



Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes January 15, 2019

The January 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: Sue Flora, Bob Leslie, Bob Moore, Jane Hayward, Fred Strauer, Frank Brewer and Tom Ferguson

Absent: Gary Blaser and Rick Hammel

Guests: Roger Kilbury

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 10, 2018 Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission as corrected with notation being made of Jane Hayward being present and not absent from the meeting. Motion Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was moved and supported to retain the current slate of officers for the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion CARRIED. The officers for 2019 will be Tom Ferguson, chair and Rick Hammel, vice-chair

PUBLIC MATTERS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Kilbury told the Commission that legislation that we in process during the last session of the state legislature regarding parking fees for snowmobile and ORV trailheads died with the last session. There has been some discussion regarding bringing it up in this session, but nothing has surfaced as of this date.

John McBain asked that all members of the Parks Commission be invited to this Saturday's Meet and Greet at the warming shed (Trail #95 and #693). The event will begin at 11 a.m. with free hot dogs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAILS

Mr. Ferguson told the commission that no grooming has taken place and that the snow base is not sufficient for riding. The next time it snows the trails will be ready and in great shape.

BIKE/HIKING TRAILS

Nothing to report at this time

PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Discussion took place concerning the development of the Van Ettan Creek Park. Mr. Strauer has had conversations with Spicer Engineering and representatives of the DNR regarding the launch site and erosion control along the edge of the park property. More work needs to be done and a plan put in place to get everything ready. The commission also discussed purchasing picnic benches and other park equipment. Spicer would be willing to help with the design of the erosion control and boat launch areas for an estimated cost of \$4,000. More discussion will take place at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

IOSCO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION TRACTOR

The Road Commission has been paid for the lawn tractor. Ken Foster will pick it up from the Road Commission when he feels better. He has been fighting the flu and cold and not been able to get to the garage to pick up the tractor. The Commission thanked Mr. Brewer

for his help in getting the tractor donated to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR ADDITION TO FOOTESITE DAM BARN

It was moved and supported to authorize Mr. Ferguson to seek bids for the construction of a 40x72x14 foot building to be constructed on the Footesite Dam Barn property. Motion CARRIED Mr. Strauer will work on the project and provide input as to the specifications needed to complete the project. Mr. Ferguson will also talk for Elite Shellenbarger concerning requirements that the county has on moving forward. Mr. Strauer will discuss the project with the building department to see what requirements they will have on the project. Both will report back at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None

Any Other Matters

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PER DIEMS

It was moved and supported to approve the Bills once clarification has been received concerning the double bill from Consumers Energy. Roll Call: Ayes 8, Nays: 0 Mindy Schirmer was asked about the double bill and she indicated it was the timing of the last two meetings that caused the double billing.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission will take place on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.