



Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes March 18, 2019

The March 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: Bob Leslie, Bob Moore, Jane Hayward, John Moehring, Fred Strauer, Frank Brewer, Gary Blaser, Sue Flora, Rick Hammel and Tom Ferguson

Absent: None

Guests: Roger Kilbury, John McBain, Sandy Bradley, Plainfield Township Parks & Recreation; Ken Foster, Joel Foster, Andrew Kenyon, Recreation Supervisor Huron-Manistee National Forest and Alex Totoiu, Huron-Manistee National Forest

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 February 19, 2019 Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission distributed. Motion Carried

PUBLIC MATTERS AND CONCERNS

Mr. McBain told the Commission that one of their original members, Bob Tate, was turning 90 and they would be having a birthday celebration for him. He also noted that the Spring Kids ORV Class schedule would be discussed at their meeting this coming Thursday evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAILS

A discussion took place with representatives of the Huron-Manistee National Forest and the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission members. Trail improvement, development of a closer working relationship and negotiating a new five-year agreement were all topics discussed. The DNR grant slated to improve trail conditions along and near Liberty Road were discussed. There is a timing issue being faced as grant funds expire on September 30 of this year. Mr. Totoiu and Mr. Ferguson will work to try and extend the project dates and Mr. Kenyon will talk with the USFS engineering people to see what if anything can be done to expedite the project. It was also agreed that the gates should be closed for the season on the snowmobile trails. Trail conditions and lack of snow were cited as reasons for making the closer decision. The new truck has been purchased and is ready for service once the license plates arrive from Lansing. Ken and Joel Foster, trail groomers, were also present to outline the end of season and discuss the grooming for 2019. The commission thanked both Ken and Joel for the great work they have been doing to keep the trails in great shape.

BIKE/HIKING TRAILS

Mr. Ferguson noted that there have been additional funds acquired for the bike path and will make it possible for the county not to add additional funds to the project. It is anticipated that work will begin shortly after the snow and ice depart.

PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Ferguson indicated that Warren Miller from Spicer Group would be reaching out to the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission in the near future to discuss the VanEttan Creek project and how much money the project may cost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

IOSCO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Mr. Ferguson has talked with Kevin at the Iosco County Road Commission regarding signs for Iosco County Park property. He will be working on prices and get them him for presentation to the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission. The signs are con-

structed of stainless steel and will expensive, but long lasting.

FJOTESITE DAM BARN BUILDING SPECIFICATIONS

Following discussion and revisions it was moved and supported to seek bids for the construction of a new storage facility for Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission tractors and trail equipment. Motion CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

MSA MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Ferguson told the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission that membership in the Michigan Snowmobile Association (MSA) had lapsed. Mr. Ferguson asked Mr. Kilbury if he would contact MSA and have them bill the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission for a membership.

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. Roll Call: Ayes 10, Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission will take place on Monday, April 15, 2019. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.