



## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW RICHMOND BRIDGE PARK UPDATE- CSX, FISH REARING FACILITY**

Kevin did not have any update on the Fish Rearing Facility to report.

Kevin had a conversation last week with the real estate agent from CSX. Parks has permission to build the paths, but does not have permission to use them. The DNR will not approve the project agreement until there is an easement agreement from CSX. Kevin has left many messages with CSX and finally spoke with someone last week who said he would take care of it, but there was no defined timeline. The letter to the DNR from Patty Birkholz has not made a difference, she wrote the letter three weeks ago and Kevin has not heard from the DNR. We are still waiting for the easement agreement from CSX.

### **DNR LEASES**

The DNR leases for Pine Point and Ely Lake campgrounds were approved by the Board of Commissioners at their February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kevin speculates that there will now be movement on the equestrian trail lease agreement from the DNR.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **LITTLEJOHN LAKE AND SILVER CREEK MASTER PLAN BID REVIEW**

Bid tabulation for the master plans for Silver Creek and Littlejohn Lake Parks were handed out for review. There were 15 bids submitted for the project. Kevin reviewed each of the bids with the Parks Commission. Kevin is now waiting for Finance and Purchasing to give their recommendation for a firm. Essentially there is still more information to review. It is possible that the top three or four selections may be asked to come in and give a presentation to help with the decision making process. Kevin stated that he would keep the Commission updated through e-mail and hopefully the bid would be awarded prior to the April Parks Commission meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting of the Allegan County Parks Commission will be on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 8:30am in the Spartan Conference Room.**

### **ROUND TABLE**

#### **Mark DeYoung**

Mark knows of several people who are interested in volunteering to help with the equestrian trail system. Kevin said we will not be doing anything with the trails until the State approves the trail system lease. Mark also commented that he has had a lot of people ask for a place to ride horses and swim. He thought that Ely Lake Campground would be perfect for this when the trail system is done.

#### **Angel Schneider**

The Parks and Tourism Office were contacted to help the Allegan Jaycees stuff Easter eggs with coupons or other marketing materials for the Easter Egg Eggstravaganza. We can take as many eggs as we would like to stuff with coupons and the candy will be provided by the Jaycees. The Commissioners discussed the idea and concluded that it would take up too much time. The Commissioners wanted to know if gift packages were given out, Angel will look into this.

Motion by Mark DeYoung, seconded by Larry Rasmussen, to donate a season pass to the Jaycees if they are giving out gift packages. Motion carried by everyone present.

#### **Bob Kaarlie**

Is there a date for the Kanoe the Kazoo? Kevin said May 31<sup>st</sup> but the route has not been determined yet.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angel Schneider, Clerk