



# Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes July 8, 2019

The July 8, 2019 meeting Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. in the meeting room at the Iosco County Footesite Barn by Chairman Tom Ferguson.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Blaser, Bob Leslie, Sue Flora, Jane Hayward, John Moehring, Fred Strauer, Frank Brewer and Tom Ferguson  
Absent: Bob Moore, Rick Hammel  
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 June 17, 2019 Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission distributed. Motion Carried

## **PUBLIC MATTERS AND CONCERNS**

Mr. McBain told the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission that the AuSable Valley Trail Riders had 12 kids participate in the ORV certification program. Also, the club assisted in early June at the Barton City Fishing Tourney which attracted 50 kids. The Commission also thanked John for cooking the hot dogs for today's meeting and expressed appreciation for the work the AuSable Valley Trail Riders do in the community.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAILS**

Mr. Ferguson reported that he did look at the tractor that the City of Whittemore was proposing to sell. Mr. Leslie indicated that while the tractor would be a good deal, the City Council has decided to sell it at auction sometime this fall. If the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission is interested in purchasing the tractor we would need to bid on the tractor. It is estimated that the tractor is worth about \$6,000.00 as is. More discussions to follow. Mr. Blaser reported that he had attended the MISORVA regional meeting along with Roger Kilbury. At the meeting there was discussion and information shared concerning the recreational trails program across the state. Mr. Blaser, Mr. Kilbury and Dan White from the AuSable Valley Trail Riders were elected representatives on the MISORVA board from Region 5. The printed information from that meeting will be shared with the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission at the next meeting. The next meeting of MISORVA will take place on July 13 in St. Ignace. Ken Foster reported that there is a section along Wells Road that needs attention due to flooding and erosion. He has looked at it and asked for help in getting repairs done. DNR and USFS are being contacted and the area will be added to the special projects request that will be submitted to the DNR with this year's funding application. Mr. Foster also reported that additional work is being done on the trails and that he has a wish list of equipment that needs replacement. He also stated that a sickle bar would be very helpful in improving the brushing along the snowmobile and ORV trails.

### **BIKE/HIKING TRAILS**

Mrs. Hayward reported that the Iosco Exploration Trail (IET) Committee heard a report on the path development in several phases across the county. Work on the AuSable portion of the path could begin this fall or early in the spring of 2020.

### **PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Ferguson reported that he had reached out to Spicer Engineering regarding application for a Natural Resource Trust Fund grant for the VanEttan Creek Park. Rob Eggers will be meeting with Mr. Ferguson in the short term to determine what if any options that the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission has for improvement grants that will provide a fishing pier, kayak/canoe launch and stabilization of the river bank along the park property.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**LIBERTY ROAD TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Nothing has been received from the USFS regarding the specifications for this project. Mr. Ferguson is reaching out to Andrew Kenyon at the USFS for an update on when the engineering plans will become available.

**PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM DISCUSSION**

Nothing to report at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

The grading and site prep has been completed. Waiting on contractor to set posts, install trusses and roofs so that the floor can be poured and completed.

**TRAIL REPAIR STATUS**

As reported in the Snowmobile/ORV Trails item on the agenda there are several areas on the trails that are in need of fill and grading. Those areas have been reported to the DNR asking for funds to make those repairs.

**RESIGNATION**

Rick Hammel has indicated that he will be submitting his resignation to the Iosco County Board of Commissioners.

**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. The Board also approved the payment for work completed by Ken Foster and Joel Foster. Their time sheets were not available, however, they it was indicated that the hours will not exceed 60. 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, August 19, 2019. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. at the Footesite Barn on River Road in Oscoda Township.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.