

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 6:28 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 6:28 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 4, 2009 and the special meeting minutes of February 18, 2009. Voice vote: Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion made by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown to approve the 2008 Audit Engagement Letter with Rehmann Robson. Voice vote: Motion carried.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Henning provided the following information:

- **County Administrator:** Mr. Henning reported that he met with Ms. Kelly Sproule, County Administrator, to discuss parks, how the Road Commissioners also serve as the Parks Trustees, and the level of funding commitment on behalf of the County for parks operations. Mr. Henning commented that Ms. Sproule seems open to new ideas and discussions would continue.

Commissioner Tobin clarified that we would be requesting an additional \$30,000 for parks operations in 2010. Mr. Henning confirmed that, due to budget constraints, this year the parks would be open in July and August only.

Commissioner Brown asked if discussion took place on the County Board establishing separate Board members for Parks. Mr. Henning replied that they reviewed legislation that allows the County Board to appoint a Parks Commission to operate outside the County Board and a Parks Trustees Board would not be required.

Mrs. Kline referenced the Trailway Alliance Enhancement Grant and informed the Board that there may be additional funding for enhancement grants through the stimulus package. Mrs. Coats stated that she would pass this information on to the Calhoun County Trailway Alliance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. regarding the Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant application being submitted by the Calhoun County Trailway Alliance.

The next regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 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 6:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk

Eric J. Tobin, Chairman