



Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes February 19, 2019

The February 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: Bob Leslie, Bob Moore, Jane Hayward, John Moehring, Fred Strauer, Frank Brewer, Gary Blaser and Tom Ferguson
Absent: Sue Flora and Rick Hammel
Guests: John McBain and Buster McDonald

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 January 15, 2019 Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission distributed. Motion Carried

PUBLIC MATTERS AND CONCERNS

Mr. McBain told the Commission that the AuSable Trail Riders meet and greet was well attended with 150 sleds and 170 people participating. He also mentioned that they had 73 kids for the Free Fishing Weekend. The club took the kids out on the ice and helped them learn about ice fishing.

Mr. McDonald, represented the Hale Area Trailriders, voiced concern about the condition of the trail system. He said that his club was replenishing wood at the warming shed this weekend and about 15 snowmobilers stopped by to express their displeasure with the trails. Mr. Ferguson assured Mr. McDonald that the matter was being discussed and had been a topic of discussion with the DNR and others earlier in the day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAILS

Mr. Ferguson told the commission that a lot of grooming was taking place and that the Dobie trail groomer that was out of service for the last six weeks has been returned and will be out on the trails on Wednesday. Trail system is being totally groomer today and tomorrow. The groomers will be out each day Tuesday through Saturday and off on Sunday and Monday. Mr. Ferguson also noted that on April 6 there will be an ORV meeting in Houghton Lake to discuss the upcoming season. Ken Foster will be asked to attend on behalf of the county.

BIKE/HIKING TRAILS

The Iosco Exploration Trail Committee will be meeting on Thursday, February 21 at the new AuSable Township Hall. Commissioners are welcome to attend.

PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Strauer has provided aerial photos and information from Spicer Engineering regarding improvements to the launch and seawall at the VanEttan Creek Dam Park. The proposed improvements to the park site will need to include DNR grant money to make the boat ramp and park fishing pier feasible. Mr. Strauer will have Spicer representatives reach out to Mr. Ferguson to assist in moving the project forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

IOSCO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION TRACTOR

The Iosco Parks and Recreation Commission has taken delivery of the tractor from the Road Commission. The tractor was used to cut grass at the Road Commission on M-55 and Sand Lake Road. The tractor will be used in brushing and grooming operations in the

areas where the trail is only 50 inches wide. If that lawn tractor does not work out, Mr. Brewer will try to help with the purchase of another tractor that will be coming available later this spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR ADDITION TO FOOTESITE DAM BARN

Mr. Strauer provided plans for a 40x72' - 14' pole barn to be erected at the Footesite Dam Barn on River Road. The material cost estimate has been established at \$24,430.52. Discussion concerning the concrete floor reach a consensus that an eight foot edge be installed inside the barn with a 4 foot approach on the two ends be installed with gravel being used to complete the floor area. It was further decided that the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission purchase the materials and bid out the labor to erect the building, provide electrical and cement work. Mr. Ferguson will work with Mr. Strauer in setting up a specification sheet that can be used for contractors to bid. The building should be completed no later than October 1 of this year. It was moved and supported to move ahead with the county purchasing the materials and seeking bids for the labor. Motion CARRIED.

TRUCK PURCHASE

The Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission has been looking to purchase a 4-wheel drive truck for use on the trails and at the park. Mr. Strauer presented a vehicle that he found for sale at a cost of \$8,000.00. The vehicle is a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab Pickup with a cap. The Vehicle Identification Number of 1GHCK23U71F131206. The vehicle has 187,285 miles on it. There a new tires with approximately 1,000 miles on it, new water pump, new fan belt, goose neck hitch and a new exhaust system. The asking price for the truck is \$8,000.00. It was moved and supported that the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission purchase this vehicle at a cost of \$8,000.00. Funds for this purchase will be taken from Iosco County Parks Account (208) and placed in the Trail Grooming Account. Roll call vote: Ayes: 8; 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 8, Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission will take place on Monday, March 18, 2019. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.