

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 6:31 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

PRESENT: Commissioner Eric Tobin, Chairman
Commissioner Hugh Coward, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Scott Brown, Member
Commissioner Charles Monaweck, Member
Commissioner Christopher 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

Chairman Eric Tobin called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board to order at 6:31 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Coward to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 7, 2009. Voice vote: Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Coats read the communications as follows:

- a) Received Resolution 2009-01 requesting the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to authorize the County to become the "holder" of easements for the Calhoun County Trailway Alliance
- b) Received a copy of the 2008 Audit Engagement Letter from Rehmann Robson
- c) Received the 2009 Parks Operation Plan from Kevin Henning, Managing Director
- d) Received a letter from Mike Rae, Chairman of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, to Mr. Kevin Henning, Managing Director, stating that Commissioner Julie Camp has been appointed to the Friends of the Ott Committee Executive Board

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Coward to approve the Calhoun County Park Trustees Board Resolution 2009-01.

Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board Resolution 2009-01

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board recognizes that multi-use trailways improve health, provide economic benefits, alternative transportation,

access to the environment and natural areas, recreational opportunities, tourism and multi-jurisdictional cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Trustees Board believes that the development of a Calhoun County trailway will improve the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Trustees Board believes that recording the easements for the construction of a trailway system is in the best interest of the Parks Trustees Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board hereby requests that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners authorize Calhoun County as the holder of such easements.

It was noted that the resolution title should be 2009-01. Mr. Henning clarified that the Parks Trustees Board serves in an advisory capacity to the County Board and since the County holds the title to this land, they should hold the easements. Commissioner Tobin added that the Trailway Alliance needs the easement holders to be identified in order to receive grant funding to build the trailway.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Henning reported on the following:

- **2009 County Parks Operations:** Mr. Henning provided a copy of the 2009 County Parks operations budget as information. He noted that the original request to the County to operate the Parks year-round was \$77,000, but the actual allocation was \$11,209. He reviewed the operations budget by line item and projected that the parks could be open and maintained for 10 weeks this year from 7-3-09 through 9-11-09. Gates would remain closed until at least April and water/electric would not be turned on until the third week of June and water testing has been completed. Discussion took place on the agreement with Silver Leaf Renaissance Faire (SLRF) to hold their event at Kimball Pines.

Mr. Henning informed the Board that SLRF is requesting additional parking space at Kimball Pines. It was agreed that we need to ensure there is no substantial logging operations and that the remaining pines are preserved.

Commissioner Brown commented that County Legal Counsel should review the agreement with Silver Leaf Renaissance Faire.

Mr. Henning clarified that CCRC can mow and maintain the certified roadways within the parks using PA51 funds, but certified roadways cannot be closed for more than three months per year. Grounds maintenance, restrooms, trash pick-up, etc., is funded by the Parks budget. Commissioner Tobin suggested that the Parks Operations budget be provided to the County Finance Director.

Commissioner Brown stated that Road Commissioners should not be wearing all three hats as members of the Road, BPW and Parks Board - a separation of members on these Boards is needed.

Commissioner Tobin commented that he has passed on suggestions to the County Finance Director regarding funding the parks, including use of the Sheriff's Work Crew, use of the County's Maintenance Department, and hiring a grant writer.

Mrs. Coats informed the Board that Trout Unlimited would like to do stream monitoring at Dickinson Creek.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board will be held on Wednesday, March 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 7:08 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk

Eric J. Tobin, Chairman