearing trails. The Five Channels Dam gate is now open with the removal of four or five trees that were in the trail. Mr. Foster stated that they have some additional work to do, but it should not hinder any use of the trails. The snow that had fallen earlier this month and late last is about gone. The warm up has caused some soft spots in the trails, however, the cold spell that is approaching should help with that. The Monument Trailhead has been graded with two gravel trains of material. This will greatly improve the use of this area and eliminate the low spots and holes that could have caused damage to vehicles and snowmobiles.

BIKE/HIKING TRAILS

Winter has set in and work on the new trails will have to wait until spring.

PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Nothing to report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

LIBERTY ROAD TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The funds for the Liberty Road Trail Improvement Project have been reinstated and approved for \$31,500.00. This will allow for the improvements to be made on the culverts (3) and along the trail as well. Mr. Blaser and Mr. Foster will be providing trail repairs to Mr. Bolen at the Iosco County Road Commission. They have expressed interest in helping with these types of projects and have already

completed the work on the Monument Road Trailhead.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Footesite storage barn project has been approved by the Oscoda Township Zoning Board. The building has been taken down and stored in the Footesite Barn for the winter. Mr. Triplett will begin construction of the building as soon as road restrictions are lifted in the spring. The work will be completed within two to three weeks once works commences. A sign for the building location along with the Sand Lake Barn was also discussed. It was determined that a design for the sign and cost would be obtained and brought back to the Commission for discussion.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Spicer Engineering continues to work on two grants for park improvement at VanEttan Creek Dam and the handicapped park in AuSable Township. A report from Spicer should be available at the January meeting.

USFS DRAFT TRAIL AGREEMENT

As reported by Mr. Andrew Kenyon of the USFS they are waiting for the agreement to be returned to the Oscoda Office of the USFS so that it can be signed by both parties.

NEW BUSINESS

IOSCO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT

Two applications were received for matching grants through the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Grant program. A request from the City of Whittemore's Parks and Recreation Commission sought funds for relocating and improving the Whittemore City Park located on O'Farrel Street. It was moved and supported that the Iosco County Parks and Recreation award a matching grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for this project. Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstentions 2. **Motion Carried.** The second grant request came from Grant Township. The township is going to improve the boat ramp access site at Fletcher Street to Sand Lake. It was moved and supported to award a \$5,000.00 matching grant for this project. Ayes 10 Nays 0 **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 10 Nays: 0 **Motion CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission will take place on Monday, January 13, 2020. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. at the Commissioners Room in the Iosco County Building.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.