

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 6:00 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
Angie Kline, Assistant County Highway Engineer
Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk

Chairman Eric Tobin called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 6, 2009. Voice vote: Motion carried.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- ***Kimball Pines Park:*** Mr. Henning distributed an update on the parks provided by Mrs. Coats. The Silver Leaf Renaissance Faire (SLRF) is getting ready for their 2009 event at Kimball Pines Park and there are several things they are looking at doing in the park. They have been told that a site plan, detailing modifications and/or improvements to the park, must be submitted to the Parks Trustees Board for approval. If the changes are structural in nature or would affect the integrity of the park, it would be necessary to submit the proposed site plan to the County Board of Commissioners for approval. At this time, we have not received a proposed site plan. We have reiterated to SLRF that they accepted Kimball Pines Park in its current condition and severe modifications to the park will likely be denied. Mr. Henning clarified that while we administer operations of the parks, they are owned by Calhoun County.

Commissioner Vreeland asked if SLRF is requesting tree removal at Kimball Pines Park. Mr. Henning replied that they have referred to "brush and overgrowth"; however, they have been told that they are not allowed to harvest any trees unless approved by CCRC.

Mr. Henning added that we anticipate that SLRF will be submitting a request for a Special Use permit to the Board, prior to the next meeting.

Commissioner Tobin asked if staff have heard anything from the Disc Golf clubs. Mr. Henning replied that the disc golfers have had a lot of activities, but also some theft of their baskets and stakes. They have replaced what was stolen and are up and running.

- ***Historic Bridge Park:*** Mr. Henning informed the Board that the North Country Trail Association has organized a volunteer group to work in the park on Saturday, 6-6-09 for clean up.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Vern Mesler provided information on the volunteers that would be cleaning up Historic Bridge Park on Saturday. He also informed the Board that he recently attended a conference in Pittsburg where he sold eight books, and is attending two more conferences in the coming months.

Commissioners were provided with a brochure on a workshop being sponsored by Lansing Community College entitled "Preservation of Historic Iron and Steel in Bridges and Other Metal Structures". The workshop is scheduled for March 8-10, 2010 and he hopes to generate more interest and support for Historic Bridge Park.

He stated that he recently noticed some damage to the concrete face of the railroad bridge at Historic Bridge Park, possibly from water damage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Calhoun County Parks Trustees Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., 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 6:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk

Eric J. Tobin, Chairman