



Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes September 16, 2019

The September 16, 2019 meeting Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. in the meeting room at the VanEttan Creek Dam Park by Chairman Tom Ferguson.

A tour of the park and a look at the potential projects for the embankment and walkways along with the launch site for kayaks and other small floatable devices took place to familiarize everyone with the park and its features.

ROLL CALL

Present: Fred Strauer, Sue Flora, Jane Hayward, Jim McArdle, Frank Brewer and Tom Ferguson

Absent: Bob Moore, Bob Leslie, Gary Blaser, John Moehring,

Guests: John McBain, Joel Foster, Ken Foster and Larry VanCamp

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 August 20, 2019 Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission distributed. Motion Carried

PUBLIC MATTERS AND CONCERNS

Mr. McBain reported that the AuSable Valley Trail Riders Club Ride will take place on September 22 for two days up to Atlanta.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAILS

Mr. Ferguson reported that Ken and his team have been clearing trees along the trails. He responded recently to a request from the USFS regarding downed trees. As it turned out the trees had already been removed. It was suggested that as long as the Sheriff's Department has funds to ride the trails on a regular basis, they could be reporting these types of issues to the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission for action.

BIKE/HIKING TRAILS

Mrs. Hayward stated there was nothing new to report

PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Ferguson reported that he has been talking with Rob Eggers from Spicer Engineering regarding grant potential for both the VanEttan Creek Park and the new Handicapped Park in the AuSable Township. A meeting will be set up to discuss these grant possibilities before the next meeting. Mr. Ferguson also indicated that the Iosco County Board of Commissioners will be presented with a quit claim deed for the property by AuSable Township at their next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

LIBERTY ROAD TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The USFS has provided the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission with the specifications for the trail improvement project. A request for bids will be published, a pre-bid meeting set and a bid opening at the October 14 meeting will take place. The MDNR has approved an extension of the grant funds for this project until June 30, 2020, but the project should be completed this fall.

PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM DISCUSSION

The Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission approved the application forms. With the approval the forms can be made available to the various governmental units in Iosco County for application for funds. Once applications are received the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission will review and award on a merit basis.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The building is still in limbo. Mr. Ferguson indicated that he had talked with County Administrator/Treasurer Elite Shellenbarger about the overall situation. It was decided that they would talk with County Attorney Tom Huck to seek a quick solution to the impasse with the Township of Oscoda. The resolution presented to the Oscoda Township Zoning Board of Appeals was not sufficient according to the Township of Oscoda. More information has been requested. They want new information presented by September 25 so that it can go before the Zoning Board at their October 29 meeting. The delay will force the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission to put off construction until spring 2020 which is not acceptable.

NEW BUSINESS

GRANT APPLICATION VANETTAN CREEK DAM PARK AND HANDICAPPED PARK

See information in the Snowmobile/ORV Trails report. It was also noted that the property adjacent to the VanEttan Creek Dam Park was available for sale. The asking price is \$220,000.00. This will also be discussed as part of a grant request.

ROAD COMMISSION REQUEST

The Iosco County Road Commission has requested use of a 20 foot by 20 foot area for curing concrete at the Footesite Barn. It was moved and supported to allow the Road Commission to use the area for the curing project. **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 presented. Roll Call: Ayes 6 Nays: 0 **Motion CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission will take place on Monday, October 14, 2019. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. at the Commissioners Room in the Iosco County Building.

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.