



# Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes July 16, 2018

The July 16, 2018 meeting Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order at 4 pm in the Commissioners room at the Iosco County building by Chairman Tom Ferguson.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Sue Flora, John Moehring, Jane Hayward, Bob Leslie, Gary Blaser, Rick Hammel, Frank Brewer, Tom Ferguson

Absent: Bob Moore, Fred Strauer,

Guests, John McBain, Mike Jackson, Joel Foster and Ken Foster

## **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 June 18, 2018 Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission as distributed. Motion Carried

## **PUBLIC MATTERS AND CONCERNS**

John McBain told the commission that the AuSable Trail Riders are involved in a number of projects across the area. Joel and Ken Foster, Iosco County's trail groomers, updated the Commission on projects they are currently working on. The Commission thanked Mr. McBain and Mr. Jackson for hosting the meeting. They also commended the trail groomers for a job well done.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAILS**

Mr. Ferguson told the Commission that the repairs to the groomer were approved by the DNR in the amount of \$12,000.00. Mr. Foster will make arrangements for scheduling same. A special maintenance grant has also been approved by the DNR in the amount of \$18,000.00. The project includes \$2,000.00 for beaver control per USFS specifications. The second project includes the replacement of two culverts, buildup the trail, install erosion controls, remove hazard stumps and trees from side of trail, grade and stabilize the base with gravel per USFS specifications. The USFS will be contacted to provide the specifications so that the Commission can bid the job. The work should be completed this fall.

### **BIKE/HIKING TRAILS**

Work continues on preparation for the construction of the new bike trail in the spring of 2019. Meetings continue to be held with county representatives to insure that everything remains on schedule

### **PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

VanEttan Creek Park contamination continues as a topic being discussed with Oscoda Township. Mr. Ferguson talked with the township's attorney and asked for confirmation of the efforts being taken by the township to remedy the situation. Mr. Ferguson will contact former drain commissioner Gary Adams for assistance in researching the deed and easement status.

### **5 YEAR PLAN**

Four public hearings were held across the county. Meetings were held in Tawas City, Oscoda Township, Hale (Plainfield Township) and the city of Whittemore. Attendance at these meetings was very low, but those attending participated in the dialog concerning parks and recreation across the area. Oscoda Township indicated that they felt that it was possible for the community to endorse and approve a millage request for county parks operation.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **PARKS MILLAGE REQUEST:**

It was moved and supported to request the Iosco County Board of Commissioners to place a .25 mil request on the November ballot with the following wording: IOSCO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MILLAGE PROPOSAL WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission wishes to acquire, improve, operate and maintain parks and recreation areas and programs in Iosco County and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Iosco County approves the following millage ballot language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the November 2018 election ballot. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in Iosco County, be increased, as provided in Section 6, Article 9 of the Michigan Constitution, by .25 mills (25 cents - \$0.25) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable value for a period of five (5) years, 2018 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of acquiring, improving, operating, and maintaining parks and recreation areas and programs in Iosco County? If approved, it is estimated that the .25 mill would raise \$279,118.00 in the first year of the levy. Ayes: 8; Nays: 0; Absent: 2 **Motion CARRIED**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Ken Foster asked the Commission to consider the purchase of a brush cutter for use on the trails. The equipment would be used to prepare and groom both ORV and snowmobile trails in Iosco County.

### **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: 0

### **NEXT MEETING**

Following discussion it was moved and supported to move the next meeting of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission to the Footesite Barn in Oscoda Township. The meeting will be a combination of business and a picnic. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Hot dogs, buns and the grill will be provided. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 17, 2018 at 3 p.m. at the Footesite Barn on River Road in Oscoda Township.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.