



**Iosco County  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2018**

The February 20, 2018 meeting Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission chairman Tom Ferguson called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Iosco County Building.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Tom Ferguson, Jane Hayward, John Moehring, Gary Blaser, Bob Moore, Ben Brewer, Robert Leslie and Fred Strauer.

Absent: Sue Flora and Rick Hammel

Guests: John McBain and Roger Killbury.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved and supported to accept the agenda as mailed. **Motion CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved and supported to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2018 Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission as distributed. **Motion CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC MATTERS AND CONCERNS**

John McBain reported that there was a good turnout at the Meet and Greet at the Warming Shed hosted by the AuSable Trail Riders on Saturday, January 20 at the intersection of trails 96 and 963. He also reported that there was over 75 kids in attendance at Jewel Lake for the annual fishing contest.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAILS**

Mr. Ferguson reviewed the "wish list" for 2018 from the groomers. He also indicated that special maintenance programs will be discussed going forward with both the ORV and Snowmobile departments within the DNR. He also asked permission to send Gary Blaser and groomer operator Ken Foster to the MSA Groomer Seminar in Sault Ste. Marie on March 1, 2 and 3. Gary will coordinate attendance with Ken. They will provide a full report at the March 19 meeting of the commission.

**BIKE/HIKING TRAIL**

Mr. Ferguson indicated that the work on the Bike Trail is continuing and there should be some activity taking place as soon as weather permits in the spring. An update on the progress of the project was included in the board packet that commissioners received.

**PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

No report at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NONE**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PARKS MILLAGE REQUEST**

Mr. Ferguson indicated that the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission should move forward with a request for a millage that would provide public funding for the operation of the commission. The funds received would be used for grant matches, improving trails, expanding parks and other recreation opportunities in the county. Following discussion it was decided that Mr. Ferguson would provide a copy of a proposed millage request along with funding that would be generated by the new funds.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Roger Kilbury reminded the commission that those attending the MSA workshop should sign in for all workshops. This will help with the reimbursement of expenses for attendance at the workshop.

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PER DIEMS**

It was moved and supported to approve the bills as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes: 8, Nays: None. Motion **CARRIED**.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission will take place at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2018 at the Commissioners Room at the Iosco County Building.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Tom Ferguson