



Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes October 15, 2018

The October 15, 2018 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: Sue Flora, John Moehring, Jane Hayward, Bob Leslie, Gary Blaser, Bob Moore, Rick Hammel and Tom Ferguson

Absent: Frank Brewer and Fred Strauer

Guests: Roger Kilbury

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and supported to accept the agenda with the addition of the Whittemore Recreation Plan. Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved and supported to accept the minutes of September 17, 2018 Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission as distributed. Motion Carried

PUBLIC MATTERS AND CONCERNS

No comments

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAILS

Mr. Ferguson told the Commission that the requests for the 2018-19 snowmobile season startup funds has been submitted to the DNR. The ORV reimbursement from the work done over the summer months is in process and reimbursement should be forthcoming. He also commented that the new truck, purchased from the Iosco County Road Commission for a dollar, has been put in service. Decals for the side of the truck have been ordered. While the truck is a two-wheel drive vehicle it will certainly serve the purpose of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission in the short term.

BIKE/HIKING TRAILS

The ground breaking for the new Iosco Exploration Trail in Plainfield Township took place on September 25. There was a good turnout of interested community members. Approximately 75 employees of Cooper-Standard were on hand to begin the construction. Work will continue on this phase of the trail.

PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Ferguson provided a copy of the title to the VanEttan Creek Dam Park property. Ms. Flora indicated she would take the copy and discuss the title with her attorney. There is concern that there is recorded easement from one or two drains coming from the old Wurtsmith AFB across the property and emptying into the VanEttan Creek. Ms. Flora will report back at the next meeting. There is a growing concern regarding the amount of PFAS contamination that may be in the creek and property.

5 YEAR PLAN

The 5 Year Plan has been approved by the Iosco County Planning Commission. With that approval the plan will now be presented to the Iosco County Board of Commissioners for their approval and adoption.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PARKS MILLAGE REQUEST:

The election is just three weeks away. Mr. Ferguson presented a proposed budget for spending the millage dollars should the measure pass at the polls on November 6. Mr. Moehring will make a presentation to the Tawas City and East Tawas City Councils along with

the Iosco County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Moehring are scheduled to speak before the Iosco County Township Officers Association on Thursday, October 18 at Wilber Township. Each commissioner was asked to talk up the millage and take the message forward. The spending worksheet is also to be shared with as many people as possible. A radio program appearance is also planned for later this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

WHITTEMORE RECREATION PLAN

The 2018-2022 Whittemore Recreation Plan was presented for approval. The plan had been presented to the Iosco County Planning Commission for approval on October 11. Following discussion and review it was moved and supported to approve the plan as submitted. Motion CARRIED

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 8, Nays: 0

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission will take place on Tuesday, November 13. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.