



Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes October 14, 2019

The October 14, 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: Fred Strauer, Bob Moore, Bob Leslie, Gary Blaser, John Moehring, Sue Flora, Jane Hayward, Jim McArdle, Frank Brewer and Tom Ferguson

Absent: Sue Flora

Guests: John McBain, Joel Foster, Ken Foster, Joel Foster, Roger Kilbury and John Stalker

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 September 16, 2019 Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission distributed. Motion Carried

PUBLIC MATTERS AND CONCERNS

Mr. McBain reported that the AuSable Valley Trail Riders Club will hold their last meeting of the season at the Footsite Barn. They will let Ken Foster know when they are out of the building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAILS

Mr. Ferguson reported that the trails are in good shape and appear to be ready for winter use. Ken Foster indicated that they still had some additional work to do to get ready for the December 1 opening of the snowmobile season. Mr. Ferguson also told the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission that the 2020 Snowmobile Grant had been awarded. Iosco County's grant totaled \$109,831.20 which includes \$30,500.00 for special maintenance and/or major repair.

BIKE/HIKING TRAILS

Mrs. Hayward stated that Iosco Exploration Trail chairman Fred Lewis of Plainfield Township received the Volunteer of the Year award for multiuse trails was awarded to Fred Lewis

PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Ferguson indicated that work will need to be done to develop grant applications for the VanEttan Creek Dam and the Handicapped Park. More discussion will take place later in the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

LIBERTY ROAD TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

No bidders attended the pre-bid meeting at the Liberty Road Trailhead. The Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission will now have to seek individual bids from at least three contractors before work can start on the project. The budget for this project is \$17,000 with all funds coming from a DNR Grant.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The building is still in limbo. Mr. Ferguson indicated that County Attorney, Tom Huck, and County Administrator Elite Shellenbarger will be meeting with representatives of the Oscoda Township Zoning Board, township superintendant and the township's attorney on Tuesday, October 15 at 2 p.m. in Oscoda. Mr. Huck has indicated that the township does not have the authority to refuse to allow the county from building a storage bard on county property. The meeting will be held to determine what the next steps are to provide the county with the ability to move forward with construction. Mr. Huck has been told that if Oscoda Township is not willing to allow for

construction he is to file suit against the township. Several court cases has set precedence in regards to a county building on township land without having to obtain permission for the type and size of the building.

NEW BUSINESS

GRANT APPLICATION VANETTAN CREEK DAM PARK AND HANDICAPPED PARK

A meeting with Rob Eggers from Spicer Engineering took place at 2 p.m. today regarding the application for grants to improve the VanEttan Creek Dam Park and the newly acquired Handicapped Park in AuSable Township. Mr. Eggers will provide an outline to the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission at its next meeting along with a timeline and potential availability of grants for both of these parks.

USFS DRAFT TRAIL AGREEMENT

The Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission spent time discussing the various components of the new USFS Trail Agreement. Several questions were raised regarding signing and use of chain saws. Andrew Kenyon of the USFS will be in attendance at the next meeting on Tuesday, November 12. A meeting prior to the 3 p.m. meeting will be held starting at 2 p.m. to go over the agreement in detail. An members of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission are invited to participate.

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 9 Nays: 0 **Motion CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission will take place on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. at the Commissioners Room in the Iosco County Building.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.