

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 6:33 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

Present: Commissioner Eric J. Tobin, Chairman  
Commissioner Hugh T. Coward, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Scott A. Brown, Member  
Commissioner Charles E. Monaweck, Member  
Commissioner Chester E. Travis, Member  
Kevin Henning, Managing Director  
Angela Kline, Assistant County Highway Engineer  
Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk

Also Present: General Public

Chairman Eric Tobin called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board to order at 6:33 p.m.

**Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Coward to approve the September 3, 2008 regular meeting minutes of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board. Voice vote: motion carried.**

**SUPERVISORS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, asked about the recommendation to not pursue a County Park/Boat Access at Turtle Lake. Chairman Tobin responded that the funding required is outside the realm of what we can do.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Received a memo from Pixie Coats, Director of Administrative Services, regarding a recommendation to not pursue a County Park/Boat Access at Turtle Lake in Burlington Township

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Moved by Commissioner Travis and supported by Commissioner Coward to approve the recommendation to not pursue a County Park/Boat Access in Burlington Township. Voice vote: motion carried.**

**MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT**

- ***Turtle Lake- County Park/Boat Access:*** Mr. Henning stated that we were interested in pursuing more information on a possible county park/boat access when contacted by the DNR about a landowner who wanted to donate land. After further investigation, it was found that while the DNR was interested in this proposal, they had no funding for maintenance and there were not enough outside funding sources for the development and maintenance of such a venture. Also, Turtle Lake Resort residents were not in favor of a public park. While the Board has chosen not to pursue this, Mr. Henning stressed that we are always interested in park development in our southern townships.
- ***Historic Bridge Park:*** The recent heavy rain played havoc on Historic Bridge Park with quite a bit of washout of the mulching around the perennials, but it weathered the rains fairly well. The Sheriff's work crew has been out to clean things up a bit and a tree will need to be removed before it falls on the pavilion. Some debris clean up work is also being done on the marked walkways in the Ott Preserve to prevent tripping hazards.

**SUPERVISORS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND CITIZENS TIME**

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, asked if we had received the money from the Silver Leaf Renaissance Faire. Commissioner Tobin replied that we had not. Mr. Henning added that it is usually October before all the proceeds are in, bills are paid, and their audit is completed. Last year we received approximately \$6,000 which included pre-sales for this year's event. Mr. Henning noted that he expects to receive around \$3,000-\$4,000 this year, due to a decline in ticket sales. Mr. Henning clarified that our percentage is based on the gross sales and payment is due upon closure of their books.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, 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 6:41 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk

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Eric J. Tobin, Chairman