



Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes May 13, 2019

The June 19, 2019 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: Gary Blaser, Bob Leslie, Bob Moore, Jane Hayward, John Moehring, Fred Strauer, Frank Brewer and Tom Ferguson

Absent: Sue Flora, Rick Hammel

Guests: None

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 May 13, 2019 Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission distributed. Motion Carried

PUBLIC MATTERS AND CONCERNS

Mr. McBain provided a report on trail cleanup to the Commission. The Commission thanks the AuSable Trail Riders for the great work they are doing in assisting with trail cleanup.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAILS

Mr. Ferguson reported that the trails continue to be improved and work continues on making them the best that they can be. Several photos were shown displaying water covering trails near Footsite that need to be addressed. The DNR is being contacted to ask for emergency funds to repair and grade the low spots in the trail. The USFS has not returned the engineering drawings for the Liberty Road area culverts and improvements that will be funded with a DNR grant. Mr. Ferguson will reach out to the USFS for an update on the project. Mr. Ferguson also showed the Commission a trailer that was available for purchase. The trailer could be used to move the tractor and other equipment around the area. Following discussion it was the consensus of those attending that the trailer would need a bigger truck to haul the county's equipment and that it would not be something we need to purchase at this time. Mr. Leslie indicated that the City of Whittemore is in the process of selling its DPW equipment and that they have a small tractor that they would be willing to sell. Mr. Ferguson indicated that he would go to Whittemore and look at the tractor and report back to the Commission. There will be a meeting of MISORVA (Michigan Snowmobile and ORV Association) later this month. Mr. Blaser will be attending the meeting as a representative of the Commission.

BIKE/HIKING TRAILS

Mrs. Hayward reported that the Iosco Exploration Trail (IET) Committee will be meeting on Thursday to discuss additional phases of the bike path. Mr. Ferguson indicated that the DNR issued grants for the trail project and that Iosco County did not receive any funds in this cycle. \$1.4 million in public and private Iron Belle Trail Funding was announced by the DNR on June 6.

PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Ferguson stated that no new progress had been made on the park project, however, he hoped to have additional information at the next meeting on July 8.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

LIBERTY ROAD TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Nothing has been received from the USFS regarding the specifications for this project. Without the engineering specifications the project cannot be sent out for bids. Once the documents are received the Commission will advertise for bids, set up a bidders confer-

ence at the project set and begin the process required to complete the project.

PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Nothing to report at this time. Information and a draft should be available at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The grading and site prep has been moving along. The poles will be set in place when they are received. The contractor has been asked to provide an invoice for 50% of the construction costs as part of his contract. Mr. Strauer also indicated that additional fill is required to level the front area between the existing building and the new building. It was moved and supported to authorize Mr. Ferguson to approve the cost of this project with cost not to exceed \$5,000. Should the cost exceed \$5,000 he will bring the proposal back to the Commission for approval. Motion CARRIED.

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.

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 8, Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission will take place on Monday, July 8, 2019. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. at the Footesite Barn on River Road in Oscoda Township.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.