



Allegan County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism

3255 122nd Avenue, Suite 102

Allegan, MI 49010

Phone: (269) 686-9088 • Fax: (269) 673-0454

Parks Web: www.allegancounty.org/Parks

Tourism Web: www.visitallegancounty.com

E-mail: parks@allegancounty.org



August 5, 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 Vice Chair Robert Kaarlie on Tuesday, August 5, 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
 Larry Rasmussen Becky Rininger
 Fritz Spreitzer Robert Kaarlie
 Kelle Tobolic

ABSENT: Chuck Pullen Maryln Langeance
 Bruce Culver

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.

Kevin introduced Kelle Tobolic as a new Parks Commission member. She was elected as the new Chair of the Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

Motion by Becky Rininger, seconded by Mark DeYoung, to approve the July 1, 2008 meeting minutes as printed and mailed. Motion carried by all present.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Expenditures are in pretty good shape even after the storm damage repairs Kevin reported. Revenues are not in good shape. There were only three weekends this summer that did not rain. Kevin tracks the weather along with the entrance fee collections. West Side Park actually sold out of daily passes last weekend. Shelter reservations are doing better than expected. Camping is also not in good shape due to the weather. Kevin said he thought that we could be right on track if there was nice weather for the month of August.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW RICHMOND BRIDGE PARK UPDATE – CSX,

Kevin received the easement agreement back from CSX then ran it by the county's insurance company, attorney and administration. Kevin had the item on the board agenda last week and it was approved. Kevin contacted the grants coordinator for the State of Michigan yesterday and they discussed the July 31st deadline. Kevin was able to get an extension to October 31, 2008. We have until then to close on the easement acquisition. Dan Murphy from CSX said that that should not be an issue to close by October 31st. A one time fee of \$15,000 is required to purchase the easement. \$3,500 is the maximum for insurance to cover the park during construction. Construction bids should be out this year.

LITTLEJOHN LAKE AND SILVER CREEK MASTER PLAN UPDATES

Both workshops put on by M.C. Smith and Associates were well attended. Kevin is meeting with M.C. Smith this week Thursday to go over the drafts from each of the meetings. The master plan draft of Littlejohn Lake will be presented at the September Parks Commission meeting and the draft of Silver Creek will be presented at the October Parks Commission meeting.

LEADERS MARINE PROPERTY

Kevin passed out the information sheets from the realtors for the property. The listing price is \$575,000 and includes all of the buildings and the docking system. There is potential to generate substantial revenue from winter boat and RV storage as well as slip rental. Kevin feels that there is potential to present a pretty solid business case for acquiring the property. The realtor would like the Parks Commission to do a walk through of the buildings and property. Kevin will set up a meeting with the realtor and contact the Commission and administration to attend. The Parks Commission suggests the third week of September on Monday or Tuesday.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT POLICY APPROVAL Kevin does not have any report on this because the item has not yet gone before the Board for discussion

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business items brought for discussion.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Allegan County Parks Commission will be on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 8:30am in the Spartan Conference Room.

ROUND TABLE

Mark DeYoung

Bysterveld continues to be full of cars when he passes by. Kevin commented that last week he went out to the park for a few hours and it was busy on a Friday afternoon and Thomas the park manager thinks that if there were flush toilets and electric at the pavilion then that would bring in a lot more revenue.

Becky Rininger

Becky is also on the Allegan City Park Board and on the ballot today they are looking at adding a sledding hill and skate board park at Jaycee Park. The funds would come from the cities sinking fund; this does not involve any tax increases or moneys.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

By: _____
Angel Schneider, Clerk