

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 6:00 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
Pixie Coats, Board Clerk
Angela Kline, Assistant County Highway Engineer
Mary Jo Crumpton, Secretarial Clerk

Also Present: General Public

Chairman Eric Tobin called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board to order at 6:24 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the May 7, 2008 regular meeting minutes of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board. Voice vote: motion carried.

PRESENTATION –Historic Bridges

Mr. Vern Mesler provided a PowerPoint presentation on historic bridges including information on trusses, riveting, and restoration efforts. Mr. Mesler briefly described the five historic road bridges that have been restored and relocated to Historic Bridge Park and noted that they feature a variety of designs and manufacturing techniques dating back to the late 1800's and 1900's.

- **133rd Avenue Bridge:** Formerly spanned the Rabbit River in Hopkins Township, Allegan County, Michigan. It is a four-panel, half-hip, pin-connected Pratt steel and wrought iron truss bridge that was built in 1897.
- **20 Mile Road Bridge:** Originally spanned the St. Joseph River in Clarendon Township in Calhoun County. It is a single span, steel Pratt pony truss with riveted connections and is believed to have been built in 1906.
- **Gale Road Bridge:** Formerly spanned the Grand River on Gale Road in Ingham County. It was built in 1897 and is a single span Pratt through truss.
- **Bauer Road Bridge:** A wrought iron Pratt truss that was built around 1880. It formerly spanned the Looking Glass River in Clinton County.
- **Charlotte Highway Bridge:** In 1886, the Charlotte Highway Bridge was built across the Grand River in Ionia County. The bridge is a single span, wrought iron, double intersection Pratt through truss with pinned connections.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Tobin stated that David Fisher of Rehmann Robson presented the 2007 Audit of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board at the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners on 5-21-08.

Moved by Commissioner Coward and supported by Commissioner Travis to recommend approval of the 2007 Audit of the Parks Trustees Board to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners. Voice vote: motion carried.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Henning thanked Mr. Mesler for his presentation. Also, he updated the Board on the historic covenant agreement for the Indian Trail Bridge that is currently on its way here. This is the last of the bridges that we will be receiving. He thanked Mr. Mesler for his continued assistance in the acquisition of our last bridge.

Mr. Henning introduced Mr. Russ Gruber, General Manager, Silver Leaf Renaissance Faire (SLRF). Mr. Gruber informed the Board that SLRF would like to pour four-inch concrete pads on three of the existing stages, due to deterioration of the existing platforms. The Emmett Township Building Inspector has approved the plans and SLRF has made arrangements to pay for the work. Mr. Gruber explained that SLRF would be making some adjustments to their plans for the event and is asking for feedback from the Board. They are also in the process of starting a non-profit for Kimball Pines to help fund maintenance of the park.

Commissioner Brown stated that since the Parks Trustees Board serves as an advisory board, a formal recommendation should be made to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners. Discussion continued on the plans, design and layout, as well as the Special Use permit. Board members asked that these be brought before the Board for review, prior to a recommendation being made. Due to time constraints, it was suggested that a special meeting of the Parks Trustees Board be scheduled for 6-18-08 after the Board of Public Works meeting. The recommendation would then go before the County Board of Commissioners. Agenda items for this special meeting would include the Special Use permit for 2008 and the design/layout for the concrete pads.

Mr. Henning announced that he has delegated Mrs. Coats to take over the management of Parks and corresponding communications.

The Disc Golf World Championship is scheduled at Kimball Pines in August, once the SLRF is over.

Mr. Henning noted that a property owner on Turtle Lake in Burlington Township would like to donate part of her property for the creation of a countywide park. More information will be forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Tobin thanked Mr. Mesler for his presentation, as well as his work at Historic Bridge Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2008, following the 5:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners and the 6:00 p.m. Board of Public Works meeting.

There being no additional business before the Parks Trustees Board, Chairman Tobin adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Crumpton, Secretarial Clerk

Eric J. Tobin, Chairman