

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 6:24 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

PRESENT: Commissioner Eric J. Tobin, Chairman
Commissioner Scott A. Brown, Member
Commissioner Charles E. Monaweck, Member
Commissioner Christopher B. Vreeland, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin Henning, Managing Director
Pixie Coats, Director of Administrative Services/Board Clerk
Angie Kline, Assistant County Highway Engineer
Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk
General Public

Mrs. Pixie Coats, Board Clerk, called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board to order at 6:24 p.m. for the 2009 selection of officers and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown to retain Commissioner Eric Tobin as Board Chairman and Commissioner Hugh Coward as Board Vice Chairman for 2009. Roll call vote: Tobin-Yes; Monaweck-Yes; Brown-Yes; Vreeland-Yes. Motion carried.

At this time, Mrs. Coats turned the meeting over to Chairman Tobin.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 5, 2008. Voice vote: Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Coats read the communications as follows:

- a) Received the 2009 Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board Meeting Schedule

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to approve the 2009 Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board Meeting Schedule. Voice vote: Motion carried.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Henning reported on the following:

- ***Silver Leaf Renaissance Faire (SLRF):*** Mr. Henning has begun his review and analysis of the SLRF accounting from inception to present. He is also requesting admission tickets for auditing purposes.
- ***Calhoun County Trailway Alliance (CCTA):*** Mrs. Coats reported that the CCTA is moving ahead with plans for the first segment of the trailway and are in the process of securing easements. They will be requesting support from the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to hold these easements.

- **Disc Golf:** Mrs. Coats reported that a suggestion has been made by the disc golfers to charge players to participate in disc golf at the course in Kimball Pines Park, as a means to raise revenue for the parks. She will be meeting with the disc golfers at the end of February to discuss this further.
- **Calhoun County Parks:** Discussion took place on the status of funding for the parks, whether or not the parks would be opened this Spring, and the importance of notifying the County Board and the general public once a final decision has been made.

SUPERVISORS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND CITIZENS TIME

- Mr. Vern Mesler suggested organizing volunteers to work in the parks this Spring to enable them to be opened for the 2009 season.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Tobin stated that he has provided suggestions to the County regarding funding and maintenance of the parks.
- Commissioner Brown believes that the County/public should be notified that the parks will not be opened this Spring, due to lack of funding. Commissioner Tobin agreed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, following the 5:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners.

There being no additional business before the Parks Trustees Board, Chairman Tobin adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk

Eric J. Tobin, Chairman