



Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes June 18, 2018

The June 18, 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, Bob Moore, Fred Strauer, Gary Blaser, Rick Hammel, Frank Brewer, Tom Ferguson

Absent: None

Guests, John McBain

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 May 14, 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 had hosted an ORV course for children on Saturday, April 19 at the Footesite Barn. Four kids showed up for the event. Plan for next year is to hold the event on a Sunday to avoid all of the other activities for kids that take place on Saturdays. The group also assisted in helping at a kids fishing tournament in Alcona County. He also told the commission that the group provided two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors in Iosco County and two \$500 scholarships to seniors in Alcona County this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAILS

The ORV trails are in very good shape based on inspection and reports from trail users. Ken and Joel are doing a very good job. Repairs to the Dobie groomer will need to wait until authorized by the DNR. The cost of the repairs are about \$11,000. We are currently third on the list for approval. Five new groomers are being purchased this year -- all of them are going to the Upper Peninsula, none in the lower. Work will continue on our trails throughout the summer.

BIKE/HIKING TRAILS

Iosco County Treasurer, Elite Shellenbarger, attended the meeting to provide an update to the Parks and Recreation Commission. He provided an overview of the funding process and told the commission that there is currently a shortfall in funding in the amount of \$32,399. He expects to make up this shortfall as the grant process progresses. He also indicated that it appears that if a design exception is approved money will be saved and thereby eliminate some if not all of the shortfall. He also told the commission that MDOT and the DNR are hopeful to get a shovel in the ground sometime during the Spring of 2019. Once this process begins the rest of the Iosco Exploration Trail should fall into place.

PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time. The Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission continues to express concern over the lack of action being taken on the contamination issues along with easement issues at the VanEttan Creek Park.

5 YEAR PLAN

The first of four public hearings was held at 1 p.m. today in the Commissioners Room at the Iosco County Building. The draft was made available for discussion at that hearing. Three people signed in with no comments being received. Additional meetings have been scheduled for Wednesday, June 20 at the Plainfield Township Hall at 7 p.m.; Oscoda Township Hall on Monday, June 25 at 1 p.m.

and a fourth hearing will be held at the Whittemore City Hall on Wednesday, June 25 at 7 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Parks and Recreation Commissioners are invited to attend and participate in these hearings. Once the hearings are completed a final draft will be completed and submitted to the Commission for final approval. It will then be sent to the Iosco County Board of Commissioners for their approval, then submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PARKS MILLAGE REQUEST:

A draft of the proposed 2018 request for a .25 mill levy for parks and recreation in Iosco County was presented. Following discussion it was determined to bring the final proposal back to the Commission after Mr. Shellenbarger makes his comments. The Commission will then vote on the proposal, then send it to the Iosco County Board of Commissioners for inclusion on the November ballot.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None

Any Other Matters

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PER DIEMS

It was moved and supported to approve the Bills as submitted Roll Call: Ayes 10, Nays: 0

NEXT MEETING

Following discussion it was moved and supported to move the next meeting of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and to hold the meeting at the Footesite Barn in Oscoda County. 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.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 16, 2018 at 4 p.m. at the Footesite Barn on River Road in Oscoda Township.