



Allegan County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism

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April 1, 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 Vice-Chair Bob Kaarlie on Tuesday, April 1, 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:	Mark DeYoung	Georgina Rozeboom-Doster
	Bob Kaarlie	Fritz Spreitzer
	Maryln Langeance	Larry Rasmussen
	Chuck Pullen	Bruce Culver
	Becky Rininger	

ABSENT: None

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

Motion by Fritz Spreitzer, seconded by Larry Rasmussen, to approve the March 4, 2008 meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried by all present.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Kevin stated that there are no major changes in the budget for the month. Bruce Culver asked if everything was replaced from the break-in at Silver Creek. Kevin reported that he has ordered all the new replacements but the bills have not been paid yet, they should be paid by the next meeting. The insurance company will reimburse the Parks Commission for the cost of the replacements minus the \$1,000 deductible.

Motion by Mark DeYoung, seconded by Bob Kaarlie, to place the April 2008 Parks budget on record. Motion carried by everyone present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW RICHMOND BRIDGE PARK UPDATE- CSX, FISH REARING FACILITY, TRUST FUND GRANT
Kevin has received a letter from the State of Michigan in regards to the Trust Fund Grant. The State wants to know why Parks has not began the project yet with a project deadline of July 31, 2008. Kevin called Deb Apostle the Director for the State Grants Division and explained the situation with CSX that is holding us up. Deb assured Kevin not to worry there should be no problem with an extension of the grant. Kevin has developed a relationship with the CSX Real Estate Division and explained to him what the letter from the State Trust Fund Grant stated. CSX asked for a copy of the letter for them to use to push the CSX agreement through quicker- Kevin forwarded the letter to CSX. Kevin has hopes that the project will be completed by the end of the year but this will depend on when the project is able to go out for bid.

Kevin attended a seminar on sturgeon in Holland, Michigan recently. The Sturgeon Rearing facility at New Richmond Park was brought up at the seminar. There were some local news stations at the seminar so there should be some stories on the Sturgeon in the newspapers.

LITTLEJOHN LAKE AND SILVER CREEK MASTER PLAN BIDS

Kevin thanked everyone for attending yesterdays meeting. After voting, M.C. Smith was the contractor that was chosen to put together the master plans for Silver Creek and Littlejohn Park. M.C. Smith was chosen mostly due to experience Kevin stated.

Motion by Bob Kaarlie, seconded by Fritz Spreitzer, to recommend that Parks accept M.C. Smith's bids on Silver Creek for \$8,700 and \$6,400 for Littlejohn Park for a total of \$15,100 for the development of the master plans for each. Motion carried by everyone present.

NEW BUSINESS

STRATEGIC PLANNING- REVIEW OF SWOT AND ISSUES

2008 SWOT attached. The Strengths, Weaknesses/Needs Improvement, Opportunities and Threats analysis will be done annually as part of the budget process.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Allegan County Parks Commission will be on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 8:30am in the Spartan Conference Room.

ROUND TABLE

Mark DeYoung

Leighton Township is interested in having a park in their area but have no funding to add it.

Angel Schneider

Angel passed around the March campsite reservations sheet so the reservations for March could be seen. Per Kevin Ricco the Parks Commission donated 2 season passes to the benefit ride at Silver Creek. The Commission donated the same last year.

Becky Rininger

Becky would like the Parks Commission to donate a season pass for the annual senior fest. Angel or Kevin will make the contact.

Motion by Bob Kaarlie, seconded by Becky Rininger, to donate 1 season pass to the senior fest. Motion carried by everyone present.

Maryln Langeance

Maryln brought in a business card from the gentlemen at the Hayworth green facility. If the Parks Commissioners would like to tour the Hayworth green facility we just need to schedule a date.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

By: _____
Angel Schneider, Clerk