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January 8, 2008

Human Services Building

Spartan Conference Room- West

8:30am

Minutes of a Scheduled meeting of the Allegan County Parks and Recreation Commission

A scheduled meeting of the Allegan County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Director Kevin Ricco on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 8:30am in the Spartan Conference Room in the lower level of the Human Services Building, 3255 122nd Ave, Suite 102, Allegan, Michigan.

Roll Call showed the following members:

PRESENT:	Don Black	Marylne Langeance
	Mark DeYoung	Georgina Rozeboom-Doster
	Bob Kaarlie	Chuck Pullen
	Bruce Culver	Becky Rininger
	Fritz Spreitzer	

ABSENT:

Also Present: Kevin Ricco, Parks Director
Angel Schneider, Parks Clerk

ELECTION OF 2008 OFFICERS

Motion by Bob Kaarlie, seconded by Chuck Pullen, to nominate Bruce Culver for Chair of the Parks Commission for 2008. Motion carried by all present. Motion by Mark DeYoung, seconded by Becky Rininger, to close nominations for Chair and for a unanimous vote for Bruce Culver to serve as Chair. Motion carried by all present. Bruce Culver will be the Chair of the Parks Commission for 2008.

Motion by Becky Rininger, seconded by Chuck Pullen, to nominate Bob Kaarlie for Vice Chair of the Parks Commission for 2008. Motion carried by all present. Motion by Mark DeYoung, seconded by Fritz Spreitzer, to close nominations for Vice Chair and for a unanimous vote for Bob Kaarlie to serve as Vice Chair. Motion carried by all present. Bob Kaarlie will be Vice Chair of the Parks Commission for 2008.

Motion by Becky Rininger, seconded by Bob Kaarlie, to nominate Georgina Rozeboom-Doster for Secretary of the Parks Commission for 2008. Motion carried by all present. Motion by Mark DeYoung, seconded by Maryln Langeance, to close nominations for Secretary and for a unanimous vote for Georgina Rozeboom-Doster to serve as Secretary. Motion carried by all present. Georgina Rozeboom-Doster will be the Secretary of the Parks Commission for 2008.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There was one addition to the agenda under New Business, 10a, WHAM Judged Trail Ride.

Motion by Don Black, seconded by Bob Kaarlie, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by all present.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

Motion by Don Black, seconded by Fritz Spreitzer, to approve the December 2007 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. Motion carried by all present.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Kevin reported that we basically have the same budget as we did in 2007. There may be a few 2007 invoices that may come in still. Kevin said that he thinks the revenues will even out at the end with Littlejohn being in the negative and West Side and Silver Creek exceeding projection.

Motion by Mark DeYoung, seconded by Marylyn Langeance, to approve the 2007 budget as presented at this meeting. Motion carried by all present.

Reservations for 2008 are coming in quickly. Angel reported that more people are using the online system this year than any other year so far. Kevin said that this year the office is going to be stricter with the 5 and 10 day payment limit because the policy is no longer new.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Public Present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW RICHMOND BRIDGE PARK UPDATE- CSX, FISH REARING FACILITY

The Board of Commissioners approved the CSX agreement and Kevin mailed it onto the Jacksonville office. CSX called Kevin to let him know they received the agreement and would mail it back as soon as it was signed. Kevin stated that the project should then be out in February and the first phase of the project should be done by fall. The launch will be the hardest because it will have to be closed for about three weeks.

RJ Peterson is in charge of the donations for the Fish rearing facility. Kevin informed the group members that Parks does not have the funds and cannot maintain the facility after it is built, so there will have to be funds available to maintain this facility from outside sources. There are a few site locations being discussed at this time. The building would be on pilings and there would be a boardwalk to it. The parking would be at the boat launch for this facility.

Bruce asked if Kevin has heard anything back from the Ellen's property and he said he has not. He mailed them our proposal and has not heard back.

2008 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Kevin has proposed that finance bid the Silver Creek and Littlejohn Master Plans out as one project with one architect. Kevin thinks this would save some money and would be easier to work with one architect rather than two. Kevin has not heard back from finance about this yet. Kevin hopes this project will be out for bid in February.

Bruce wanted to know about the campground lease. Kevin said that there was a preliminary discussion about the campground lease for 25 years and the Board of Commissioners meeting ran over so it had to be tabled. The problem with the wording seems to be, how to get out of the lease if Allegan County decides they do not want to lease the property anymore. So, Kevin called the State and asked them how this would happen and they told Kevin that basically we would just stop taking care of them and default the lease and that would cancel out the lease. Administration is not comfortable with doing business this way and wants to be able to put something in writing 30 days before and cancel the lease with some notice. Kevin got the feeling from the State that they would not change the wording of the lease because this is a standard lease agreement for the State.

Kevin stated that this lease agreement is the exact lease agreement Parks has with the State for the New Richmond land.

NEW BUSINESS

SILVER CREEK EVENT – SEPTEMBER 17- 21

Kevin received a call from Mike Russell requesting that the mounted division hold their state mounted event at Silver Creek. They have booked the whole park for 4 days and asked that the \$5.00 fee be waived.

Motion by Becky Rininger, seconded by Bob Kaarlie, to waive the \$5.00 reservation fee for the State-Wide Mounted event September 17th thru the 21st. Motion carried by everyone present.

WHAM JUDGE TRAIL RIDE

They would like to have their annual judged trail ride event May 17, 2008. They have held this event for many years and just about fill up the campground. This is a skills competition. Last year they donated \$1,000 of proceeds to the Silver Creek Park.

Motion by Becky Rininger, seconded by Georgina Rozeboom-Doster, to allow the WHAM Judged Trail Ride to be held at the Silver Creek Park on May 17, 2008. Motion carried by everyone present.

Chuck Pullen stated that he was supposed to ask for a special use permit for the Pleasure Riders for the April 19th, 2008 event and for the \$25.00 special use permit fee to be waived.

Motion by Mark DeYoung, seconded by Bob Kaarlie, to allow the Pleasure Riders event to be held at the Silver Creek Park on April 19, 2008 and to waive the \$25.00 special use permit fee. Motion carried by everyone present.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Allegan County Parks Commission will be on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 8:30am at the Human Services Building, in the Spartan Conference Room.

ROUND TABLE

Bruce Culver

Wondered if Kevin had anything further to report on the break-ins at the parks. Kevin said not at this time.

Don Black

Don reported that he is retiring from being the chair of the Planning Commission. The new Chair will take Don's position on the Parks Commission. Don reported that he needs to better his health at this time.

Kevin Ricco

Kevin stated that Angel's last day as the Parks and Tourism Clerk will be February 29, 2008. Sandra Lauer who works for Economic Development is training right now for part of the Parks job duties but the person hired for Angel's position will do most of Parks and Tourist Council duties.

Georgina Rozeboom-Doster

Georgina asked about the Parks Commission vacancy and if it had been filled yet. Kevin replied that no the position has not been filled and if anyone knew anyone interested they should be directed to fill out an application at the Human Recourses office. Kevin was going to send Sara Schaefer from the DNR another request for someone to fill the vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

By: _____
Angel Schneider, Clerk