

ISABELLA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Vasold at 6:07 pm at the Isabella County Building.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Clingan, Frank Engler, Jeremy Murphy, John Dinse, Randy Vasold, Jordan Bruursema and Tim O'Neil

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Busch, Bob Willoughby and Travis Keeton

OTHERS PRESENT

Director Sue Ann Kopmeyer and Alternate County Commissioner Terry Hutchinson

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda was accepted as presented (Dinse/Murphy).

INTRODUCTIONS

N/A

MINUTES

The March 2, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. **It was moved (Engler/O'Neil) to approve the March 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Director presented the bills for March 2022. **It was moved (Clingan/Engler) to approve the Financial Summary Report for March 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

CAMPGROUND SUMMARY REPORT

Director Kopmeyer gave an update on the Campground Summary Report for the month of March 2022.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks

Park Staff has completed equipment repairs to prepare for the upcoming season.

The water will be turned on at Coldwater Lake Family Park and Herrick Recreation Area the

week of April 10.

Director Kopmeyer stated that 10% Retention Plan for Seasonal Employees was approved by the Board of County Commissioners at the Tuesday, March, 15, 2022 meeting.

The Deerfield swinging bridge will be open soon.

Programs

Commissioner Bruursema is part of the Adventure Explorer Project that will come to Deerfield Nature Park on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

Projects/Capital

Two pavilions at Deerfield Nature Park will be getting steel roofs this year.

A stand on lawn mower has been ordered for the parks to replace an older Scag mower.

A 3-year contract agreement was signed with Granger for waste management services at the campgrounds.

Employees

The Director noted that the hiring process is still on going. 2-5 Park Rangers are needed as well as 6 Gate Attendants.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Coldwater Lake/Beal City Public Sewage Improvements

No update at this time.

Deerfield Nature Park – Chippewa River Erosion Project

The construction contract with Miller Development, Inc. was approved at the Tuesday, April 5, 2022 Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

Meridian Park – Acquisition Project

The grant is still waiting to move through the Michigan Legislature. The full amount of acreage requested may not be available to purchase.

Deerfield Memorial

The Director noted that in memoriam of longtime Parks Supervisor, Mike Marsh, staff would like to place a boulder, tree and bench in his name at Deerfield Nature Park.

Deerfield Nature Park Turn Lane

The Director will follow up on Brian Atkinson at the Michigan Department of Transportation regarding ingress egress options.

Seasonal Employees vs. Year-Round Part Time

Director Kopmeyer stated that five seasonal positions went before the Board of County

Commissioners to amend their job descriptions to year-round part time and they were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Packets

The Director asked the Board if they would prefer using the Board Meeting Notebooks or receive their meeting information in the packets they have been receiving. Moving forward, the meeting information will be given in packet form.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Engler noted that the new budgeting process has begun and is looking forward to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget work.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the Erosion Contract Agreement was approved at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 for the upcoming improvements at Deerfield Nature Park.

Commissioner O'Neil noted that the Planning Commission had a meeting on March 10, 2022.

Commissioner Dinse stated that all of the lights have been place within Hannah's Bark Park.

Director Kopmeyer updated the Board on Travis Keeton. Travis is no longer a member of the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Board as he has moved to Eaton County.

The next Parks and Recreation Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at Coldwater Lake Family Park – Lakeview Pavilion.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved to adjourn (Clingan/Murphy) at 6:50 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Clingan, Secretary