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June 3, 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 the Chair Bruce Culver on Tuesday, June 3, 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
 Larry Rasmussen Becky Rininger
 Bruce Culver Chuck Pullen

ABSENT: Maryln Langeance

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 MAY MINUTES

Motion by Fritz Spreitzer, seconded by Larry Rasmussen, to approve the May 6, 2008 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. Motion carried by all present.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Kevin Ricco reported that the revenue accounts did not include the money taken in for Memorial Day weekend and each campground was full or close to full. The weather turned out to be nice on Memorial Day weekend. Kevin wanted to let everyone know that each budget will be suffering in the gas/oil line item due to not having a budget increase in that line item for 6 years.

Motion by Becky Rininger, seconded by Larry Rasmussen, to place the May 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

Kevin received an e-mail from Dan Murphy at CSX on Friday reporting that he is just waiting on one more main person to consent to the CSX easement agreement with Allegan County Parks. Dan has already received 8 out of 9 consents. Kevin is hopeful that the agreement will be to us in two weeks.

Kevin has nothing new to report on the Fish Rearing Facility at New Richmond.

M.C. Smith has put together the bid agreement and Kevin passed it on to Finance/Purchasing for approval. It will then be sent to the DNR Trust Fund in Lansing for their approval, where it will be held until the easement agreement with CSX is finalized.

LITTLEJOHN LAKE AND SILVER CREEK MASTER PLAN BIDS-PUBLIC MEETING DATES/TIMES

M.C. Smith and Kevin have set the dates for the master plan public workshops for Littlejohn and Silver Creek parks. The Littlejohn Lake Master plan discussion will be June 25, 2008 from 2-4 p.m. in the Zimmerman Room on the main floor of this building. The Silver Creek Master Plan meeting will be on July 9, 2008 from 1-3 p.m. also in the Zimmerman Room. Kevin has prepared the press releases for each meeting and will send them out 1-2 week ahead of time. M.C. Smith has asked that the Parks Commissioners show up to each meeting a ½ hour early to discuss some ideas before the public arrives. Kevin said he planned on sending all the neighbors of Littlejohn Lake Park a letter informing them of the meeting. The Silver Creek Newsletter for Memorial Day and 4th Of July has/will include the meeting information.

KANOE THE KAZOO REPORT

On this past Saturday, Allegan County Parks co-sponsored a canoe trip with the Allegan Conservation District. The weather was great and there were 45 paddlers that joined us. The trip was from 46th street off M-89 to New Richmond Bridge boat launch. Kevin stated that he was very impressed with the number of boaters/fishermen that were using the boat launch.

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL USE PERMIT POLICY – DRAFT

Everyone received a copy of the proposed Special Use Permit Policy. Kevin asked if there were any suggestions. Kevin reported that the next step would be to forward the draft to administration and then take it in front of the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Motion by Becky Rininger, seconded by Fritz Spreitzer, to approve the Special Use Permit Policy Draft as printed and authorize Kevin to proceed to administration and the Board of Commissioners for approval. Motion carried by everyone present.

2009 CAPITAL BUDGET

Everyone received a copy of the capital budget sheets that Kevin has prepared. There are two proposals for 2009 and they are the New Richmond Phase I and Bysterveld Phase II. The third item was to acquire Huyser Property for New Richmond in the year 2011.

Motion by Becky Rininger, seconded by Larry Rassmussen, to approve the three capital budget items: New Richmond Phase I, Bysterveld Phase II and Huyser Property as presented by the parks director. Motion carried by everyone present.

COUNTY SMOKING BAN

Fritz Spreitzer reported that there has been a lot of discussion around the county about a county wide smoking ban on all County property. Fritz would like to take the Parks Commissions thoughts back to the Health Services Committee for consideration. After a very lengthy discussion there were a few motions made.

Motion by Chuck Pullen, seconded by Fritz Spreitzer, to suggest there be a smoking ban on all County property including County Parks. Motion denied by roll call vote: Yeas-2. Nays-6. Absent-1.

Motion by Mark DeYoung, seconded by Fritz Spreitzer to suggest a smoking ban under the picnic shelters, on the beaches and in the restroom buildings in the Allegan County Parks. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas-5. Nays-2. Abstained- 1. Absent- 1.

NEXT MEETING

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

ROUND TABLE

Chuck Pullen

Chuck wanted to know if riding in Goose Lake with your horses was restricted and Kevin said the State is responsible for that land and would need to post signs if restricted.

Fritz Spreitzer

Fritz reported that he had a fun time at the Kanoe the Kazoo event on May 31st and expects to see everyone out there next year.

Becky Rininger

Becky asked if we had a tenth member of the Parks Commission yet and Kevin said no we are waiting for the Planning Commission to elect a chair and that individual will be on the Parks Commission also.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

By: _____
Angel Schneider, Clerk